

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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March 13, 2022

Jesus took Peter,
John, and James
and went up the
mountain to pray.

While he was
praying his face
changed in
appearance and
his clothing
became dazzling
white.

Luke 9:28, 29

Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12

5:00 p.m. R.J. Post
(Bob & Irene Post)

Sunday, March 13

8:15 a.m. Clara Becker
(Catholic Women's Union)

Sunday, March 13

10:30 a.m. John & Lorraine Tasso

Monday, March 14

6:30 p.m. Frank Hock

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Sue Klem Moore
(Joe Moore)

Thursday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Ted Casey
(Family)

Friday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Francis, Paul, Elmer Lotz

Saturday, March 19

5:00 p.m. Ed Smith
(Grandchildren)

Sunday, March 20

8:15 a.m. Joseph Wollyung Jr.
(Joseph & Suzanne Wollyung)

Sunday, March 20

10:30 a.m. Ernest Zambo Jr.
(Mary Zambo & Family)

Message from Father Bobbin

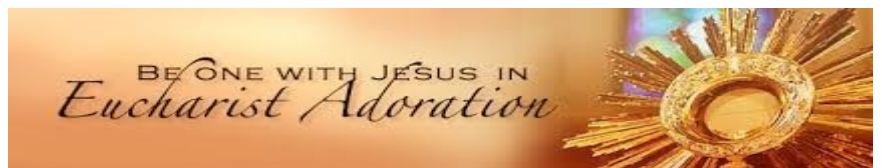
Dear Parishioners,

This Saturday, March 19, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, one of just two celebrations that give us a break from the Lenten season (the other being the Annunciation next Friday, March 25). We recently observed an entire year dedicated to St. Joseph. As Joseph's day comes around again, it is a good opportunity to remind ourselves of Joseph's place in our lives of faith.

Even though there is not much information about Joseph in the Gospels, there are several important points about him that we can reflect on, including:

1. Joseph had an important place in God's plan. Because Joseph was not a biological father to Jesus, there is a danger of thinking he was unnecessary or just there for appearances. On the contrary, Joseph, by his marriage to Mary, was the legal father of Jesus and linked Jesus to the line of King David, which is critically important for salvation history.
2. Joseph was a spiritual father to Jesus and a model for all fathers. Jesus learned from Joseph just as we all learn from our parents growing up. Jesus picked up many of His qualities from Joseph.
3. Joseph was a "righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). He lived a life centered on his relationship with God and always seeking to do God's will.
4. Joseph lived entirely for Jesus and Mary. Enough said.
5. Joseph worked for a living. We can imagine how he approached his work and the example that this sets for us.
6. Joseph is patron of the universal Church. Joseph's spiritual fatherhood extends to the entire Church. We might remember to ask for Joseph's prayers for our parish, diocese, and the entire Church, especially in challenging times.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*



Eucharistic Adoration

A holy hour takes place in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **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.

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

Patricia Thomas • Sheri Post • Gary Bradley • Robert Kline • John Kutch

For our Deceased

Ralph Thomas • James Siket

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent
(March 19/20)

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Upcoming Events

March

13	9:00 a.m.	Blessings Baskets	L.H.
13	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-School	L.H.
13	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Program	L.H.
16	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
16	7:30 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg.....	L.H.
17	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
20	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-School	L.H.
20	11:30 a.m.	CCD Stations of the Cross/Community Mtg.....	Church
20	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Program	L.H.
22	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Mtg.....	L.H.
23	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
24	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
25	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Dinner	R.B.
27	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-School	L.H.
27	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Program	L.H.
30	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	L.H.

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

Tues.7:15 p.m.Weekly Men’s GroupZoom
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 Password: Mary

Weekly Collection

March 5/6\$6,219.50
Catholic Home Missions ... \$994.00
Ash Wednesday\$1,708.00

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Patty Watcher
by Linda Ralston
2. IMO Jeanette Hauptly
by Bill Hauptly

St. Joseph

1. IMO Joan Costello
by Becky Weiss
2. IMO Anna Maguire Melicharek
by Becky Weiss

Sanctuary

IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo

Guardian Angels

1. IMO John Wollyung
by Barbara Wollyung
2. IMO Marcella Sockalosky
by Michelle & Rick Stone
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy
by Joan Grapsy & Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

March 19— 5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Lucilla Kochol
Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy
Servers: Evan & Gavin Woodward

March 20 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Jeff Naffin
Euch.Min.: John Corbacio
Servers: Emma Seiger

March 20 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Vince Balulis
Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller
Servers: Ethan & Ryan Grabowski

Attention

Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... please let us know your plans for **April & May** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory before **March 21**. Thank you.

Father Bobbin and the St John’s Adult Formation Team are working hard to offer three ways to make this Lent a holy and spiritually uplifting experience.

Prayer

The Lenten Companion – Year C (Ascension Press) video program both in person and on Zoom once a week for 6 weeks with Father Toups. Father will guide us to get to know Jesus in a personal way and experience His love this Lent.



Fasting

Not the latest diet fad, but a powerful, spiritual experience of fasting with other parish members to draw you closer to the Lord.

Almsgiving

... is part of the Catholic Lenten tradition. The Adult Formation team is giving the parish an opportunity to help the homeless in Schuylkill County in several ways .

◆ Blessing Bags

There is a tent set up at the back of church to help the homeless in our county through the faith-based ministry, Servants to All. There are tags on the tent showing the various items that are most needed for those who are homeless. Please consider taking one or more of the tags homes and returning the items to the tent so that ‘Blessing Bags ‘can be made and delivered to those in the streets of our city and county. Please join us April 2, 2:30 – 4: 30 pm in Longinus Hall to put the donations in waterproof bags ready to be distributed. Sign up at the back of church if you can help in April.

◆ Blessing Blankets

Simple no sew blankets will be assembled to help the homeless on March 13th from 9 to10:30 a.m. in Longinus Hall. No sewing experience is needed. Please bring sharp material scissors if you have them. Sign up to help make the baskets at the back of church or on our Facebook page.

Welcome New Parishioners

This week we welcome **Vincent & Darla Fabiani** to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly welcome the Fabiani's into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

Parish Photo Directory

It has been at least ten years since our last photo directory. We hope to produce an updated one in 2022. We would like to form a small committee to take on this project. If you are interested, please call or email the rectory.

Operation Rice Bowl

Encounter Lent. Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-challenging Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl.

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl Boxes located at the back or front exits.

Catholic Home

Missions

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generosity will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

2021 Contribution Record

You can request a copy of your 2021 Contribution Record by calling the rectory Monday thru Thursday ... 570-622-5470 ext. 3



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. during Lent in the Church starting on March 9th. Consider making this devotion a part of your Lenten observance.

Confirmation Prayer Sponsors

Our 8th graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 7th. Please consider supporting this important decision by praying for our candidates.



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on March 17, 24, April 21, 28, May 12, 19, and 26.** 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. *If Nativity BVM High School is closed or dismisses early for winter weather, we will not meet.*



"The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist is the Center of our Diocesan Life and Serves as a Constant Source of Nourishment."

Bishop Alfred A. Shlert

As we celebrate the Year of the Real Presence, all are warmly invited to join us in this special celebration of the Holy Eucharist!

This Free Event includes:

- Coffee & Morning Snacks
- Featured Speakers on the Eucharist for Youth, Adults, and our Hispanic Community
- Bilingual Rosary
- Time for Adoration and Confession
- Personal Witness Talks
- Lunch
- Keynote Presentation on the Real Presence
- Mass Celebrated by Bishop Schlert

Come celebrate the Holy Eucharist!

Saturday, March 19

9:00 am to 5 pm

at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena

825 W. Turner St., Allentown

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, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall. 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, and the Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!



Assumption BVM School

Open enrollment at Assumption BVM School in Pottsville has begun for the 2022-2023 school year! Now accepting new students! Limited spots available in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Transportation is available from most neighboring districts. Please contact Mrs. Tara Mengel at 570-622-0106 or tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net for more information, to schedule a tour or shadow day for your student.

Neighboring Events

Spring Fling Raffle ... sponsored by St. Pauline Foundation, 1150 Chestnut St. in Kulpmont on Sunday, March 13 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Friday, March 18 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 19 11 a.m. to 5 p.m... \$20 sheet of 26 tickets .. Over 200 items .. Food available for purchase on March 18 & 19 only. Contact 570-259-9299 for more information.

Homemade Shoo Fly Pie & Pie Crusts made by St. Mary’s Church in Ringtown. Pick up at St. Mary’s Church Rectory in Ringtown on Tuesday, March 29th from 10 a.m. to noon. Deadline to order is Wednesday, March 23rd. Wet Bottom Pie \$8.00; Pie Crust \$3.00. Call the parish office to place order (570) 889-3850—leave a message with your Name, Phone and your order.

Friday Lenten Dinner Pre-Order Form

All entrees include New England Clam Chowder, choice of starch and choice of vegetable

Choice of entrée

- Baked Haddock\$15
- 1 Lump Crab Cake\$15
- 2 Lump Crab Cake\$18
- Lump Crab Cake & Haddock Special\$18
- Children’s Haddock\$10
- Children’s Lump Crab Cake\$10

Choice of Starch

Macaroni and cheese or baked potato

Choice of Vegetable

Stewed tomatoes or vegetable of the day (green beans/corn)

Date(s) ___ 3/25 ___ 4/8

Number of Dinners _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

TAKE OUT ONLY

Dinner 1

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 2

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 3

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 4

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Orders are due the Monday prior to each Friday dinner

Pickup is **4 to 6 p.m.** on **3/25**, and **4/8** at the Russell Building

Call/mail/deposit this form at the rectory or drop in the collection basket

Need extra dinners? Attach a separate sheet of paper to this order form.



March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 | Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 | Lk 9:28b-36

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: They see a glorious vision of him wearing dazzling white, with a "face changed in appearance," and conversing with Moses and Elijah about the "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is in marked contrast to what Luke had recounted just prior to these verses: Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death, and the assertion that his disciples must take up their crosses daily in order to follow him. So it is no surprise that Peter, likely somewhat stunned after being a part of both moments, "did not know what he was saying." Then a cloud passes over and, while they are frightened, they hear God's voice affirm what they have just seen: "This my chosen Son; listen to him." We all experience these extremes - days where all seems lost; others where we feel as though we've had glimpses of heaven. Today's Gospel encourages us to look to Jesus, who has experienced the frailty of humanity and the glory of divinity. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we are redeemed, and ultimately - as the disciples glimpsed today - "he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Life can bring unexpected joys and disappointments. One day we celebrate a birth; another we grieve the loss of a loved one. We fall in love; we experience broken relationships. Many of us may find ourselves in flux much of the time: Will this pandemic ever end? Will the cancer recur? What's next now that the kids are grown? Today's readings give me great hope in the knowledge that God is with us through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of our lives. Just as God fulfilled his promises to Abraham, God has given us a Savior in Jesus Christ and promises that we will someday share in his glory. To that end, we can strive to ensure that no darkness in our world prevents us from becoming a source of light to others. Jesus and the saints walk before us. We pray, then, for the grace to listen to God's chosen Son, and to "stand firm in the Lord."

PRAY Lent is a good time to try a new form of prayer. Do you often pray silently? Try the rosary or spoken prayer. Do you normally pray out loud? Try centering prayer or another form of quiet or silent prayer, such as *Lectio Divina*.

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, March 14th**.

Elected Members

Bob Bechtel
John Consugar
Darren DeArment
Joseph Gerchak
Heidi Gorski
Joseph Kurtek
Eric Lieberman
Nannette Major
Kevin McNamara
Al Norkus
Patty O'Neill
John Powers
Nick Quinn
Melissa Scheetz
Martin Smith

Appointed Members

John Consugar
Lucilla Kochol
Patty O'Neill

Ex-Officio

Father Kevin Bobbin
Deacon Larry Lonergan
Deacon Luis R. Visot
Ed Braher

Schuylkill Choral Society Concert

... under the direction of Dr. Mark P. Thomas accompanied by Allison Kane ... *"In Remembrance"* on Sunday, March 27th at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 3rd & Mahantongo Sts. Concert is sponsored by Lehigh Valley Health Network. For more info www.schchoral.org

Moving? Relocating?

Have you moved, changed your phone or email address? If so, would you please contact the Rectory Office at 622-5470 ext. 3. Help us update records!

Parochial Administrator *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

Parish Council President*Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Lucilla Kochol*

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
E-mail.....stjbp parish@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
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndioocese.org

CCD Activities—February 2022

February is the month of community service. Our CCD students learned about serving others just as Christ did in His life and how the Church is called to continue this service. Our students and their families were encouraged to think of a project to plan and execute within the month of February. Some of the projects included collecting items for the Hillside SPCA, collecting food and supplies for St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen, making cards for shut-ins for Valentine's Day, baking cookies for local first responders, Color a Smile project and making a meal for a new mom.

Jesus served people in such a way that their lives changed by His encounter with them. The lives of many in our community have been touched by the work of our students and families.

