

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

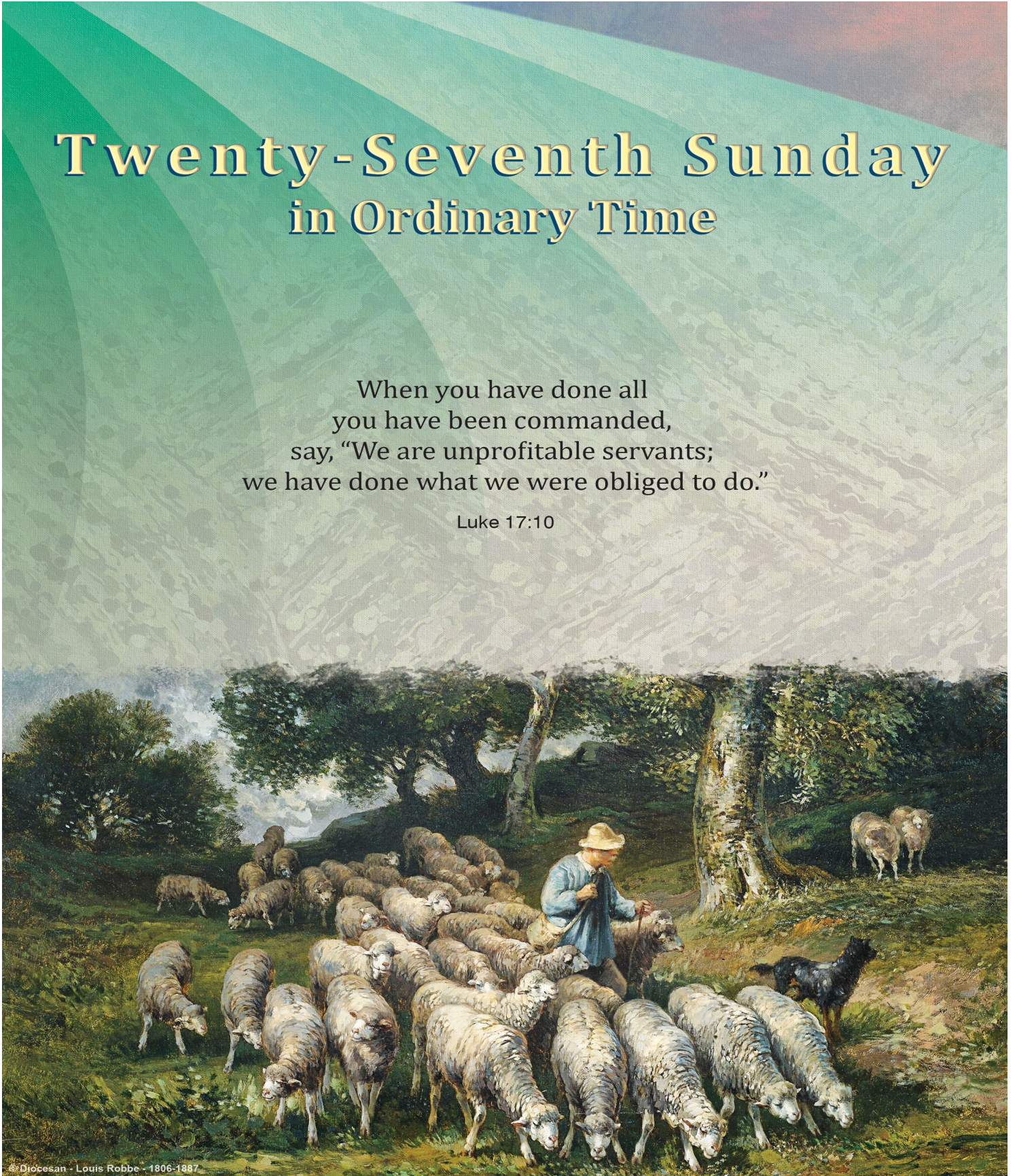
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October 2, 2022

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you have done all  
you have been commanded,  
say, "We are unprofitable servants;  
we have done what we were obliged to do."

Luke 17:10





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 1

5:00 p.m. John Wollyung  
(Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

### Sunday, October 2

8:15 a.m. Charlie & Catherine  
Schaeffer  
(Maria Schaeffer)

### Sunday, October 2

10:30 a.m. Carl & Barbara Weiss  
(Weiss Family)

### Monday, October 3

6:30 p.m. Sharon Lonergan  
(Pat Klassen)

### Tuesday, October 4

9:00 a.m. George A. Minchhoff  
& Elizabeth Dornsife  
(Rita Lotz)

### Wednesday, October 5

9:00 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Thursday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Carol Zuppert  
(Jo Ann Zuppert)

### Friday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Joseph Wollyung  
(Joseph & Suzanne Wollyung)

### Saturday, October 8

5:00 p.m. Ann Lowe  
(Saturday Night Choir)

### Sunday, October 9

8:15 a.m. David & Bastina Nicastro  
(Julian Chiplonia)

### Sunday, October 9

10:30 a.m. Ernest Zambo  
(Wife & Children)

## Next Week's Readings

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(October 8/9)

**Reading I:** 2 Kings 5:14-17

**Reading II:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

October 1 is the memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, who is a very popular saint even though she only lived to the age of 24, and did not do anything extraordinary by worldly criteria. Perhaps her appeal is partly in the fact that she lived such a quiet life as a Carmelite Sister, with a very simple, childlike relationship with God. She demonstrates that we do not have to do anything extraordinary to be holy.

October 2 is the memorial of the Guardian Angels. Many people may dismiss belief in angels as childish, but the Church has always believed in angels, and even that we have our own guardian angels. Together, the memorials of St. Therese and the Guardian Angels remind us to be *humble, trusting, and child-like* in our relationship with God. Some of the greatest obstacles to a relationship with God are not necessarily sins of weakness, but pride, arrogance, and relying too much on oneself instead of depending on God and seeking His will.

October is also the month of the rosary. We are reminded to live our lives in a relationship with Mary as our Mother. By living in a childlike relationship with God as our Father and Mary as our Mother, we open ourselves to the power of God's grace working in our lives to help us be the people He calls us to be, to make an impact on the world around us, and to journey to our perfect home in heaven.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



## Eucharistic Adoration

- ◆ 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 will be 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.
- ◆ A holy hour in the **main church on the eve of First Friday** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a formal holy hour ending with Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions.

## 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 • Robert Kline*

### For our Deceased

*Kelly Messina*

## Upcoming Events

### October

2	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
9	9:10 a.m.	CCD Parent Meeting .....	L.H.
9	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
13	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
16	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
18	7:15 p.m.	Men’s Group Meeting .....	F.R.
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union .....	L.H.
20	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
23	9:10 a.m.	CCD Community Meeting .....	Church
23	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
27	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building



## Weekly Collection

September 24/25 .....\$5,144.06

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

## Candles

### BVM

1&2. IMO Barbara Forney  
by Tom & Michelle Heenan

### St. Joseph

1. IMO M/M Robert Becker Sr.  
by Mary & Bob Porter
2. IMO George Hahner Jr.  
by Hahner Family

### Sanctuary

IMO Raymond Frank  
by John & Susan Minnichbach

### Guardian Angels

- 1&2. IMO Charles Schaeffer  
by Eleanor Schaeffer
- 3&4. IMO Marjorie Angelo  
by Frank Angelo

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### October 8 — 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Patty O’Neill  
**Euch.Min.:** John O’Neill  
Gerry Schwartz  
**Servers:** Ethan Grabowski  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

### October 9— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla  
**Euch.Min.:** John Corbacio  
**Servers:** Maggie & Rhyann Brennan  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

### October 9— 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose  
**Euch.Min.:** John Crane  
**Servers:** Ryan Grabowski  
**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

### Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on October 13, 20, 27, and November 17.** Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) or at home on Zoom (\*Please email Father for the Zoom link: [kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)). Fr. Bobbin's Scripture study attempts to give an overview and background for the books of Sacred Scripture to be of help with personal reading and study, Bible study groups, and getting more out of hearing the Word proclaimed at Mass. All are welcome.



RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John’s Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.



If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor who is a member of St. John is confined to home, a nursing home or assisted living facility because of illness, age, or disability and would like to receive Holy Communion on a monthly basis, please call the rectory. We traditionally visit the sick and homebound on or around the first Friday of the month. Please help us meet the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners.



## Electric Votive Lights

In the interest of fire safety, we will be replacing some of our real votive candles with a rack of electric votive lights. We would be grateful for any donations to defray the cost of the new candle rack.

## Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **Michael & Robin Welsh** and their children, **Thomas & Charlotte**, who attend Pottsville School District. Michael is a teacher at Pottsville High School and Robin is an academic advisor at Penn State Schuylkill. Warmly welcome the Welsh Family into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

## Families Matters

**Giving Thanks to God for Our Pets (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi—October 4)**

It may seem silly to point out the obvious! Our pets can teach us—in particular our children—how to be more caring. They are also meaningful companions for our loved ones who live alone. We pray that all God's creatures—especially our pets—continue to provide us with joy and comfort.

## Pecans—Pecans

St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. Mammoth Halves \$15. Pre-orders available by calling the rectory 570-622-5470 ext.3.

## Land of Peace Mission

Our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace Mission, a non-profit organization, will be visiting St. John's on **October 15/16**, speaking about the Christians and the ongoing situation in the Holy Land. They will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries, all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, to raise funds to help support our fellow brothers and sisters. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this Mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Please visit our website at [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org).

## Position Available

**St. Joseph Center for Special Learning** located at 2075 W Norwegian Street, Pottsville is looking to fill two **Full-Time Direct Support Professional** positions. Applicants will work with adults in a state-licensed day program designed to enhance their independence and quality of life. Applicants must be able to assist with lifting (60 lbs. or more) as needed. This is a 35 hour/week, year-round position with medical/dental benefits. For more information contact the school at 570-622-4638.

**Note:** *The following clearances need to be obtained before employment can begin: Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Clearance, Mandated Reporting Certificate, and Protecting God's Children Certificate. Applications are available at the school and questions can be direct to Principal Bob Giba at [rgiba@stjosephctr.com](mailto:rgiba@stjosephctr.com).*



ONE DAY ONLY - OCTOBER 19, 2022  
SHOP 8AM - 11PM

**25% OFF** \* LOWEST SALE PRICE  
**SHOPPING PASS**

This pass entitles you to 25% off\* your purchases in-store and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.

Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your 25%\* discount.  
Valid October 19, 2022 only.

## PASSES ... \$5.00

available after all Masses on the following weekends:

**October 1/2, 8/9, 15/16**

Passes are also available at the parish rectory Monday to Thursday 622-5470.

## PRE-SALE

for St. John's will be available at Boscov's on the following dates:

**October 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13,  
14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19**

**Weekdays 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm  
Sundays 12:30 to 3:30 pm**

**October 19—8 am to 11 pm**

*Thank you in advance*





October 2, 2022 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 | Lk 17:5-10

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

The prophet Habakkuk lived seven centuries before Christ, yet his words could well be ours today: “I cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ but you do not intervene.” Do we sometimes feel as though strife in our communities, and even within our own families, is more than we can handle? Like the prophet, we may ask, “How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen.” Indeed, we may feel our prayers are not being answered. Perhaps it is simply that they are not “answered” in the manner and timeframe in which we wish they would be. Although “God’s time” and his plan for our lives may seem mysterious or discouraging, it is by continuing to bring our concerns to God in prayer that we can actually help our faith grow and mature. We see countless examples of people who remain faithful in spite of hardship, misfortune and loss. Let us take time today, as the disciples did, to pray and ask Jesus to “increase our faith.” In simply turning to the Lord, we exhibit faith that, like a tiny mustard seed, has great power and can be a source of strength to ourselves and those around us. It is in faith in Christ that we find hope.

**PRAY** Even the prophet Habakkuk and the disciples experienced “off” days where faith eluded them. But the psalmist reminds us to keep showing up in prayer: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Especially in moments of despair, bring your concerns to God in prayer.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

I find today’s Gospel reading so reassuring. Even just a tiny speck of faith can move mountains. Or, in this case, uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea! Working for a Catholic magazine, I’m privileged to write about people with a deep and abiding faith, one they freely share with others through their example and by sharing their stories. I bet we can all point to a friend or family member who exhibits the kind of faith so strong that it rubs off on others they encounter. Jesus reminds us that even a little faith can have a huge impact – not only on our lives but on others. We can share it by offering to pray for those facing a challenge, talking to God when we feel overwhelmed, and opening our hearts to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in the faces of the people we encounter each day.



## **Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ... Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13**

We are asking families to donate a **Theme Basket** with a suggested value of at least **\$25.00** in merchandise, gift cards, or lottery tickets. If you would like to donate the items for a basket, we would be happy to put it together and wrap it for you. Be creative and come up with your own unique idea! Homemade craft items are also very welcome! So many families donated baskets last year — it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John’s shine through again!

Our **‘Lottery Baskets’** and **‘Lottery Frames’** and **‘Wine Baskets’** are always a huge success. If you would like to donate Lottery Tickets (any amount), please drop off at the rectory or at one of our drop off days at the Russell Building. As always, monetary donations are greatly appreciated and helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or have questions, please call the rectory 622-5470 ext. 3.

In addition to our many various **Theme Baskets**, there will be beautiful **Crafts**, many of which are handmade by our very talented parishioners, **Specials**, and of course, delicious **Food** and our famous homemade **Baked Goods**.

Baskets should be dropped off by **October 24th** at the Russell Building on the following dates:

**Drop Off Dates & Times ..... October 5, 12, 17, 19, 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Baskets / Items for baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.

## Assumption BVM School

### Gift Card Calendar Raffle

will take place for the month of October. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. The calendars are \$10.00 each and are good for all 31 drawings during the month. Calendars can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school (school phone: 570-622-0106 or e-mail: [tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net)). Thank you for your help in making our Calendar Raffle a success!

### First Grade Teacher

Assumption BVM School is seeking a full-time first grade teacher. Please send application, credentials, and clearances to Mrs. Teresa Keating via email to [tkeating@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tkeating@assumptionbvmschool.net) or mailed to 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. For questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 570-622-0106.

### Maintenance Person Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking a Full-time Maintenance person. Please send applications to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating at Assumption BVM School, 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. For questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 570-622-0106.

## Parish Outreach

As members of one parish family, we try to be attentive to each other's needs and help each other when possible. We are looking for anyone who would be able and willing to assist senior parishioners with limitations by driving them to appointments or errands, etc. Please call the rectory if you are interested in being someone we can call upon to assist a fellow parishioner.



## Neighboring Events

### Diocesan Pilgrimage

St. Ambrose Church (Schuylkill Haven) bus to the Diocesan Pilgrimage - cost is \$95/person and includes all meals (coffee and donuts, boxed lunches from Hess Catering, and dinner on the way home), transportation, tips, and fees. We will be departing St. Ambrose at 6:30AM and anticipate returning to St. Ambrose by 10PM. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the St. Ambrose Parish Office at 570-385-1031 or [stambroseoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stambroseoffice@comcast.net).

### Spaghetti Dinner

Dine In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church on Sunday, **October 2nd from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** (or sell out) 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase. For more information please call the parish office 570-622-1802.

### Spaghetti Supper

Sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on **Sunday, October 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Parish Center at Hillcrest, 631 Minersville/Llewellyn Highway —Eat In or Take Out — Adults \$10.00; Child (under 10) \$6.00. Dinner includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Bread, Beverage & Dessert. Special Presentation at Noon — In honor of and in recognition for the many years of service of our Religious Sisters, Sr. Catherine Therese Brennan, SSJ and Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, SSJ.

### Basket Auction

... Sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland on **Sunday, October 2nd**. Shop and Drop on the following days and times ... Sept. 24 — 2 to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 25 — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sept. 30 — 4 to 7 p.m.; Oct. 1 — 2 to 6 p.m.; Oct. 2 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction begins Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. Please call the parish office for more information 570-875-1521.

### Harvest Fest

At St. Mary Church in Hamburg on **Friday, October 7th** (4-9 pm) and **Saturday, October 8th** (12-9 p.m.) Music, homemade ethnic food, activities, ongoing entertainment and games for all ages including bungee jump & rock wall, hay rides, bounce house, bingo, theme baskets, quilt & cash raffles, corn maze and more! Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers, no BYOB/F. Questions 610-562-7657 ext. 0 or [www.stmaryhamburg.org](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org) or Facebook.

**Pastor**..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon**.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

**Parish Council President** ..... *Kevin McNamara*  
**Choir Director/Organist** .....*David Derbes*  
**CCD Coordinator**..... *Lucilla Kochol*

**Rectory** ..... (570) 622-5470  
**Rectory Fax** ..... (570) 622-4589  
**E-mail**.....stjbparish@comcast.net  
**Russell Building** ..... (570) 628-3002  
**Nativity BVM High School** ..... (570) 622-8110  
**Assumption BVM Elementary**..... (570) 622-0106  
**St. Joseph Center**..... (570) 622-4638

**Cemetery Information** ..... (570) 622-5470

**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**  
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.  
Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services  
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# 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

- Luke 17:6