

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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April 23, 2023



3rd Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. Virginia Comfort
& Barney Comfort
(Chris & Jared Black)

Sunday, April 23

8:15 a.m. Dot & Jack Ryan
(Crystal Pugh)

Sunday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Dr. David Harvey
(Mary Beth Harvey)

Monday, April 24

6:30 p.m. Charles Lorenz
(Frances Lorenz)

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. Joseph J. Steficek
(Time Change) (Larry Steficek)

Wednesday, April 26

9:00 a.m. John & Catherine
Markovich
(Phil & Pat Markovich)

Thursday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Francis & Verna Sauers

Friday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Ann Uckele
(Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. John & Bertha Krolick
Deceased of Tarris Family
(Paul & JoAnna Buber)

Sunday, April 30

8:15 a.m. Frank & Dorothy Legutko
(Susan Legutko)

Sunday, April 30

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

Message from Father Bobbin

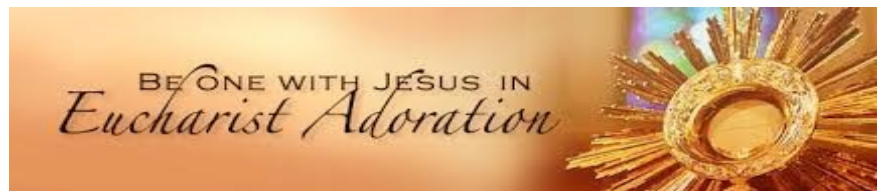
Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. John for 13 of our young people, along with the Confirmation candidates of St. Patrick, St. Clare, and Holy Cross. Please keep all of the candidates in your prayers. We are grateful to Ms. Kochol, Mrs. Seiger, and Mr. Hahner for preparing our students for the sacrament over the past year.

Know that you are welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass Thursday at 4:30pm. In fact many people are probably not aware that there is a "partial indulgence" for being present at the time of the Bishop's visit to your parish. An indulgence (to refresh your memory) is a spiritual gift given by the Church that lessens or completely takes away the punishment that results from sin. Our Lord forgives our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, sin does damage. For example, if someone spreads damaging information about another person, he may come to regret it and apologize and be reconciled with the person he hurt... but, there is still damage to the victim's reputation that must be healed. All sin does damage. God will forgive us in Confession so that we are reconciled with Him and "back on track" to heaven. But, there is still damage that must be made up for. Justice must be done. This is why we believe we pass through a purifying state called purgatory before entering heaven. So, essentially an indulgence is a spiritual gift that lessens (a "partial indulgence") or completely eliminates (a "plenary indulgence") one's experience of purgatory.

Attending Confirmation celebrated by the Bishop is one of many ways to gain an indulgence. But, of course, these things do not work like magic. To receive an indulgence, one must have a heart that truly regrets one's sinfulness, and desires to grow ever more into the person God calls us to be.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin



Eucharistic Adoration

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 will be 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.

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(April 29/30)

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

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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 • Chuck Majestic • Tony Kochol

Upcoming Calendar

April

24	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
26	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinners Wrap-Up Mtg.	L.H.
27	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation.....	Church
29	9 am-noon	Yard Sale Drop Off	R.B.
30	8:00 a.m.	First Communion Class	L.H.

May

5	7:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
6	5:00 p.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
7	9:00 a.m.	May Procession	Church
7	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.
11	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
17	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Thursday Mass.....	Church
18	9:00 a.m.	Ascension Thursday Mass.....	Church
18	5:15 p.m.	Ascension Thursday Mass.....	Church
18	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
19	4-7 p.m.	Yard Sale	R.B.
20	9-12 noon	Yard Sale	R.B.
21	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.
25	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.

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

Weekly Collections

April 8/9.....	\$5,277.40
April 15/16.....	\$3,963.03
Holy Land	\$1,348.00

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

BVM

1. IMO M/M Robert Porter
by Bob & Mary Porter
2. IMO Magdalena Fleischhutt
by Bob & Mary Porter

St. Joseph

1. IMO M/M Robert Becker
by Bob & Mary Porter
2. IMO Robert Becker Jr.
by Bob & Mary Porter

Sanctuary

IMO Cielinski Family
by Bob & Mary Porter

Guardian Angels

1. IMO JoAnn Heller
by Mary & Joseph Modesto
2. IMO Babe & JoAnn Heller
by Wollyung Family
- 3&4. In Thanksgiving - St. Anthony
by Barb Munster

Liturgical Min. Schedule

April 29 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Carleigh Palmieri
Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy
Server: R.J. Post
Cantor: Stanley Gorski

April 30 — 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Bob Bechtel
Euch.Min.: Mimi Modesto
Servers: Luke Schane
Cantor: Amy Joyce

April 30 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert
Euch.Min.: John Matulevich
Server: Jackson Daubert
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30** on **May 11, 18, 25**. 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. *If Nativity BVM High School is closed or dismisses early for winter weather, we will not meet. When in doubt, call the rectory to check for a cancellation message.*

Diocesan Events

Designed with Purpose - A Fertility Awareness & NFP Primer, Sunday, April 30, 5:30-8:00 pm, at Black Rock Brewing Co. (325 S. Centre St., Pottsville) Adults 21+ are invited to enjoy Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages on the Diocese with a cash bar option. Hear more about Fertility Awareness & NFP, how it works, what's involved, and the various methods. Understand more about why this info is important to women, couples, and the Church, and discover resources to take the next step! Register today! <https://register.allentowndiocese.org/fertilityawareness/>

Women's Easter Retreat - Wednesday, May 24, 6:00-8:00 pm, St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville). Women of all ages are invited to enjoy Mass, refreshments, a reflection on sharing the Good News, and Adoration with opportunity to go to Confession. Event is free (sponsored by the Bishop's Commission for Women, Diocese of Allentown). Register today! <https://forms.gle/sfSWbN5EsUwyxFUr7>

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

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.

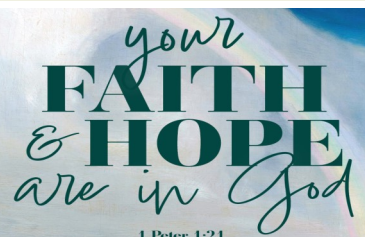
Moving? Relocating?

Let us Know!

Have you moved, changed your phone or email address? If so, please contact the Rectory Office at 570-622-5470 ext. 3. Help us update our records!

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."



Nativity BVM School News ...

Nativity Happenings:

Ian Andrefski has been named the Valedictorian for the Class of 2023 and Zachary Mills has been named the Salutarian for the Class of 2023.

The following students have been named Nativity's Schuylkill County Scholars for 2022-2023: Ian Andrefski, Zachary Mills, Stanley Gorski, Cameron Strauss, Bella Bartashus, Caitlin Capella.

The Drama Club's Production of Mamma Mia! will be held at the school on Thursday, April 27th, at 7 PM; Friday, April 28th, at 7 PM; Saturday, April 29th, at 7 PM; and Sunday, April 30th, at 2 PM. Tickets are available on Nativity's Facebook page (Nativity Athletics and Events) or at the door each night of the show.

Host Families Needed ... To encourage intercultural faith and learning, Nativity BVM High School invites students from all over the world to join the school. There are 10 international students looking to attend for the 2023-2024 school year and host families are needed. They can be families with kids, single people, single parents, or empty nesters. To learn more about being a host parent, contact Erin Freshour from Educatus at 616-301-4241. Please consider hosting an international student! It provides additional funds to Nativity BVM High School, and past host families will tell you what a wonderful experience hosting an international student can be.

Assumption BVM School Events

Full-time First Grade Teacher, full or part-time maintenance person and substitute teachers for the coming school year. Please send application, resume, certification and clearances to Assumption BVM School to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating, 112 South 7th Street, Pottsville, PA 17901 or call 570-622-0106 for more information.

Cash & Gift Card Bingo

Sunday, April 30th at Hillcrest Hall in Minersville. Doors open 11 a.m.; Bingo begins 1 p.m. Advance Tickets \$35.00; at the door \$40.00. Only 300 tickets available. Admission Ticket includes 20 Regular games, 3 Special games, \$1,000 Jackpot game. Tickets can be purchased from any ABVM student, at the school, or at the door. Delicious food available plus 50/50. Everyone is required to purchase a ticket to enter ... must be 18 or older to claim prizes. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call 570-622-0106 or email tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net

Taylor Swift Concert

Take your chance at winning TWO tickets to see TAYLOR SWIFT — the Eras Tour Concert! Friday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia. Floor level seating. Only 750 tickets available. Drawing is May 5th. To request chances, please email: tmengel@assumptionbvm school.net. Please include the number of chances you are requesting and a mailing address.



Neighboring Event

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville is hosting its 32nd Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 19th at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please call 570-622-4638 or visit www.stjosephctr.com.

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

Summer Festival—2023

July 14 & 15

... More details to follow ...

Next Summer Festival Meeting
Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 in Longinus Hall
All are welcome!



Summer Festival Pot Luck Stand

We are seeking new or unopened items suitable for prizes for the Pot Luck Stand at this year's Summer Festival. We need both child and adult prizes. Bins will be available in the back of church for donations. For questions or more information, please contact Maureen Derbes 570-691-6098. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop — May 19 / 20 —

Friday, May 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. and **Saturday, May 20** 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. Take Out Only. 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.



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.

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.





April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' *eyes were prevented from recognizing* it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread – the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

PRAY Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

Pastor *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon *Lawrence Lonergan*

Parish Council President *Kevin McNamara*
Choir Director/Organist *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator *Lucilla Kochol*
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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

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