

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

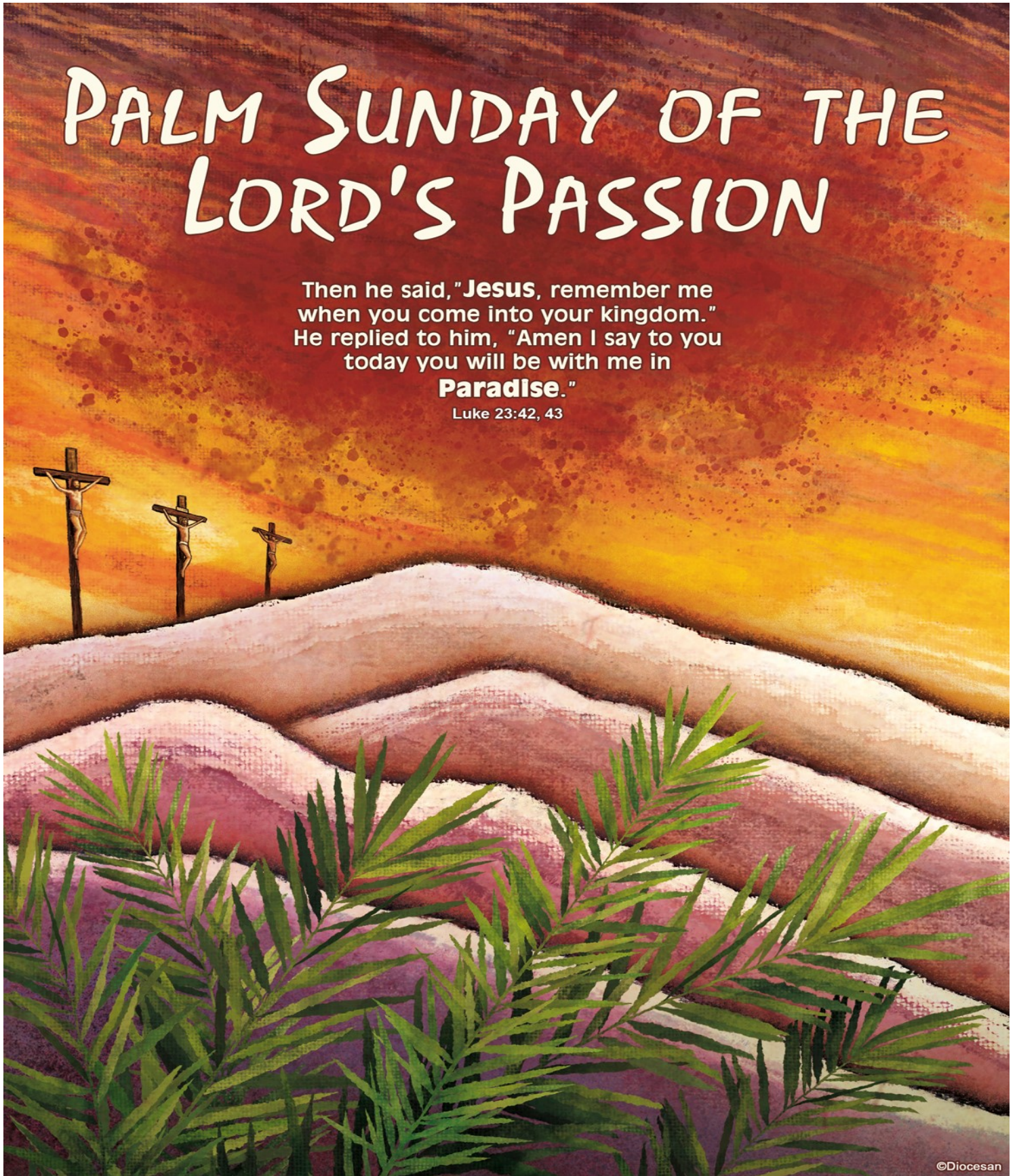
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April 10, 2022

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Then he said, "**Jesus**, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom."  
He replied to him, "Amen I say to you  
today you will be with me in  
**Paradise.**"

Luke 23:42, 43





## Mass Intentions

### 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)

### Monday, April 11

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

### Tuesday, April 12

9:00 a.m. Kriston & Grapsy Families  
(Joan Grapsy)

### Wednesday, April 13

8:00 a.m. Marie & Bill Flynn  
(Time Change)

### Thursday, April 14

7:00 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Friday, April 15

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 16

8:00 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Sunday, April 17

8:15 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Sunday, April 17

10:30 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

## Communion to the Sick and 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.

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin Holy Week. This is the high point of the year for Christians when we commemorate the central mysteries of our faith: the death and resurrection of our Lord for our salvation. I encourage you to participate as fully as possible in the liturgies of Holy Week. Simply attending these liturgies is an easy way of appreciating our faith more deeply and having a more meaningful experience of Easter.

The Paschal Triduum forms the bridge between Lent and Easter: the three days from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper (7pm) to celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. At the end of Mass, the Eucharist is taken in procession to the chapel. This is one of the very rare occasions when the Eucharist is absent from the main church. The removal of the Eucharist from the main church and the night of private prayer before the Eucharist in the chapel recalls Jesus' prayer in the garden and arrest after the Last Supper.

On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus. This is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. At 3pm, the traditional hour of our Lord's death, we celebrate a unique liturgy consisting of readings from Scripture, including the Passion According to John, special intercessory prayers for the world, veneration of the cross, and (although it is not Mass) the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, consecrated at Thursday evening's Mass.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting until we celebrate the Easter Vigil (at 8pm), the greatest liturgy of the year. Using the symbolism of light and darkness, we bless and light a new Paschal Candle, the symbol of the risen Jesus. We listen to a series of Scripture readings that recount God's saving work in history, culminating in the Resurrection. The Easter Vigil is the time when adults are baptized into the Catholic faith or enter full communion with the Church. Our parish does not have any candidates this year, but we will bless the baptismal water and renew our own baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil before the risen Jesus becomes present among us in the Eucharist once again.

*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*



### 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 Church  
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.



### Weekly Collection

April 2/3.....\$4,339.15

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

### Liturgical Min. Schedule

#### April 14— 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday

Reader: TBD  
Euch.Min.: TBD  
Servers: TBD  
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

#### April 15—3:00 p.m. Good Friday

Reader: TBD  
Euch.Min.: TBD  
Servers: TBD  
Cantor: Dave Derbes

#### April 16—8:00 p.m.—Holy Saturday

Reader: Lucilla Kochol  
Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy  
Servers: Madison & Caden Wright  
Cantor: Joanne Matina

#### April 17— 8:15 a.m. Easter Mass

Reader: Bill Gianfagna  
Euch.Min.: George Forney  
Servers: Maggie & Rhyann Brennan  
Cantor: Dave Derbes

#### April 17— 10:30 a.m. Easter Mass

Reader: Vince Balulis  
Euch.Min.: Paul Herb  
Servers: Kelly & Lauren Goodman  
Cantor: Dave Derbes

### 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**

## Upcoming Events

### April

10	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-School .....	L.H.
10	7:00 p.m.	Dramatic Stations of the Cross .....	Church
13	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross .....	Church
20	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg.....	L.H.
21	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
24	11:30 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg. ....	Church
28	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.

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

## 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



## Church Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Good Friday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Extra hands are always needed and appreciated.

## 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 our 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.



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. 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](mailto: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.*

## 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.



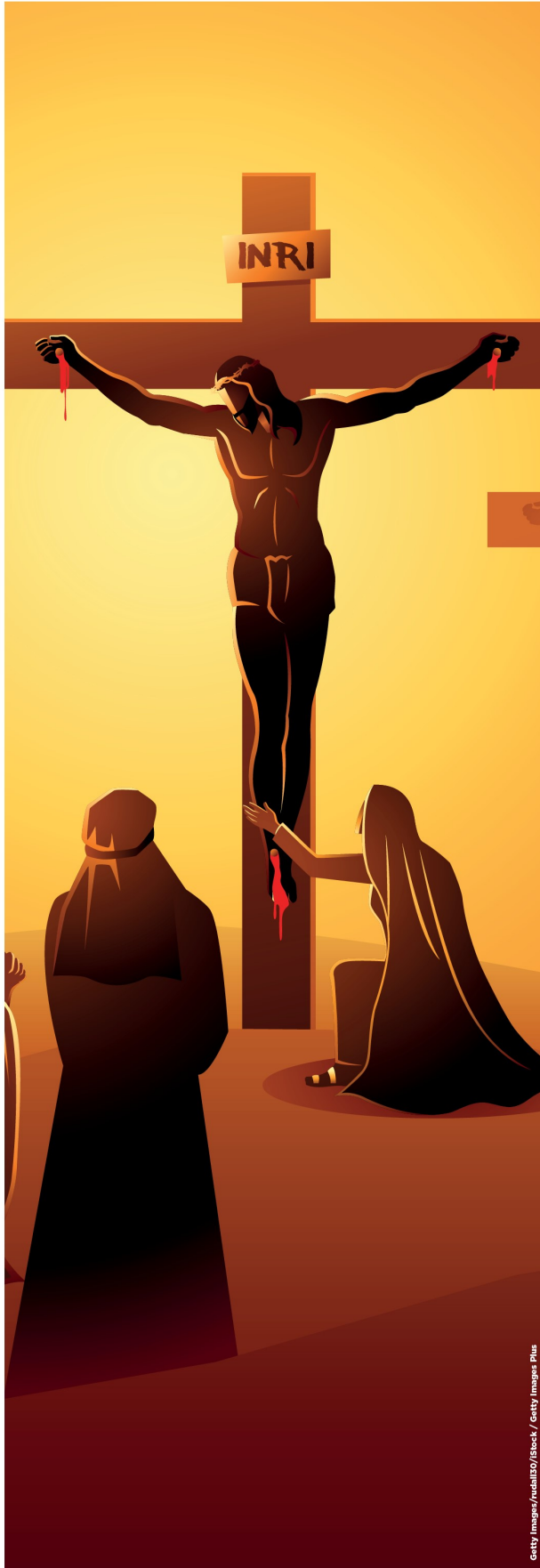
## Good Friday Collection

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!***

## Cemetery News ...

After a long winter the grass is starting to grow and the flowers are trying to bloom, which means maintenance at St John's cemetery #2 will be happening once again. Now is the time to plan for the upcoming year. If any parishioner has any ideas, complaints, or compliments for the cemetery please contact the rectory with the information. It will then be passed onto the cemetery committee for consideration in the upcoming months. Practically everyone at St. John's Parish either has, or knows someone whose final resting place is in our cemetery, and it is up to us to make sure the grounds are the best they can be.





April 10, 2022

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

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

Palm Sunday can seem like a study in contrasts. We hear the jubilant account of Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. Then we listen to the Passion narrative, reminded that Jesus' kingship bears little resemblance to royalty as we perceive it. He will suffer and he will die. As Paul describes it, "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." Jesus tries to explain this to the disciples, who don't fully grasp the events about to take place, instead quarreling over who would be the greatest. Yet even in this chaos of misunderstanding, Jesus continues to teach them, promising that those who stand by him in his trials will join him in the kingdom of heaven. There are certainly times when we fail to fully perceive and understand all that the Lord is teaching us, or why we are undergoing certain trials and difficulties. As we enter into Holy Week, we can ask Jesus to help us understand the meaning of the cross in our own lives, using this time to reflect on the meaning of his sacrifice for each of us.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we listen to the Passion narrative, we hear Peter betray Jesus, the soldiers jeer at him, and a passer-by being told to carry Christ's cross. Only Luke's account describes the two criminals, one of whom demanded that Jesus "save yourself and us." The second criminal rebukes him, asking Jesus to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." After Jesus dies, the centurion glorifies God, a good man takes him down from the cross, the women prepare his body for burial. As we enter Holy Week, we will have time to reflect on Jesus' last days, but also on the individuals in the crowd the day he died. How did they react? How would we have reacted? What can we learn from the women who stayed beside Jesus, the criminal who looked beyond his own pain and sin to see Jesus as Messiah, and even Peter in his initial betrayal? During the week ahead, we can also make an effort to attend each liturgy of the Triduum, using this time to deepen our faith as we prepare for Easter.

**PRAYER** Take time to read the Passion narrative at home. Invite Jesus into your heart. If you've fallen a little behind on your Lenten commitments, Holy Week is a great time to hit refresh.

## Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop

Look around your home for any items you wish to donate to our next Yard Sale. You'd be surprised what you might find. Here are some suggestions:

Decorations for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Puzzles, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items, Purses, Small Appliances, Candles, Religious items, Toys, Games, Jewelry, Tablecloths, CD's, DVD's, Bakeware, Phones, Vintage items.

**DO NOT** donate the following: Plastics, VHS tapes, Glasses, Cups, Televisions, Bedding, Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Books, Clothing, Large Furniture, Stuffed Animal Toys, Large Christmas Trees.

**ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE** on **Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m. to noon** at the Russell Building. No items will be accepted before or after this date. Do not leave articles at the door or in the parking lot. Call the parish office 570-622-5470 ext. 3 for more information.



## Trout Rodeo & Basket Auction

Come have some "Reel Fun" at the Assumption BVM School Trout Rodeo & Basket Auction on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Stoyer's Dam in Schuylkill Haven. Pre-Registration available at Assumption BVM School or the Schuylkill Haven Rec by April 13th. Individual \$15, Family \$40 (Up to 2 adults, 3 children per household). Registration on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the south side pavilion starting at 7:30 a.m. -Individual \$20, Family \$45 (Up to 2 adults, 3 children per household)

**Basket Auction, Cash Ticket Drawing and 50/50** winners will be drawn at 2 p.m. Food, beverages, and baked goods will be available for purchase. Event is rain or shine. Bring the family out to reel in the fun!

More information can be found on our "Assumption BVM School" facebook and "Trout Rodeo & Basket Auction" event pages. For questions or registration forms, please contact [tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net).



## 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 the school at 570-622-0106 or [tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net) for more information, to schedule a tour or shadow day for your student.

## PreSchool Registration

Saint Patrick Preschool, located in the Assumption BVM school building, offers 2, 3, and 5 day programs both half and full days. Fundraising options available. For more information please contact 570-622-0106.



## Rosary Repair

*For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion ...* When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value. These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic. Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope. Thank you .... *Paul Gombola*



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

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

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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

**Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services**  
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