

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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October 9, 2022

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Has none but this
foreigner returned to give
thanks to God?”
Then he said to him,
“Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you.”

Luke 17:18-19



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, October 10

6:30 p.m. Mary Ann Holley
(Mark & Deborah Purcell)

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Edward Hummell
(Tony & Lucilla Kochol)

Wednesday, October 12

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

Thursday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Teresa & Joseph Fanelli
(Lucilla Kochol)

Friday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Marie Murphy
(Family)

Saturday, October 15

5:00 p.m. George A. & Dolores Lynn
(Dave, Joan Marie, Tony,
Bob Lynn)

Sunday, October 16

8:15 a.m. Ted Casey
(Family)

Sunday, October 16

10:30 a.m. Gary Yenilaitus
(Carol Rhoades)

Next Week's Readings

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(October 15/16)

Reading I: Exodus 17:8-13

Reading II: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Allow me to use this week's message to thank the Pugh family for the soup sale a couple weeks ago. They not only donate their time and energy, but also the ingredients and supplies so that all of the income from the sale is profit for our parish. We are most grateful, as always. Hopefully you saw the article about the Pugh family and their famous soup in the Republican.

Thank you also to all who helped organize, prepare, work, and support the yard sale... Our Christmas bazaar is coming in just a month. Please do what you can to support the bazaar. It is not only a good fundraiser, but an important social event for our parish family.

Meanwhile, I am grateful to our small "parish events committee" that has been meeting behind the scenes. We are cautiously optimistic that we can get back to a summer festival next year. But, as I keep reminding everyone, we need people to step forward who are willing to not only assist, but take charge and help coordinate the event.

Stay tuned for new parish events and activities...

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.

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

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 Harvest Auction	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

Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men’s Group..... F.R.



Weekly Collection

October 1/2\$4,207.00
Parish Dues\$1,030.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO R.J. Post
by Bob & Irene Post
2. Health of Sheri Post
by Bob & Irene Post

St. Joseph

- 1&2. IMO John Kutch
by Pat Kutch

Sanctuary

- IMO Joseph Wollyung Jr.
by Barbara Wollyung & Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Eleanor O’Brien
by John & Susan Minnichbach
2. IMO Ruth Minnichbach
by John & Susan Minnichbach
3. Good Health of Frederick Brahler
by a Friend
4. Good Health of Richard Brahler
by a Friend

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). 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.

Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2023 will open
Wednesday, October 19th to Tuesday, October 25

**Masses can be scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
on Wednesday, October 19th in Longinus Hall.**

All other Mass intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory,
placing in the collection basket or email.

Three Masses ONLY

The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses
as well as keep dates open for those deceased in 2023.

Liturgical Min. Schedule

October 15—5:00 p.m.

Reader: Heidi Gorski
Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz
Servers: Aleksander Gorski
Cantor: Mary Bound

October 16— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Bob Bechtel
Euch.Min.: George Forney
Servers: Vincent & Michael Prestileo
Cantor: Ed Brahler

October 16— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Vince Balulis
Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller
Servers: Kelly, Lauren, Megan
Goodman
Cantor: Dave Derbes

Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale -- Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the September Curiosity Shop/Yard Sales. Thank you also to all those who purchased items, donated baked goods, or volunteered to work at the sale. We are very grateful for all your support!

Our Volunteers *Chris Black, Mary Bound, Kathryn Carroll, Janet Daubert, Millie Fredericks, Karla Garland, Mary Beth Harvey, Pat Klassen, Lucilla Kochol, Jan Kurtek, Carol Lasco, Charlene Leshner, Frances Lorenz, Carole Quirin, Reene Reddington, Carol Rehnert, Eleanor Schaeffer, Pat Scheetz, Rosann Sitkus, Theresa Skrobak, Linda Smith, Peggy Smith.*

Our Bakers *Chris Black, Mary Bound, Kathryn Carroll, Millie Fredericks, Karla Garland, Sr. Mary Jane Hahner, Jan Kurtek, Pat Kutch, Charlene Leshner, Frances Lorenz, Hilda Maley, Barb Munster, Carole Quirin, Pat Scheetz, Linda Smith, Peggy Smith.*

Total Profits for September:

\$ 1,644.60

Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome new parishioners, **Jared & Taylor Welsh**. Jared is a podiatrist and Taylor is a physical therapist. Warmly welcome the Welsh's into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

Thank you

A special thank you to everyone who donated school / art supplies for our CCD and Sunday School programs. Your generosity is very appreciated. God Bless! CCD and Sunday School Staff and Students.



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 10, 12, 17, 19, 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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

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.



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 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 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
for your support!**



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2 Kgs 5:14-17 | 2 Tm 2:8-13 | Lk 17:11-19

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Back in 2018, a Christmastime video about gratitude went viral. A young Dad wakes up covered in wrapping paper to discover his similarly adorned wife and kids. He runs through the house, “un-wrapping” the electricity, running water, his shoes ... and a car! Today’s Gospel reminded me of this, and of all the times the Lord has provided: whether it is something ordinary like food in the fridge or something extraordinary like the birth of our sons. But how often do I acknowledge that all these gifts come from God? I am guessing all 10 of the lepers in today’s Gospel felt much gratitude and joy after they were healed. But only one, a foreigner no less, returned to Jesus to give thanks to God. Likewise, today’s readings remind us to return to God with gratitude for all the blessings in our lives – both extraordinary and ordinary.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Hearing the account in Kings today, I picture Naaman plunging into the Jordan – not just once but seven times! What if he’d stopped after one, or two, or four? We hear in the Gospel of 10 other lepers, all of whom raised their voices shouting “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” In both cases, those seeking healing showed faith in God, persevering against all odds. This perseverance also is evident in the second reading, where Saint Paul bears great suffering for the sake of the Gospel and the salvation of others. These readings challenge us to persevere in our faith – through prayer and our witness to others we encounter. God will not always answer our prayers the way we want or expect – at least not the first time. We need to jump back in like Naaman, trusting that God will give us what we need.

PRAY We quickly turn to God when things go wrong. Next time something good happens, turn to God with the same urgency and say a prayer of thanks.



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). Thank you for your help in making our Calendar Raffle a success!

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 7th Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. For questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 570-622-0106.



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.*

St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union. Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Our 'Harvest Auction' will be featured. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, the Covered Dish Party plus other events. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!



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.

Rosary Repair

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value. These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic. Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope. Thank you **Paul Gombola**

For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion.

Call St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 ext 3.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Neighboring Events

2023 Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Fr. Stokes and Holy Family Parish of Minersville for a wonderful pilgrimage to Italy (April 23 - May 2, 2023). We are traveling with Globus Journeys and will spend 2 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Florence, 2 nights in Milan and 2 nights in Venice. We are also visiting Assisi, Bologna and Padua. 18 meals included! Contact Fr. Stokes at (570) 544 - 4741 for more information - spots are going quickly!

Rosary Rally

St Ambrose Church in Schuylkill Haven will host the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Saturday, October 15th at 12 noon at the Island Park Pavilion in Schuylkill Haven, rain or shine. Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair and their rosaries. For more information, please call the St. Ambrose Parish Office at 570-385-1031.

Healing Mass

Join Fr. George Winne for a Healing Mass at St. Columbkil Parish, 200 Indian Spring Road in Boyertown on Sunday, October 23rd at 7 p.m. Praise and worship music begins at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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

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

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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

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