

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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October 16, 2022

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then he told them a parable
about the necessity for them
to pray always without
becoming weary.

Luke 18:1



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, October 17

6:30 p.m. Francis & Mary Burns

Tuesday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Clara Becker
(Rita Lotz)

Wednesday, October 19

9:00 a.m. Ralph Thomas
(Family of R.W.
& J.M. Thomas)

Thursday, October 20

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

Friday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Earl & Florence Tropp

Saturday, October 22

5:00 p.m. Cathy Bowers
(Kathleen Williams)

Sunday, October 23

8:15 a.m. William Schmitt
(Shawn & Karen Schmitt)

Sunday, October 23

10:30 a.m. Dorothy & John Ryan
(John & Chris Eagan)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As we are now several weeks into a new year of sacramental preparation, this may be a good time for a reminder about godparents and sponsors. The role of a baptismal godparent or Confirmation sponsor is to *model* what it means to live the Catholic faith and to accompany someone on his or her journey of faith. Because of this, a godparent or sponsor – logically – must be a practicing Catholic. He / she must be someone who strives to attend Mass every week-end and is either married in the Church or living a chaste life.

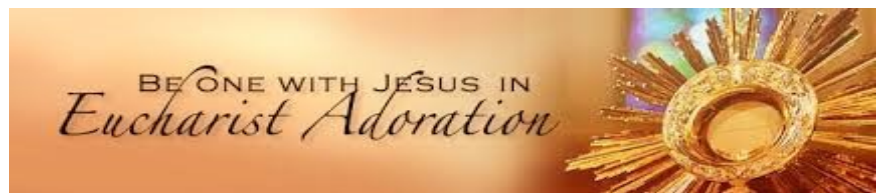
In the case of Baptism, it is traditional to have two godparents, a man and a woman, although it is only strictly necessary to have one. As long as there is one godparent who is a practicing Catholic and fits the requirements for godparents, there may be a second godparent who is a non-Catholic Christian. We call this person a "Christian witness."

When someone is asked to be a godparent or sponsor, he / she is usually asked to obtain a "sponsor certificate" or "letter of eligibility," in other words, a piece of paper that vouches that the person fulfills the requirements to serve as a godparent / sponsor. Sometimes people request this of us here at St. John because they grew up here, or received sacraments here, or attended here at one time, but no longer. However, it is important to understand that such a certificate must come from the parish one is *currently* attending because, once again, it is vouching for the person that he / she is currently a practicing Catholic.

If you are anticipating a Baptism or Confirmation in your family, please keep these things in mind and carefully consider who to choose as a godparent or sponsor. Choosing someone who does not fulfill the requirements only leads to tension and embarrassment. Baptisms and Confirmations should be joyful and grace-filled occasions for the recipient, the family, and the entire Church community!

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.

Next Week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(October 22/23)

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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 • Chuck Majestic

Upcoming Events

October

16	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
16	8:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Class	L.H.
17	7:00 p.m.	Fundraising/Event Planning Mtg.	F.R.
18	7:15 p.m.	Men’s Group Mtg.	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 Mtg	Church
23	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
27	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
30	8:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Class	L.H.
31	6:30 p.m.	All Saints Day Mass.....	Church

November

1	9:00 a.m.	All Saints Day Mass	Church
1	5:15 p.m.	All Saints Day Mass	Church
2	9:00 a.m.	All Souls Day Mass	Church
2	7:00 p.m.	All Souls Day Mass	Church
6	9:10 a.m.	CCD Parenting Mtg.	L.H.
6	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
12/13		Christmas Bazaar	R.H.
13	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
15	7:15 p.m.	Men’s Group Mtg	F.R.
16	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg.	L.H.
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20	9:10 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg.....	Church
20	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
20	3:00 p.m.	Paint & Sip	L.H.

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



Weekly Collection

October 8/9\$5,387.40
Improv.& Repairs\$2,085.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Bob Becker Jr.
by Mary & Bob Porter
2. Bob’s Health
by Mary & Bob Porter

St. Joseph

1. IMO Eleanor O’Brien
by John & Susan Minnichbach
2. IMO James Cavanaugh
by Hahner Family

Sanctuary

Intentions of Kathleen Hohman
by Sons

Guardian Angels

- 1&2. Intentions of Kathleen Hohman
by Sons
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy
by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

October 22—5:00 p.m.

Reader: Bill Gianfagna
Euch.Min.: Hermine Murphy
Servers: Josh Steffan
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

October 23— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn
Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto
Servers: Finley & Lukas McNamara
Cantor: Dave Derbes

October 23— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Janet Daubert
Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace
Servers: Sophia Palmieri
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on October 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.

Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2023 will be open on the following days:

October 19, 20, 24, 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.

Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Edward Christ
 Mildred A. Fredericks
 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 IMO Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Dorothy Parsick
 IMO Paul & Dorothy Rosenberger
 IMO Erika Stangl Seacock
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

*Thank you for supporting our
 bulletin this month!*

Welcome to St. John's

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

Church Cleaning Crew

Thank You

We thank our Church Cleaning Group for doing a wonderful job cleaning our beautiful church including Longinus Hall and the Chapel.

Everything looks just perfect! Those volunteering their time and talent this month:

Michelle Ambrose, Nicholas Fanelli, Sandy Frinzi, Debbie Kubilus, Colin McGinley, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak, Joanne Wood.

The more the merrier — newcomers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning on November 12.

*"Our help is from the
 LORD who made heaven
 and earth."*



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 25th** at the Russell Building on the following dates:

Drop Off Dates & Times October 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 *
SHOPPING PASS LOWEST SALE PRICE

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 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 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!*

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



Assumption BVM School

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.*

Neighboring Events

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.

Forever in Our Hearts Mass

Monday, October 24th at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem

Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert for those who have lost a child due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or in early infancy.

Theology on Tap

For Young Adults on Thursday, October 27th at 7pm at The Crimson House, Pottsville. ** Gathering in the entertainment room. Guest speaker: Maggie Riggins. Topic: Faith & Football: Spiritual Lessons from the Gridiron Game.

Dignity of Life and the Informed Conscience

A retreat for women, by women on **Saturday, October 29th 9am – 1pm** at St. Mary's Parish Center, Kutztown

See attachment for more details and visit the registration page: <https://register.allentowndiocese.org/day-of-reflection/>

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!



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October 16, 2022

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Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 | Lk 18:1-8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We're all familiar with the refrain to pray without ceasing. It starts with Moses, who keeps his hands raised with the staff of God while war waged against Israel. It carries over to the Apostles, and St. Paul gives Timothy the exhortation to "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Jesus affirms in the parable of the persistent widow how important it is "to pray always without becoming weary." As Christians, we understand the importance of prayer, but to pray always and constantly? Especially in today's world filled with distractions, this seems like an impossible task. Even Moses grew weary! But persistence is the name of the game in prayer. When prayer becomes difficult and no longer flows, we, like Moses receiving support to keep his hands steady until the battle was won, can receive support from the Holy Spirit. We simply must push forward and ask for help because Christ assures us God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Prayer does not only consist of mental or vocal pleas to God; rather, it includes praise and thanksgiving and petition, all of which can be offered through simply living. We can consecrate our daily actions and offer them up to God as a living prayer: dropping the kids off at school with a special blessing in Christ's name to conquer the day; biting our tongue and inviting the Holy Spirit into a situation when dealing with a difficult person; or sitting at the dinner table filled with thanksgiving for our food and family. Prayer then isn't something we simply *do*, it is something we *live*.

PRAY Choose an action that will serve as a trigger to encourage you to pray. Do you hear sirens as you're heading to work? Say a "Hail Mary" for those who may be in harm's way. Are you scrolling through social media and find a friend sharing their struggle? Offer a quick prayer for their need. Train yourself to pray - something as simple as, "Lord Jesus have mercy on (N.)" or "Lord look graciously upon their need" - and you'll find yourself praying without even thinking about it.

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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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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