

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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April 21, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Easter • Good Shepherd Sunday



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21

8:15 a.m. Charles Lorenz
(Frances Lorenz)

Sunday, April 21

10:30 a.m. Dolly Parsick
(Joanne Schultz)

Monday, April 22

6:30 p.m. Alfred Schlert Sr.
(Larry & Kevin Lonergan)

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 a.m. Margaret Painter
(John & Eric Lieberman)

Thursday, April 25

9:00 a.m. Vince Albo
(Tony & Lucilla Kochol)

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. Richard & Ann Lowe
(Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Sunday, April 28

8:15 a.m. Josephine & Frank Brozana
(Don & Joanne Doyne)

Sunday, April 28

10:30 a.m. Catherine & John Dalton
(Hoy & Dalton Families)

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(April 27/28)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Message from Father Bobbin

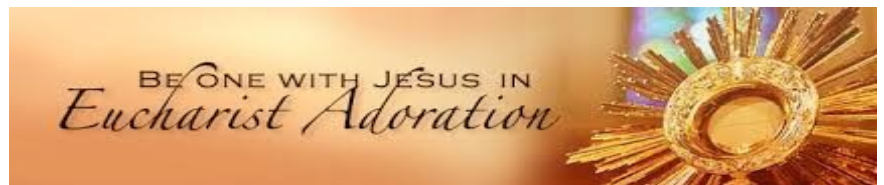
Dear Parishioners,

We have been reflecting on the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy. Today we come to the third: "admonish sinners."

This is a very difficult one. When a loved one has made an immoral choice, big or small, and he or she does not seem to know or does not seem to care that the choice is morally problematic, can you speak up? Can you address the problem in a way that is truthful but also loving? Again, this is rarely easy. Sometimes it feels like trying to avoid stepping on a landmine. If someone is consuming poison, even if they are not aware of it or doing it intentionally, it will still harm them.

If we care about someone, we will warn them of danger. We will not keep quiet for fear of offending them. The key is speaking up out of a genuine love and concern for the person. Some people are all too willing to condemn other people's wrongdoing, but it is not done out of love. The sinner must know that we are admonishing him because we care. We do not want harm to come to anyone in this life – and we do not want anyone to be lost in the next life.

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.



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 • James Minchhoff*

For our Deceased

Charles J. Bowers

Upcoming Events

April

21	9:15 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg	L.H.
21	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.
23	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Mtg.....	L.H.
25	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation.....	St. Pat's
26	4:00 p.m.	Yard Sale	R.B.
27	9:00 a.m.	Yard Sale	R.B.

May

3	7:00 p.m.	First Eucharist practice	Church
4	5:00 p.m.	First Eucharist	Church
8	7:00 p.m.	Mass—Ascension of the Lord	Church
9	9:00 a.m.	Mass—Ascension of the Lord	Church
9	5:15 p.m.	Mass—Ascension of the Lord	Church
15	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg.....	L.H.
16	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
23	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	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.

<><><> MARK YOUR CALENDARS <><><>
SUMMER FESTIVAL—July 19 & 20, 2024

Weekly Collection

April 13/14.....\$4,578.75

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

Candles

BVM

1. Special Intention by Chris Black
2. IMO Florence Windish by Fetterolf Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO Karen Comfort by Chris Black
2. IMO Millie Tamalavage by Rita Tamalavage

Sanctuary

IMO Helen Krupa by Chris Black

Guardian Angels

1. For Joseph Manus by Neil & Frances Manus
2. For Chloe Manus by Neil & Frances Manus
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 27— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Heidi Gorski

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz
Bob Wollyung

Servers: Aleksander Gorski

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

April 28— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

Euch.Min.: George Forney
Jeff Naffin

Server: R.J. Post

Cantor: Tina Seiger

April 28— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: John Matulevich
Frank Murphy

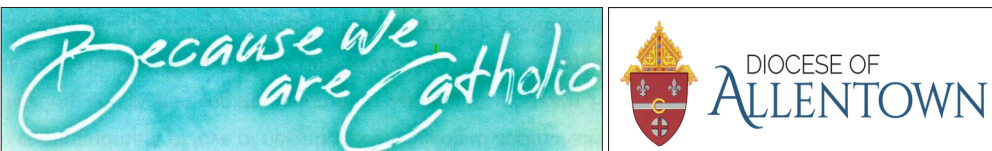
Servers: Vincent, Michael, Spencer
Prestileo

Cantor: Dave Derbes

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on May 16, 23.**

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.



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 Community Services include:

- Counseling services and pregnancy support for expectant mothers
- Food assistance programs in Allentown, Reading, and Pottsville
- Affordable Housing Services throughout the Diocese of Allentown
- Senior living programs and support including care for our retired priests.

Many thanks to those who have made a commitment to the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small.

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Nativity BVM High School— Open Positions

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 by April 25th to: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 17901 lsabol@nativitybvm.net

Church Cleaning Crew Thank You

We thank our Church Cleaning Group for doing a wonderful job cleaning our beautiful church including Longinus Hall and the Chapel.

Everything looks just perfect! Those volunteering their time and talent this month:

Darla Fabiani, Sandy Frinzi, Phyllis Hess, Debbie Kubilus, Ray Petrilla, Lisa Schlitzer, Theresa Skrobak, Joanne Wood.

The more the merrier — newcomers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning on May 11th..

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.

Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop — April 26/27 —

Friday, April 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. and **Saturday, April 27** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building — 9th & Schuylkill Ave. Pottsville

Don't miss it! If you like yard sales, this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, appliances, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus food is available for purchase. Something for everyone! Join us! Call the Rectory office 622-5470 ext 3 for more information.

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470 ext 3. Please individually wrap or bag all dessert items to be sold.



Summer Festival—Pot Luck Stand Donations

Less than a hundred days to go!! 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 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



Easter Flowers

Donated by:

Cunningham & Tray Families
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In Memory of:

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Pastor..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
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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
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.
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Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Several years ago I went to a shopping mall with my six-year-old son, and I could tell he was overwhelmed by the fast-moving crowds; he stuck close to my side. Not long into our trip, he turned a corner and, suddenly, his face lit up. He pointed at a young boy ahead. "That's James! I know him! He's in my class!" he exclaimed, and ran up to talk to him. Out of the sea of strangers was someone he *knew*, and who knew him. That changed the whole experience for him. Today's readings are all about that kind of knowing. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that, like a good shepherd, he knows his flock and they know him. How comforting it is to know that Jesus not only knows each one of us, but he willingly chose to lay down his life for each one of us as the ultimate sacrifice of love. But how do we get to know our Good Shepherd better? By immersing ourselves in Scripture and prayer and seeking a personal relationship with him. If we stay close to the Lord, we'll know his voice when we hear it - in the quiet of our prayer, in the everyday promptings of the Spirit in our decision-making, and even, in the midst of all the noise, as the calming and guiding voice leading us along the right path.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Being known is one of the most fundamental human and spiritual needs. When my son recognized his friend, he also instinctively recognized - without being able to articulate it - this need, in the midst of the anonymity of the mall. And his reaction was so pure: "I know him, and he knows me!" But he didn't leave it at that; he went to engage with his friend. He *encountered* his friend. This is what Christ desires for, and with us - not just to know us, to simply recognize us from afar, but for us to want to encounter him! We are meant to be in community; Jesus is always here for us: in the Church, in the sacraments, in Scriptures and in our hearts.

PRAY Spending time in prayer and reading the Scriptures are essential in order to get to know the voice of Jesus. Read the Gospels this week, even a chapter a day, and contemplate what passages stand out for you. Pray about it at Mass. The Scriptures and the sacraments are how Jesus speaks to us, like a good shepherd speaks to his flock so the sheep will know his voice and follow it.