

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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April 19, 2026



3RD SUNDAY
of Easter

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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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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, Kathy Vivic*

For our Deceased: *Mark McCormick*

"Note: We will keep names on the prayer list for a period of three months. Please let us know if you would like your name or your family member's name to remain on the list longer."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18

5:00 p.m. David G. Derbes
(Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Sunday, April 19

8:15 a.m. Jim Pugh Jr.
(Jim & Donna Pugh)

Sunday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Ann Murphy Koch
(Family)

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Virginia C. Visot
(Bill & Kathy Gianfagna)

Wednesday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Sandra Bosche
(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Thursday, April 23

9:00 a.m. Dr. David Harvey
(Mary Beth Harvey)

Friday, April 24

9:00 a.m. Charles Lorenz
(Frances Lorenz)

Saturday, April 25

5:00 p.m. Charles Pudge Bowers
(Joan Bowers)

Sunday, April 26

8:15 a.m. Cathy Mooney Troup
(Nora Chiplonia)

Sunday, April 26

10:30 a.m. Burton & Eleanore Forney
(Jen Daubert & Family)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We have been looking at the Sacrament of Confirmation. How is this sacrament celebrated? As we mentioned, adults who are baptized or enter full communion with the Church receive Confirmation during the Easter Vigil. But, in the Latin rite of the Church, young people typically receive the sacrament in 8th grade. The bishop personally celebrates Confirmation in each parish (or grouping of parishes, as in our case), which can take place any time of year.

Confirmation can be celebrated within Mass, or as a ceremony outside Mass. In either case, there is a Liturgy of the Word, followed by the presentation of candidates. This echoes the calling of candidates by name in Baptism. We are known and loved individually by God and chosen through the Church for the sacraments. The bishop then gives a homily, followed by a renewal of the candidates' baptismal promises. Next comes the essential elements of the sacrament, the moment in which Confirmation is given. The sacramental sign is twofold. The bishop first says the prayer of consecration over the candidates with his hands extended (the gesture of calling down the Holy Spirit). He then anoints each candidate individually on the forehead with Sacred Chrism, saying: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Amen). The bishop then gives the candidate the greeting of the risen Jesus: "Peace be with you." (And with your spirit.) As we explained when we looked at Baptism, the anointing with Chrism is a sign that a person is consecrated: a permanent change has taken place. He or she has taken on a greater likeness to Christ. Like Baptism, Confirmation causes a *permanent* change. This is a sacrament that can only be received once in a lifetime. After the sacrament is given, the Mass or Confirmation ceremony continues with petitions.

This Wednesday, we look forward to the celebration of Confirmation at St. Clare of Assisi for five of our young people from St. John along with the Confirmation candidates of St. Clare, St. Patrick, and Holy Cross. Please be sure to remember them in your prayers this week.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study

... will be offered Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on **April 23, May 14 & 21**. 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.

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

4th Sunday of Easter
(April 25/26)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Upcoming Events

April

19	9:00 a.m.	CCD	L.H.
19	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Children's Liturgy	L.H.
23	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
26	9:00 a.m.	CCD	L.H.
26	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Children's Liturgy	L.H.

May

2	5:00 p.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
3	10:30 a.m.	CCD/Rosary/May Procession	Church/Grotto
4	6:30 p.m.	Anointing Mass	Church
7	7:00 p.m.	Summer Festival Mtg.....	RB
12	7:00 p.m.	Ladies of the Rosary	L.H.
14	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
16	after Mass	Wine & Cheese	L.H.
20	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union	L.H.

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

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

<><><> MARK YOUR CALENDARS <><><>

SUMMER FESTIVAL—July 17/18, 2026

Anointing Mass

On **Monday, May 4**, at the usual **6:30pm Mass**, we will offer the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. While many Catholics think of this sacrament as "Last Rites," it is not only for the dying. It is a sacrament of spiritual healing for anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, including mental illnesses, for the elderly, and for anyone who will have surgery in the near future. If you or a family member fits into one of these categories and would like to receive the sacrament, please call the rectory. **It is important to register in advance so we can keep proper records of the sacraments.** Mass will be celebrated in the main church. There will be pews reserved for those receiving Anointing and for family or caregivers.

Diocesan Events ...

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Join us for an intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment, you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, OSF at 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll free) or 610-435-1541ext 5341. You may also email Carol at cswavely@allentowndiocese.org. **The retreat will be held April 24-26, 2026. Deadline for registration is April 17, 2026.**

Catholic Charities

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Schuylkill County Office, 99 Valley St., New Philadelphia, 570-628-0466
www.catholiccharitiesad.org

Weekly Collection

April 11/12.....\$4,885.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Kathleen Tray
by Christine Tray
2. IMO Gene Tray
by Christine Tray

St. Joseph

1. IMO Jim Cunningham
by Christine Tray
2. IMO Jimmy Cunningham
by Christine Tray

Sanctuary

IMO Lorrie Cunningham
by Christine Tray

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Mary Tray
by Christine Tray
2. IMO William Tray
by Christine Tray
3. IMO Marie Tray
by Christine Tray
4. IMO Sister Josephine Tray
by Christine Tray

Liturgical Min. Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25 — 500 p.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

EM: Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Cooper & Cole Felty

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

April 26— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Joseph Palmieri

EM: Ann Blankenhorn

Mike Ambrose

Servers: Sophia Palmieri

Gabriel Scheidel

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

April 26 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ray Petrilla

EM: Frank Murphy, John Crane

Servers: Maggie & Rhyann Brennan

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

Weekend Sacristan: RJ Post

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Summer Festival — Pot Luck Stand

We are in need of potluck prizes for our Summer Festival stand! There are a few easy ways to help donate. We have an Amazon wish list again this year. Go to Amazon.com/registries, search St John The Baptist Potluck, when purchasing an item it will default to ship to Fred Maley- you may send your items there for convenience or if you would prefer to ship to your own address and place item in the donation bin in the back of the church. Any questions, concerns, or to arrange drop off please call Shanna 570-617-4769.



If you'd like an even easier route, and have a smart phone or tablet, open your camera and hold over top and focus on the QR code box - a small link will pop up- tap on it and it will take you right to our Amazon wish list!

Gift cards are also a fantastic way to help! Any denomination and anyplace you love! They can be placed in the collection basket or please call Shanna Deibert 570-617-4769 to arrange for drop off or pick up. Thank you again for your continued generosity!!

Summer Festival — T-Shirts

If something new and exciting to add to your Summer Festival attire is what you have been looking for- the Summer Festival Committee is ready to deliver! We are offering St John's Summer Festival t-shirts for all to buy! You may have seen some of our committee members fashioning these fabulous shirts last year. The t-shirt brand is Comfort Colors- incredibly soft and very durable to last! It will be a one sided design on the front of the shirt - a beautiful drawing of our church and some fun festival food as well! The shirt was designed by a well loved local graphic design business Nora's Pawesome Tees! We will offer online ordering (for a small processing fee) or also for no fees, we will be doing some pre-sales in the back of church after Masses until 5/24- the shirts will be ready and delivered in June. There will be extras ordered to sell at the Festival but to be sure to get your specific size, we highly recommend doing the pre-sale. All shirts must be paid for at time of the order. The color of the shirts is Lagoon Blue—it's a shade of teal. We will have a sample shirt in the back of the church for everyone to see!

Summer Festival T-Shirt

Please complete this order form, enclose in an envelope, drop in the collection basket along with the cost.

Name _____ Phone _____

Size (s) _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Adults: S—XL = \$23.00 / 2 XL: \$25.00 / 3 XL: \$27.00 / 4 XL: \$29.00 / Children: \$18.00

Neighboring Events ...

35th Annual Golf Classic sponsored by St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Friday, May 15** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Join us for a day of food, fellowship, and golf in support of the students and adults we serve. Those who register by April 6 will receive 10% off their registration. When registering online, use code **SJCGOLFLCLASSIC** to receive the discount. For more information or to register, please visit www.stjosephctr.com or call **570-622-4638**.

16th Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Saturday, May 16th** at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Pine Grove. Registration is Saturday, May 16th at 7 am; Shotgun start at 8 am. Early Bird Special price by April 30th is \$85. Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 0 for more information.