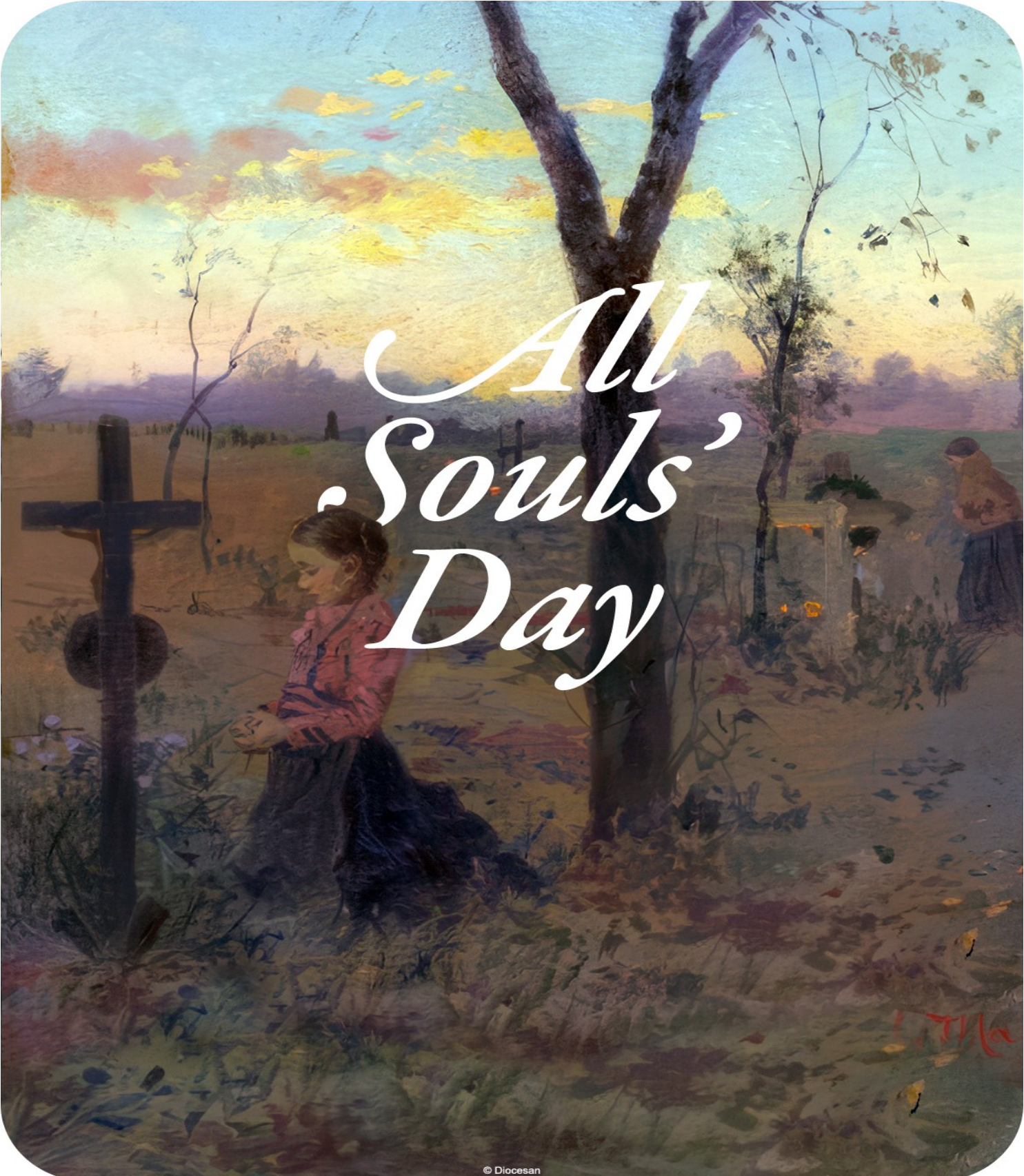


St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901 • www.saintjohnpottsville.org

November 2, 2025 • All Souls Day



All Souls' Day

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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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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-1562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Diocese of Allentown Website

www.allentowndiocese.org



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.
- ◆ 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.

Communion for the Homebound

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.



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: *Sherri Post, Tom Jefferson, Doug Broughton, Kathy Vicic, Joanne Kitsock, Jane Baker, Brenda Helt.*

For our Deceased: *Robert Doyle, David Derbes Sr.*

Mass Intentions

All Souls Day

Saturday, November 1

5:00 p.m. M/M William Bercher
(Scott Williams)

Sunday, November 2

8:15 a.m. Jerry Hudock
(Diane & Jack Sabados)

Sunday, November 2

10:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for
Deceased Parishioners
from the past year

Monday, November 3

6:30 p.m. Bill & Marie Flynn

Tuesday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Xenia Pristas
(Deb Pothering)

Wednesday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Joseph F. Burns Sr.
(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Thursday, November 6

9:00 a.m. Angela Hamm
(Bill & Kathy Gianfagna)

Friday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 8

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased
St. Bernard's Society

Sunday, November 9

8:15 a.m. Fran & Dorothy Purcell
(Deborah & Mark Purcell)

Sunday, November 9

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

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

In our tour of the New Testament we started looking at the letters of Saint Paul. Today let's look at two more letters that are related by their theme: Galatians and Romans.

Paul writes to the Christians in Galatia, a region in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey). He also writes to the Christians of Rome. These two letters are very different in tone. Paul is clearly upset with the Galatians. But it is believed that he had not yet visited Rome when he wrote to the Roman Christians. He did not know them personally and so his letter is much more formal and neutral in tone.

Why was he upset with the Galatians? Apparently, some people were convincing these Christians that they had to observe the Law of Moses (circumcision, dietary rules, etc.) in order to be saved. Some of these Christians may have even been turned against Paul because he did not preach the Law of Moses. Paul's main message of the letter is that salvation is through faith in Christ, not the Old Testament laws. The letter is very colorful and autobiographical because Paul feels the need to defend himself.

The Letter to the Romans is much longer (it is Paul's longest letter), more formal and more organized. In Romans he develops in a much more systematic way the theme of salvation through Christ rather than through the Old Testament Law.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on **Nov. 13**. Join us in person in Longinus Hall 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.

All Souls Day Envelopes

Please drop your All Souls Day envelope in the collection as soon as possible so your intentions can be placed on the altar for All Souls Day. Additional envelopes for your intentions can be found at the church exits.

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.

Next Week's Readings

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
(November 8/9)

Reading I: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2: 13-22

Upcoming Events

November

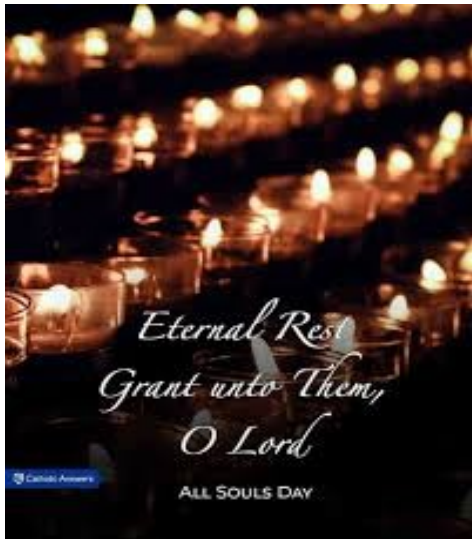
9	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	L.H.
12	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship	L.H.
13	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
15	11 am-7 pm	Christmas Bazaar	R.B.
15	9 am-2 pm	Christmas Bazaar	R.B.
16	9:00 a.m.	CCD Class—Service Project	L.H.
16	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School / Children's Liturgy	L.H.
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union	L.H.
23	after Masses	Coffee & Donuts	L.H.
30	9:00 a.m.	CCD Class—Service Project	L.H.
30	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School / Children's Liturgy	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.

Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Please remember in your prayers those who during the past year have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.



Leona Buber
Joseph F. Burns Sr.
Robert Doyle
Brian Eckley
Louis Fanelli
John R. Fredericks
John Gerace
Martha Golden
Helen Heimbaugh
Elizabeth Karopchak
Anthony Kochol
Agnes Leffler
Carolyn L. Leinheiser
Thomas McPhillips Jr.
James J. Minchhoff Sr.
Mary Zambo

Food Drive for Thanksgiving Baskets

We are seeking non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving Baskets that our Religious Education students will be making for those in need in our community. Below is a list of desired items. **Please do not donate expired food items or food in glass containers.** Large tote containers will be placed in the back of church starting the weekend of October 11th and 12th. We are also seeking anyone willing to donate a gift card or monetary donation for a turkey or ham. If you are interested in helping, please contact Miss Kochol at the rectory, 570-622-5470.

Canned Soup	Chicken or Vegetable Broth	Biscuit Mix
Canned Pumpkin	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Apple Sauce
Canned Gravy	White or Brown Rice	Stuffing Mix
Canned Vegetables	Canned Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams
Canned Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese	Cooking Oil
Corn Bread	Coffee or Tea	

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

October 25/26\$4,423.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO John J. Carroll
by Family
2. IMO Philomena Carroll
by Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO Carl & Harold Bartholomew
by Frances Lorenz
2. IMO Albert Faiola
by Fetterolf Family

Sanctuary

IMO Oselus & Shattas Family
by Linda & Martin Smith

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Florence Windish
by Fetterolf Family
2. IMO Denise Yeagley
by Fetterolf Family
- 3&4. IMO Ronald Kriston
by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

Dedication of Lateran Basilica

November 8 — 5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Michelle Heenan

EM: Sharon Snyder

Gerry Schwartz

Server: Gerry Schwartz

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

November 9 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Jeff Naffin

EM: John Corbacio

Joseph Palmieri

Servers: Sophia Palmieri

Colin McGinley

Cantor: Dave Derbes

November 9—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ray Petrilla

EM: Justina Majestic

Frank Murphy

Servers: Maggie & Rhyan Brennan

Cantor: Dave Derbes

Weekend Sacristan: Ryan Grabowski

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 15th—11 am to 7 pm

Sunday, November 16th— 9 am to 2 pm

at the Russell Building

THEMED BASKETS - SPECIALS - CRAFTS
BARGAIN TABLE - HOMEMADE FOOD - BAKED GOODS
 (ALL FOOD ITEMS TAKE OUT ONLY)

Donated Baskets & Sponsors & Crafts

Afghan —Carol Rehnert
 Air Fryer Oven—Peggy & Walter Darmohray
 Art—Mary Beth Harvey
 Autumn Lantern—Pod & Petal
 Barbie —Lucilla Kochol
 Blanket Plus—Natalie Setlock
 Child's Activity—Jane & Ray Petrilla
 Child's Vintage Fire Truck—Ed & Carole Quirin
 Christmas—Darla & Vince Fabiani
 Christmas Centerpiece—Mary Bound
 Christmas Bathroom—Joanne & Don Doyne
 Christmas Door Decoration—Sharon & Lou Miller
 Countdown to Christmas—Chris Maccarone
 Cozy Night In—Missy & Pat Scheetz
 Crocheted Hats & Scarves —Carol Rehnert
 Decorative Flower Pots—Michael & Janet Dzurani
 Dog Bskt —Carolyn & James Orlowsky
 Doll House Special—Phil & Carol Lasco
 Estate Planning—Eric Lieberman
 Jennifer Moore Handbags—Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Key Music Board—Al & Barb Munster
 Kitchen—Parishioners
 Lavendar—Sue & Rik Jochems
 Lottery Special —Ed & Carole Quirin
 Mickey Mouse Afghan—Reene Reddington
 Mr. & Mrs. Claus—Ellen & Jay Zane
 Nativity BVM High School—Nativity Family
 Painting—Fr. Bobbin
 Sip/Snack/Scratch—Carl & Kathy Hughes
 Slow Cooker 6 qt. —Pat Scheetz



Donated Baskets & Sponsors & Crafts

Snacks—Miller Distributing
 Snowman & Basket—Donna Pugh
 Marlin Meats Super Freezer Deal Special—Joyce Gerace
 Tea & Snacks—Parishioners
 Tis the Season—Chris Maccarone
 Various Crafts/Wreaths—Mary Bound
 Vera Bradley—Rosann Sitkus
 Warm Winter—Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Wine—Bill & Kathy Gianfagna
 Wine—Larry Steficek
 Wine—Luis & Virginia Visot
 Wine—Parishioners
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 Winter Spirit—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
 Winter Warm Up—Pat Kutch
 \$25 Boyer's Gift Card—Joe & Judy Piel
 \$25 Hadesty's Ace Gift Card—Joe & Judy Piel
 \$50 Boyer's Gift Card—Michelle & Tom Heenan
 \$50 Low's Gift Card—Linda & Marty Smith
 \$50 Lottery Frame—Mary Porter
 \$50 Lottery Frame (2) - Joyce Gerace
 Sponsor—\$150.00—Lieberman & Tamulon Law
 Sponsor—\$100.00—Frances Lorenz
 Sponsor—\$75.00—Jay & Ellen Zane
 Sponsor—\$50.00—Barbara Wollyung
 Sponsor—\$50.00—St. John's Catholic Women's Union
 Sponsor—\$25.00—Jack & Aggie Messner
 Sponsor—\$25.00—Joe & Dorothy Stangl



Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar this weekend are for
The Poor Souls in Purgatory
Donated by
Mary Porter

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

All Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers... please let us know your plans for **December and January** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory **before November 17th**. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

St. John's Ensemble

... will play/sing at 10:30 a.m.
Mass on November 23rd.

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

Prayer for our Troops Around the World

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior." Amen.

***The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing
I shall want***

Church Safety Training

Please consider joining us on **Tuesday, November 11, 6:30pm** in the main church for a training session on church safety. It is a sad reality that there have been acts of violence perpetrated against places of worship. The more parishioners who are aware of safety procedures, the more peace of mind we can enjoy as we come together to worship as a parish family.

Vocation Awareness Week

During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's culture will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and consecrated life!

God Has a Plan for Our Lives! As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations — and teaching young people how to discern God's call — is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week, which was instituted by the U.S. Bishops in 1976, and is now celebrated the first week of November. This year, the beginning of the week falls on All Saints Day — a happy coincidence, because a vocation, in its fullest sense, is our path to heaven and sainthood.

During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life — children, grandchildren, students, and friends — to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Nativity BVM High School Happenings

The month of November, Nativity's Green and Gold Club will be selling **Gift Card Calendars**. The Club will be mailing out 5 calendars to each Nativity family to sell and additional calendars will be available in the main office. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00.

On **Sunday, November 23rd**, Nativity will be hosting a **Fall Open House** for potential students for the 2026-2027 school year beginning at 4:30 PM at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board Members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This information will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

Diocesan Events

Healing and Deliverance Service. Join us for a Healing and Deliverance service on **Tuesday, November 11 from 6-9 p.m.** at St. Thomas More Church, Allentown. There will be Mass and Healing Adoration led by Fr. Dominic Valanmanal, a world-renowned Catholic priest with the charisms of healing and deliverance. Admission is free.

Rachel's Vineyard: Healing Retreat from Abortion. Are you struggling from an abortion? Whether you were pressured into an abortion, were unable to prevent a family member from having one, or you were a part of the abortion decision, this retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Our weekend retreats are uniquely designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment. This weekend will help you find a new voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Discover peace and healing.

When: **November 21-23 2025** in Washington, NJ. To register, or for more information, please contact Leah by email at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or text/call (609)709-3479 and Ana at ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or text/call (908)319-2950. Website is rachelsvineyard.org.

The Giving Tree

Helping Those
in Need



On the weekend of **November 15/16**, a barren tree is placed in the front of church adorned with gift tags. The gift tags will have suggestions for the needy in our area. If you are able, please take one. Return your gift wrapped with the gift tag on the outside, attached to the ribbon. Please return the package under the tree before the weekend of **November 29/30**. The tag is very important because it has the person's identity number on it. If you are not able to purchase the item on the gift tag, please return it to the tree.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE TAG TO THE PAPER

Our gifts each year to the needy of the area are our way of reaching out to those who have meant so much and saying we love them and wish them the blessings of Christmas.

GIFTS ARE DUE BACK BEFORE November 29/30 weekend.

(Please Note: If more than one item is listed on the tag ... You are asked to get one item **ONLY**)

Neighboring Events

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church, 313 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville on Sunday, November 2nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or sell out). Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Cost \$12 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

Basket Auction to benefit St. Nicholas School in Minersville ... Sunday, November 9th; Drawing at 1 p.m. at St. Nicholas Hall in Primrose. Browse & Bid on November 6th (4-7 pm), Nov. 7th (10 am– 1pm) & (4-7 pm), Nov. 8th (4-7 pm), Nov. 9th (10 am to 12 noon). Home-made foods, 50/50. Kitchen open Friday, Saturday, Sunday. For more information call St. Nicholas School 570-544-2900.

Turkey Bingo sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on Sunday, November 9th. Doors open 11 a.m.; Bingo begins 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 making this a great event to bring the whole family too! Our kitchen will be open making all of your Holy Family favorites!

City Chicken Dinner sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on Sunday, November 16th. Dinners are \$12 and include 3 pieces of city chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of green beans or corn. Additional city chicken and fresh kielbasa is also available. Pre-Order sales ONLY. Please call Jean at 570-640-0140 or Rosalie at 570-544-2172 by Sunday, November 9th to place your order.

Knights of Columbus—Turkey Dinner

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will deliver a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable, and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (November 27). If you or a person you know is in need of a meal, please call either 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333 and leave your name and phone number and we will return your call. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 20 at 5 p.m. in order for us to order the required items for the meal. Thank You.

Help Needed. Also, anyone who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8 a.m. You can sign up for an area you may know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1 p.m.



Thank You, LORD!



Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life — from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, "In God we trust". Amen.