

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 2, 2024 • Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 1

5:00 p.m. Calvin Hoy
(Janet Hoy & Family)

Sunday, June 2

8:15 a.m. Francis & Jane Mooney
(Nora Chiplonia)

Sunday, June 2

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
Gustitis & Lisowski Family
(John & Annette Lisowski)

Monday, June 3

9:00 a.m. William Ketner
(Mary Ann Schweikert)

Tuesday, June 4

6:30 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

Wednesday, June 5

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Thursday, June 6 — NO MASS

Friday, June 7 — NO MASS

Saturday, June 8

5:00 p.m. Barney Comfort
(Chris & Jared Black)

Sunday, June 9

8:15 a.m. Scottie Glunz
(Karen Lenard)

Sunday, June 9

10:30 a.m. Joe Brahler
(Kathy Brahler)

Next Week's Readings

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(June 8/9)

Reading I: Genesis 3:9-15

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

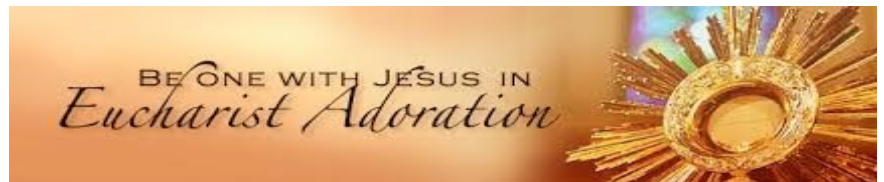
Today we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We are reminded that the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist stands at the very center of the Church's life.

At Mass, the risen Jesus becomes present to us in the Eucharist, which also makes present His death and resurrection for our salvation. Mass reminds us of who we are, what Jesus has done for us, and how it should affect our lives.

This Sunday afternoon five newly ordained priests in our diocese are celebrating their first Masses, surrounded by family, friends, and brother priests. They have lived for this moment. It is an exciting and profoundly meaningful experience. We should approach every Mass with the same devotion, the same awareness of what is taking place.

Mass is not the only way we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Once again I remind you of the opportunities we have to spend time with Jesus in Adoration: almost every Monday evening beginning at 5:30, pausing for Mass at 6:30, and continuing till 8:00. Most months we have a holy hour in church at 7pm on the Thursday evening before First Friday. Whether you pray the rosary, read Scripture, or just sit and reflect, any time you spend in our Lord's presence will bring much grace and peace.

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.
- ◆ 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 • Tony Kochol • Josephine Gallagher
Tom Jefferson • Dominic Maccarone • Drew Schaeffer • Shawn Matz
Miriam Tirjan • John Bernetsky • Chuck Majestic • Carol Rhoades
John & Mary Jean Morgalis • Frank Miller • Joanne Mestishen*

Upcoming Calendar

June

6	7:30 p.m.	Summer Festival Mtg.....	RB
10	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg.....	L.H.
12	8:00 p.m.	St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg.....	F.R.
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg.....	L.H.

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

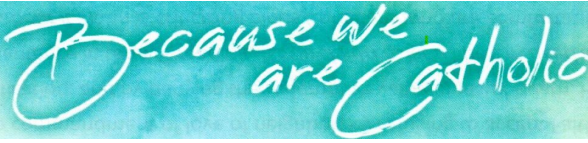

Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men's Group F.R.

Weekly Collection

May 18/19	\$3,730.75
Improv.&Repairs	\$2,040.00
May 25/26	\$3,395.75

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

Please **do not** use **tape** or **staples** to seal your offertory envelopes.

ANNUAL APPEAL

As of today, St. John the Baptist Parish parishioners have contributed \$7,018.00 to the 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. With 100% participation, we can make a major impact on the lives of friends, families, and neighbors in need. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please visit the Appeal website at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org

Candles

BVM

1&2. IMO William & Veronica Schmitt by Geri Beane Family

St. Joseph

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Sanctuary

IMO Joyce Leinheiser by Family

Guardian Angels

1-4. IMO William & Veronica Schmitt by Geri Beane Family

Nativity BVM High School News ...

Positions Available

Science Teacher (full time) with Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Science Certification is preferred.

Boys Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 season.

Interested candidates for either position, please send resume, clearances and references to: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 17901 or Isabol@nativitybvm.net

Little Girls Volleyball Camp for girls entering 3rd through 8th grade to be held **July 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th** at Nativity High School Gymnasium (Girls in Grades 3, 4, 5: 5 to 6:30 PM; Girls in Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 to 8:00 PM). Cost is \$80.00. Camp includes: individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, t-shirt. Instruction is by Nativity coaching staff, former and current Nativity players. Brochures are available at Nativity HS. Please phone Mrs. Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 for more information.

Little Golden Girls Basketball Camp will be held at the school from **July 22nd to 25th** (grades 2 to 5: 9 AM to 12 PM and grades 6 to 8: 1 PM to 4 PM). Cost is \$65 per camper/ \$50 siblings rate and includes t-shirt. Camp highlights: basketball fundamental skill development, offense and defense stations, 1 on 1 and group skill instruction, competition and games that incorporate basketball skills and teamwork. Please contact Coach Scott Forney at 570-573-4275 for more information.

Liturgical Min.Schedule

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 8— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz
Dan Murphy

Server: R.J. Post

Cantor: Choir

June 9— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert
Jeff Naffin

Servers: Lukas & Finley McNamara

Cantor: Dave Derbes

June 9 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: John Matulevich
John Crane

Servers: Kelly, Lauren, Megan
Goodman

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung



Grotto Flowers

Just a reminder when placing flowers at the Blessed Mother Grotto located behind the church, please **DO NOT** use glass or any breakable vases or containers for your flowers. Sometimes the wind knocks them over and the glass is shattered in the area. Please use plastic or an unbreakable material. Thank you.

Summer Festival

A short note from the Summer Festival Committee We are so very excited to once again celebrate our parish and community! We are currently working hard to make changes and improvements and can't wait to work alongside of so many of you! We had an amazing Summer Festival last year and are hoping to bring an even better and more organized event this year. Please join us! Our festival is only possible because of all of you --- thank you!

Advanced Ticket Sales

Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advances Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekend of **July 6/7; July 13/14** Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**



Summer Festival—Pot Luck Stand Donations

Many prizes still needed!!

We are seeking gift donations for adult and children pot luck stands. We thank you for your past generosity and hope we can count on your support for this year.

Gift cards are highly requested and can be placed in the collection basket in church, marked for "Pot Luck Stand". Your newly purchased item can be kitchen items, holiday items, wreaths, games, toys. If possible, we would like to have some bigger items this year such as: bikes, televisions, Yuengling items, Yeti and more.

Prizes can be placed in the bins marked "Pot Luck" at the back of church.

To make donating more convenient, we've also set up an Amazon Gift list. Scan the code below or visit [Amazon.com/registries](https://www.amazon.com/registries) and search for "St. John the Baptist Pottsville" under the "Gift List" option. Items purchased will ship directly to Maureen Derbes.

Please remember we can only accept recently purchased, NEW items in original package. Any old, used or opened items will not be able to be used for prizes. If you like, include your name so we can keep track of those who donated.

Any questions or concerns or wanting to arrange drop off, please call or text Maureen Derbes at 570-691-6098.

Thank you for your generosity and helping make our Midsummer Festival better than ever!



Amazon Gift List QR Code

VOLUNTEER SUMMER FESTIVAL NEWS



Attention all upcoming Confirmation candidates and anyone needing service hours. It is never too early to start working on accumulating your service hours! Get a jump start and avoid last minute scrambling for hours. St John's Summer Festival is in need of volunteer help!! From set up to clean up and helping at the stands - serve your community and enjoy being part of the great fellowship of our parish! We will happily help you fulfill those hours! Stay tuned for more information and sign-up sheets in the back of church!

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.

Summer Festival

Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Specials Table

Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's Table at the Festival? We are asking for 15 baskets. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church ... suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately \$30—\$50. Gift Certificates are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(Baskets should be **completed** and **wrapped**. Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building on Wednesday, July 17 or Thursday, July 18. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



Pot Luck Stand

Please see information on page 4 of today's bulletin.

Music Entertainment



Friday evening, July 19th, our very own **Dave Derbes** will play acoustic. We have been blessed to have the wonderful talent of Dave and his upbeat and fun music that truly has become a festival tradition! **Saturday evening, July 20th**, we will welcome back "The **New Individuals**" oldies and party band from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. They will play an exciting mix of 50s, 60s, 70s music that is sure to get your toes tapping. Bring your lawn chair or have a seat in one of our shaded accommodations and enjoy all the amazing music celebrating our summer tradition!

Volunteer to Help at a Stand

There are a variety of stands that need help Games of Chance, Children's Games, Food Service, Ticket Stands, etc. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church ... add your name and phone number to one of the many areas.

Dedicated Workers Needed

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, and **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up and take-down. Your help in these areas is essential. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church.

Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 19 or 20th.

Food Committee

We need volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival If you would like to help, please call the Rectory or add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.



Festival Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following — please drop in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Band Sponsor	\$100.00 each	Bleenie Mix	\$ 40.00 per bucket
Coke Sponsor	\$ 50.00 each	Ice Cream	\$ 25.00 each
Pizza Sponsor	\$ 50.00 each		

Festival Supplies

Sour Cream — Mustard — Ketchup (original/regular tomato only)

(A container will be in the back of church in the near future Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)

Parish Council

Please approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the next meeting on ... **Monday, June 10th.**

Elected Members

- Vincent Balulis
- Ann Blankenhorn
- Michael Brennan
- John Crane
- Michelle Darhun
- Darren DeArment
- Joseph Gerchak
- Heidi Gorski
- Sr. Mary Jane Hahner
- Michael Hummel
- Joseph Kurtek
- Nannette Major
- John Powers
- Reene Reddington
- Kay Wollyung
- Robert Wollyung

Appointed Members

- Lucilla Kochol
- John Consugar

Ex-Officio

- Father Kevin Bobbin
- Deacon Larry Lonergan
- Deacon Luis R. Visot
- Ed Brahler

Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **John & Donna Kalovcak** to St. John's Parish Family. John & Donna are both retired. Warmly welcome the Kalovcak's into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

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."

Parish Council Nominations

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection basket or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They **are not eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

Joseph Gerchak, John Powers

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

Term expires 2025

Michael Brennan, Heidi Gorski, Sr. Mary Jane Hahner, Michael Hummel

Term expires 2026

Vincent Balulis, Ann Blankenhorn, Michelle Darhun, Reene Reddington, Kay & Bob Wollyung

President: *Darren DeArment*

1st Vice-President: *John Crane*

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Nomination Ballot

I Nominate:

(a) _____

(a) _____

(a) _____

Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Friday, June 7th.

Help Needed

My name is Anthony J. Gaburick. I suffer from a nerve disease that requires treatments for me to stay functional. My treatments are out of town in places such as Allentown, West Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Wyomissing. I'm looking for drivers who can help me get to these treatments. Doctors will not allow me to drive myself to and from treatments. If anyone is interested in driving me, please contact the church rectory. I'll be very grateful for your help!

New Altar Servers

We invite any boys and girls currently finishing fourth grade or older to consider becoming altar servers. Parents, please speak with Father Bobbin or call the rectory. We will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for training.

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

Parish Council President..... *Darren DeArment*
Choir Director/Organist.....*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator *Lucilla Kochol*
Rectory..... (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
E-mailstjbparish@comcast.net
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
Saturdays4:15 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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