

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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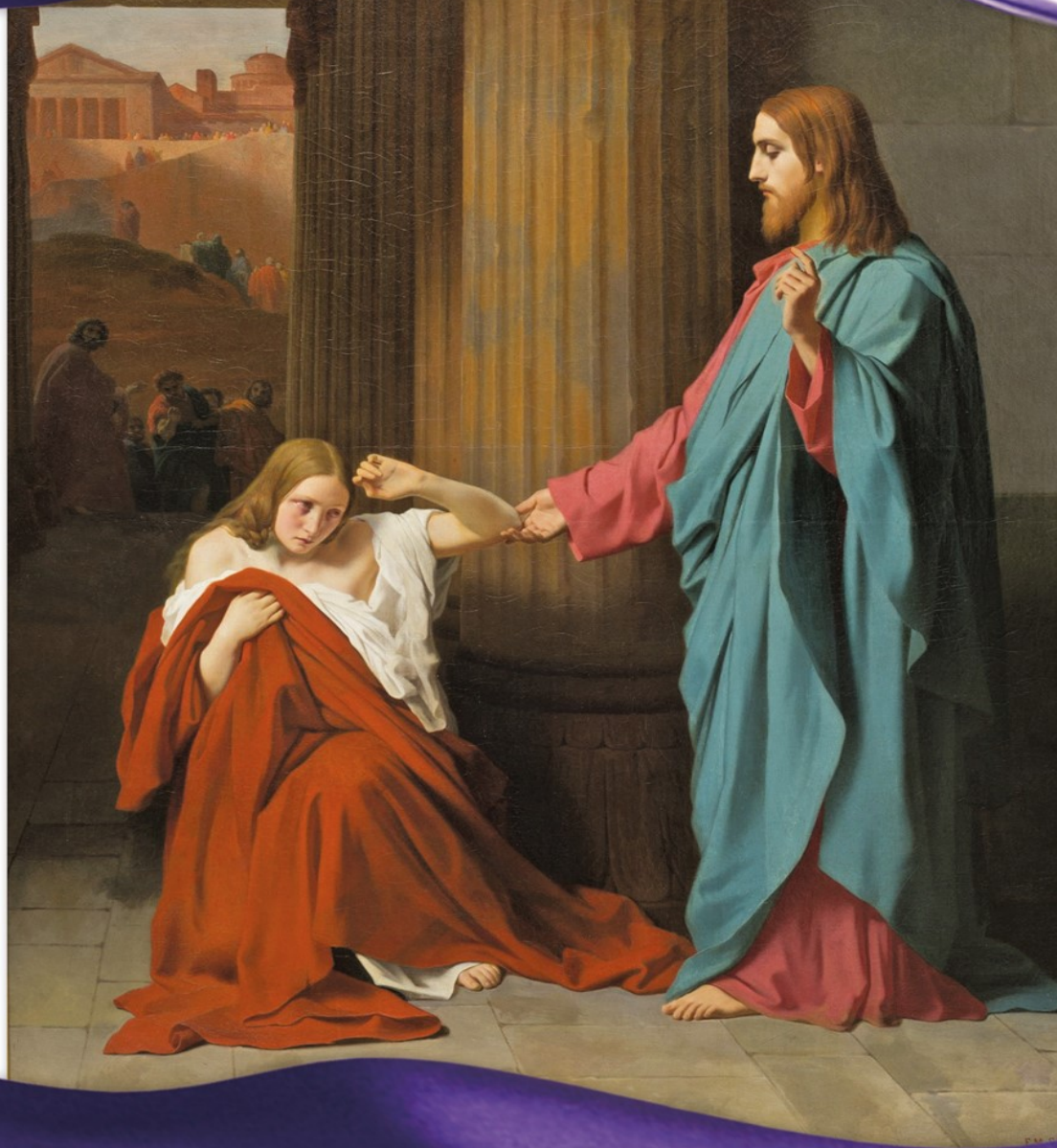
April 3, 2022

Then Jesus
straightened up
and said to her,
“Woman, where
are they? Has no
one condemned
you?”

She replied,
“No one sir.”
Then Jesus said,
“Neither do I
condemn you.
Go, and from
now on do not
sin any more.”

John 8:10, 11

Christ and the Woman Taken
In Adultery by Émile Signol
Circa 1842



5TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 3

8:15 a.m. James Siket
(Frances Lorenz)

Sunday, April 3

10:30 a.m. Ralph Thomas
(St. John's Ministers of
Hospitality—Jack, Bill, Joe,
John)

Monday, April 4

6:30 p.m. Joseph Wollyung Jr.
(Joseph & Suzanne Wollyung)

Tuesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Mary Lescavage
(Nancy Lescavage)

Wednesday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Matthew Halsey
(Joseph, Sonya, Joe Halsey)

Thursday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Francis Gavaletz
(Anne & Ben Shollenberger)

Friday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 9

5:00 p.m. William & Mary Bercher
(Scott Williams)

Sunday, April 10

8:15 a.m. Charlie Schaeffer
(Maria Schaeffer)

Sunday, April 10

10:30 a.m. Mary Yenilaitus
(Family)

Next Week's Readings

Palm Sunday
(April 9/10)

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Passion: Luke 33:14-23-56

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday, 15 students from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Patrick (along with students from St. Patrick, St. Clare, and Holy Cross parishes). We offer our congratulations to each of them and their parents. We thank Ms. Kochol, Mrs. Seiger, Mr. Hahner, and any other adults who had a role in preparing them for the sacrament. Having had the opportunity to sit in on some of their classes, I can certainly affirm that they are a good group of young people and it was a wonderful journey of learning about the place of faith in our lives.

One of the things we emphasize is that Confirmation is not the end. Many people see Confirmation as a sort of "graduation" from religious education. But, when we complete our Christian initiation by Confirmation, it is really only the beginning of our lives as mature adult Catholic Christians. The Holy Spirit dwells within us to guide us through the challenges of daily life and support us with the graces we need.

Many adult Catholics, for one reason or another, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Unfortunately, it can be forgotten about because it is not fully understood or appreciated by a lot of people. If you or someone you know is Catholic but never received Confirmation, I encourage you to speak with me (or whoever the person's parish priest is). Practicing Catholic adults can usually receive the sacrament with a minimum of preparation. Do not put off receiving this great treasure.

Congratulations again to our soon-to-be Confirmed students. Remember to keep them in your prayers on Thursday.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*

Eucharistic Adoration

A holy hour takes place 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.



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

For our Deceased

John Kutch

Upcoming Events

April

3	9:15 a.m.	CCD Parent Mtg. L.H.
3	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-School L.H.
3	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Program L.H.
6	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Church
7	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation St. Pat’s
8	4-6 p.m.	Lenten Dinner R.B.
10	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-School L.H.
10	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Program Church
10	7:00 p.m.	Dramatic Stations of the Cross Church
13	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Church

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

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



Weekly Collection

March 26/27 \$4,768.15

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

Candles

All Candles this week ...

IMO Veronica Schmitt
by Shawn & Karen Schmitt

Liturgical Min. Schedule

April 9— 5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patty O’Neill
Euch.Min.: John O’Neill
Servers: R.J. Post

April 10— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Janet Daubert
Euch.Min.: Bobby Bechtel
Servers: Luke & Finley McNamara

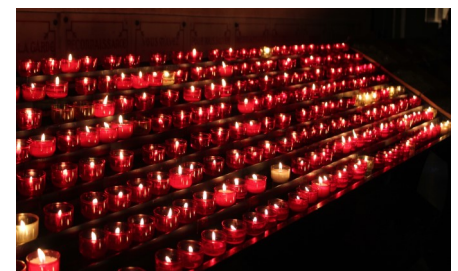
April 10— 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Jen Daubert
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
Servers: Jackson Daubert

Rice Bowl Boxes

The Rice Bowl boxes can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the boxes by the upper side door of church.

NO CANDLE INTENTIONS DURING HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9/10

Masses

Saturday 5 p.m. & Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Dramatic Stations of the Cross • 7 p.m.

Monday, April 11

Mass • 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Mass • 9 a.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Mass • 8 a.m.

Stations of the Cross • 6:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass • 7 p.m.

Adoration after Mass until 10 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15

Good Friday Liturgy • 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

Blessing of Food Baskets • 12 p.m. in Chapel

Easter Vigil Mass • 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 17

Masses • 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, April 9 • 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 • 7:45 to 8 p.m. & 10 to 10:15 a.m.

Monday, April 11 • 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Monday, April 11 • Penance Service • 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12 • 4 to 5 p.m. & 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



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

Moving? Relocating?

Let us Know!

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!

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome! If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

“Let the one
among you who
is without sin
be the first to
throw a stone
at her.”



Stations of the Cross

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

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

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

St. John's Choir

St. John's Choir is welcoming new and current members to the choir to sing Saturday 5:00 p.m. Masses and special Masses. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone seeking to become more involved in our Parish Family. No prior singing experience or reading of music is required. Contact St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 for more information.



St. John's Ensemble

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.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar.

You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you? If interested please call the



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."

Blessed Palm

The Blessed Palm is known as a sacramental. We should not receive the Palm out of human respect with the rest of the faithful and then forget it or cast it away. The Blessed Palm in Catholic homes is a symbol of our Christian Faith. Let the Palm which you carry home from church on Palm Sunday become a constant reminder of the days ahead when your faith may be put to a test.



Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, this collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this land where the Church was born. When you contribute you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!**



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.

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: _____ 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 _____

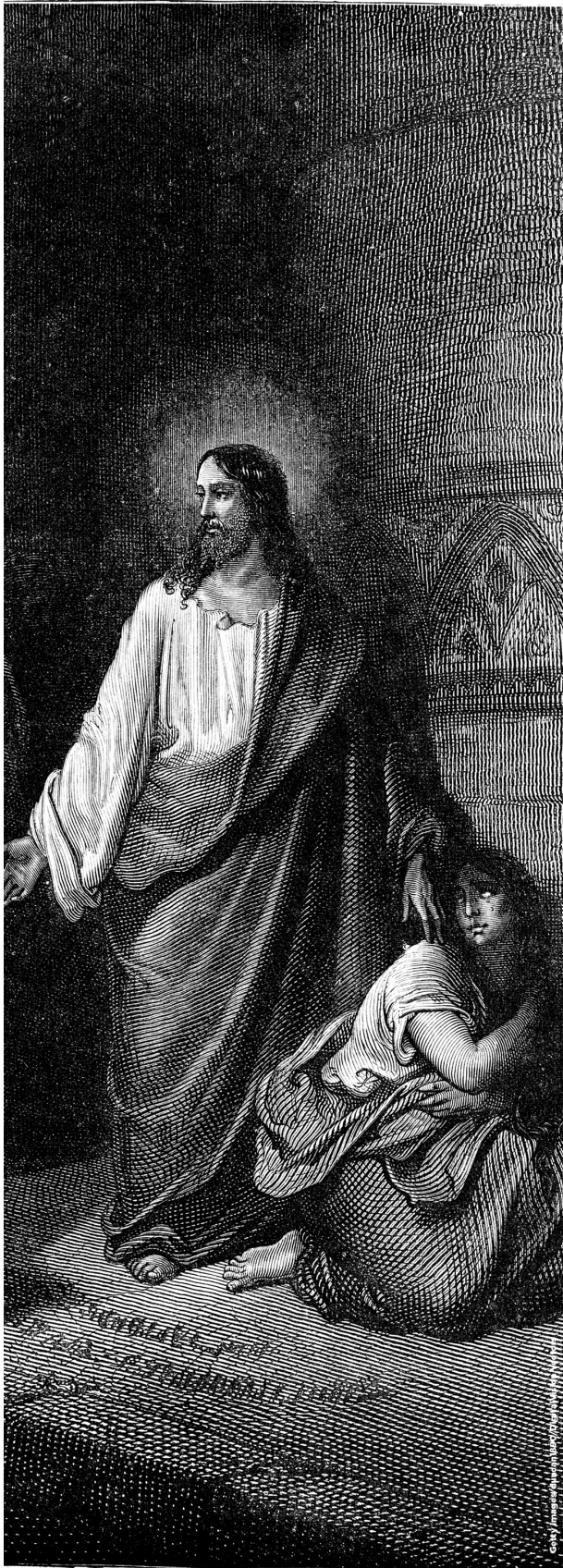
Dinner 4

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Orders are due the Monday prior to each Friday dinner
Pickup is **4 to 6 p.m.** on **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.



April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 | Phil 3:8-14 | Jn 8:1-11

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

During Lent, we hear familiar stories: the event of Jesus' transfiguration, the prodigal son, and today the woman caught in adultery. Each reveals an aspect of God's perfect love for us and a glimpse of how we can reflect that love toward others. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees once again are testing Jesus, saying the law demands that the woman caught in adultery be stoned. Jesus responds, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." What a perfect response to the Pharisees, and to each one of us when we focus on the faults of another. Jesus' words teach and challenge us to look more closely at the ways we judge others – by appearance, a social media post, political party, for example – and ask ourselves whether we are truly doing so out of love. Closer to home, we may be quick to point out our spouse or children's perceived faults, without acknowledging our own. Jesus invites us to look at others – and ourselves – with the eyes of mercy.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Every time we go out to dinner, my son makes fun of me for agonizing over the menu: "You always regret what you pick!" Indeed, regret can be a powerful emotion. Fortunately, the dinner dilemma requires only that I mooch off of my son's entrée. However, deeper regrets can bog us down and prevent us from moving forward in faith. Today's readings challenge us not to wallow in past mistakes, preconceptions, or bad habits. As we hear in Isaiah, "The things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" We hear this idea again from St. Paul, who writes of "forgetting what lies behind" and straining forward toward "the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't dwell on the past sins of the adulterous woman other than to say, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Fortunately, our Church offers an antidote to regret and sin in the sacrament of reconciliation. Whether it's been a month or a decade, what better time than Lent to return to this sacrament and experience God's mercy and forgiveness?

ACT Take advantage of the additional opportunities many churches offer for the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. Rusty? Check out this excellent guide for adults and children: thelightson.org/guide-to-confession.

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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
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