

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901 • [www.saintjohnpottsville.org](http://www.saintjohnpottsville.org)

January 5, 2025 • Epiphany of the Lord



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 4

5:00 p.m. Harold Bercher  
(Joan Bowers)

### Sunday, January 5

8:15 a.m. Christine Chipлонia  
(Julian Chipлонia)

### Sunday, January 5

10:30 a.m. Francis & Mary Burns

### Monday, January 6

6:30 p.m. Timothy S. Haley  
(Jean Marie Thomas)

### Tuesday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Charles & Joan Chambers  
(Frank & Mindy Chambers)

### Wednesday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Robert Porter Jr.  
(John & Joyce Gerace)

### Thursday, January 9

9:00 a.m. George & Mary Connors  
(Larry Steficek & Family)

### Friday, January 10

9:00 a.m. George Hahner Jr.  
(Ed & Bill Hahner)

### Saturday, January 11

5:00 p.m. Greta Derbes  
& Patty Ebling  
(Derbes Family)

### Sunday, January 12

8:15 a.m. Larry Kelly  
(Joe Orłowski)

### Sunday, January 12

10:30 a.m. Maria Weiss  
(Janina Alsarhan)

## Message from Father Bobbin

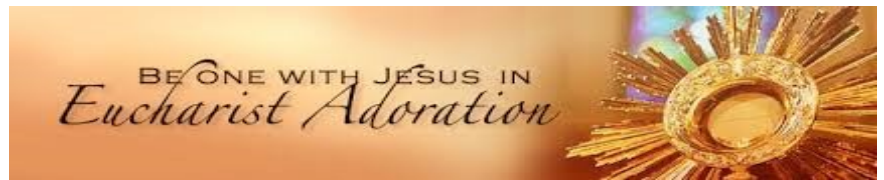
Dear Parishioners,

As we journey through the books of the Bible, we come to a couple more of the Old Testament prophets.

The Book of Obadiah is the shortest book of the Old Testament: only 21 verses. This brief text is unusual because it does not call God's people to conversion like most of the other prophets. Rather, it is a prophecy against Edom, one of Israel's traditional enemies. The tension between Israel and Edom goes back to the story of Jacob and Esau in the Book of Genesis. Jacob steals the birthright of his older brother Esau. Jacob becomes the next patriarch of God's people (his name becomes "Israel") while Esau comes to represent the nation of Edom. (In the story, Esau is described as "red." *Edom* means "red" in Hebrew.)

The prophet Joel, like many of the prophets, calls Israel to conversion. God's people must learn from their past mistakes that resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem and exile in Babylon. He foresees a restored Jerusalem that will not only be significant for Israel, but for the world. Joel calls the people to repent in the face of the Day of the Lord, a time of judgment. Every year on Ash Wednesday, the first reading of the Mass is taken from Joel (2:12-18): a call to repentance as we begin the Lenten season.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin



## Eucharistic Adoration

We offer opportunities to spend time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament ...

- ◆ A holy hour in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.

LORD, every nation on earth  
**WILL ADORE YOU.**

## Next Week's Readings

**Baptism of the Lord**  
(January 11/12)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Reading II:** Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## Pray

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

### For our Sick

Sheri Post • Tony Kochol • Tom Jefferson • Doug Broughton  
• Angie (Pfeil) Hamm • Chuck Majestic

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**C.C.D.**

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

**Certificates of Eligibility**

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Monday prior to publication

**New Parishioners**

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

**Sick Calls**

Please notify the parish office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays..... 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..  
 Sundays ..... 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..  
 or by appointment

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.  
 Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.  
 Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C.,L.P.C. .... (800) 791-9209

**Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services**

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**Epiphany of the Lord.**

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek epiphaino, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest.” or “to make known.” Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

**2025 Calendars**

Church calendars for the New Year are available at the church exits. Please feel free to take one, but please make sure they are not wasted. We wish to thank the James E. Humphrey Funeral Home for taking care of this expense.

**Candles**

**BVM**

1. IMO Marie Murray, 25th Anniv. by Family; 2. IMO Joseph Hudak by Becky Weiss

**St. Joseph**

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**Sanctuary**

IMO M/M Richard H. Weiss by Becky Weiss

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO M/M Richard H. Weiss by Becky Weiss; 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

**Liturgical Min.Schedule**

**Baptism of the Lord — January 11 — 5 p.m. Mass**

**Reader:** Carleigh Palmieri; **Euch.Min.:** Joe Palmieri, Gerry Schwartz  
**Server/Sacristan:** Luke Schane; **Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

**January 12 — 8:15 a.m.**

**Reader:** Bob Bechtel; **Euch.Min.:** John Corbacio, John Crane  
**Servers:** Spencer, & Michael Prestileo; **Cantor:** Vincent Prestileo

**January 12— 10:30 a.m.**

**Reader:** Jennifer Daubert; **Euch.Min.:** Frank Murphy, Debbie Herb  
**Server:** Jackson Daubert; **Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung