

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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April 24, 2022

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



**DIVINE
MERCY**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Rosenberger
(Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, April 24

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

Sunday, April 24

10:30 a.m. Charles J. Lorenz
(Frances Lorenz)

Monday, April 25

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

Tuesday, April 26

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

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 p.m. Verna & Francis Sauers
(Time Change)

Thursday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Marie (Gerace) Nocket
(John & Joyce Gerace)

Friday, April 29

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

Saturday, April 30

5:00 p.m. Kathleen Norkus
(Al Norkus)

Sunday, May 1

8:15 a.m. Mary Ann Holley
(Debbie & Mark Purcell)

Sunday, May 1

10:30 a.m. John Wollyung
(Edward & Erin Karlonis)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, which we celebrate as "Divine Mercy Sunday." Many of you are quite familiar with this because you have a devotion to the Divine Mercy. Perhaps you pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy on a regular basis. My home parish, Queenship of Mary, has a large mosaic of the Divine Mercy image of Jesus behind the altar. When I was growing up, I knew this was the "Divine Mercy" image but I did not know anything about it. In the seminary, a friend's devotion to it led me to read St. Faustina's diary. Since then, I count myself among those who have a special devotion to the Divine Mercy.

There is no secret to Divine Mercy Sunday. It is simply a reminder of the forgiveness that Jesus has made possible by His death and resurrection. Today's Gospel is the post-resurrection appearance in which the Apostle Thomas was missing and did not believe the others at first. When he encounters the risen Jesus a week later, it is a moment of reconciliation. It is also at this time that Jesus makes the Apostles and their successors instruments of God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God loves us and wants to pour out His mercy on us. We can meet Him in Confession any time, any number of times, and know with total certainty that He forgives us no matter what sin weighs on us.

Divine Mercy Sunday is also a reminder to pray for the world which is in great need of God's mercy. We think of the evil that has been destroying Ukraine and overturning so many people's lives. We think of our own society that has turned away from God in many ways. We pray that our risen Savior will enlighten people's minds to know the truth and touch their hearts to accept it. *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*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.



Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

(April 30/May 1)

Reading I: Acts 5:17-32, 40b-41

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

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

Upcoming Events

April

28 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study L.H.

May

1 9:15 a.m. Parent Meeting L.H.

6 7:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal Church

7 5:00 p.m. First Communion Church

12 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study L.H.

15 11:30 a.m. Community Meeting R.B.

15 11:30 a.m. May Procession Church

18 7:00 p.m. Catholic Women’s Union Mtg L.H.

19 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study L.H.

26 9:00 a.m. Ascension Thursday—Mass Church

26 5:15 p.m. Ascension Thursday—Mass Church

26 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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Eugene & Kathleen Tray by Tray & Cunningham Families
2. IMO Josephine & Frank Brozana by Don & Joanne Doyne

St. Joseph

1. IMO Joseph Brahler by Frances Mickey
2. IMO Elizabeth Brahler by Frances Mickey

Sanctuary

IMO Nancy & Donald Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne

Guardian Angels

1. Health of Joseph Brahler III by Frances Mickey
2. Health of Mark Mickey by Frances Mickey
3. IMO Jack Schwanlien by Fred & Hilda Maley
4. IMO Babe & JoAnn Heller by Wollyung Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

April 30—5:00 p.m.

Reader: Carol Lasco
Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb
Servers: Emma Lieberman
Cantor: Mary Bound

May 1— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Jeff Naffin
Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz
Servers: Luke Schane
Cantor: Dave Derbes

May 1— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert
Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla
Servers: Jackson Daubert
Cantor: Dave Derbes

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

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

Thank You

Our new Paschal Candle in the church sanctuary was donated ...
In Memory of Edward Smith
by wife Dolores Smith, Children & Grandchildren



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.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **Quinn Cromyak** to St. John's Parish Family. Quinn is involved in real estate and is in the Army National Guard. Warmly welcome Quinn into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Edward Christ
 Mildred A. Fredericks
 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 IMO Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 IIMO M/M James Loeper
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Dorothy Parsick
 IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
 IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

Thank you for supporting our bulletin this month!

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

This weekend we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a holy hour in the main church at 3:00 p.m., consisting of a Liturgy of the Word, time for quiet prayer, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions before the holy hour, from 2:00—2:45. Join us in asking God to pour out His mercy on our needs and the needs of the world.

Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (Repeat 3 x)
 Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat 3x) Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, We trust in You.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. John's Parish Family who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 7th by Bishop Alfred Schlert.

Maggie Clare Brennan
Reese Katharine Ketner
Naomi Eileen Neifert
Ava Bernadine Orłowsky
Izabella Anthony Reedy
Macie Matilda Rushannon
Lucy Joan Scheidel
Isabella Katharine Wright



Christian Brian Alvarez
Jackson Charles Daubert
Ryan Jude Grabowski
Colt Xavier Mason
Michael Callistus Prestileo
Andrew Stephen Smith

Saint Paul Street Evangelization

"The moment has come to commit all of the Church's energies to a new evangelization." (Saint Pope John Paul II). St. Paul Street Evangelization is a grassroots, non-profit Catholic evangelization organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking our Catholic Faith to the streets. As an on-the-street Catholic evangelization organization, St. Paul Street Evangelization provides a non-confrontational avenue for you to share the Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture. Visit www.streetevangelization.com today to learn more, join or start a local team, and find out how you can support Catholic evangelization.

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.



Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

April 24, 2022

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

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

In today's Gospel, Thomas gets singled out as the one who doubts that Jesus had risen from the dead. But the other Gospels reveal that the other disciples doubted too. I understand why they had trouble believing that Jesus was alive. To think that God loves us enough that he chose to become human to die for our sins is incomprehensible. To accept that he loves us this deeply is almost unbearable. It seems doubtful anyone can love us that much. It seems doubtful that we deserve to be loved that much. It is much easier to doubt than to believe. But Thomas was the first to publicly proclaim the man Jesus as also God: *My Lord and my God!* he says. The risen Jesus had come into the room, although the doors were locked, and called them back into belief. Through Christ, God shows the disciples - and us - the extent of his love and mercy. We are worth it, even when we doubt, even when we fail. His death and resurrection are testament to that. He will walk through whatever walls exist to tell us. No doubt about it.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles today describes the reaction to the apostles' joyful and confident proclamation that Jesus was Lord and God after receiving the Holy Spirit. The crowds drew near just to have Peter's shadow fall upon those who were sick. God's mercy has no bounds. How can we be like the first disciples? In what ways do our lives reflect God's mercy on us? Where can our own "shadows fall" so that God's goodness and grace can bring healing and comfort to others? Let us begin our days by giving "thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting," and trust that the Holy Spirit will both remind us of our blessings and continued need for mercy, and guide us to encounters with others who need the same.

PRAY During this Easter season, read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles each day and immerse yourself in the history of the early Church. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection.

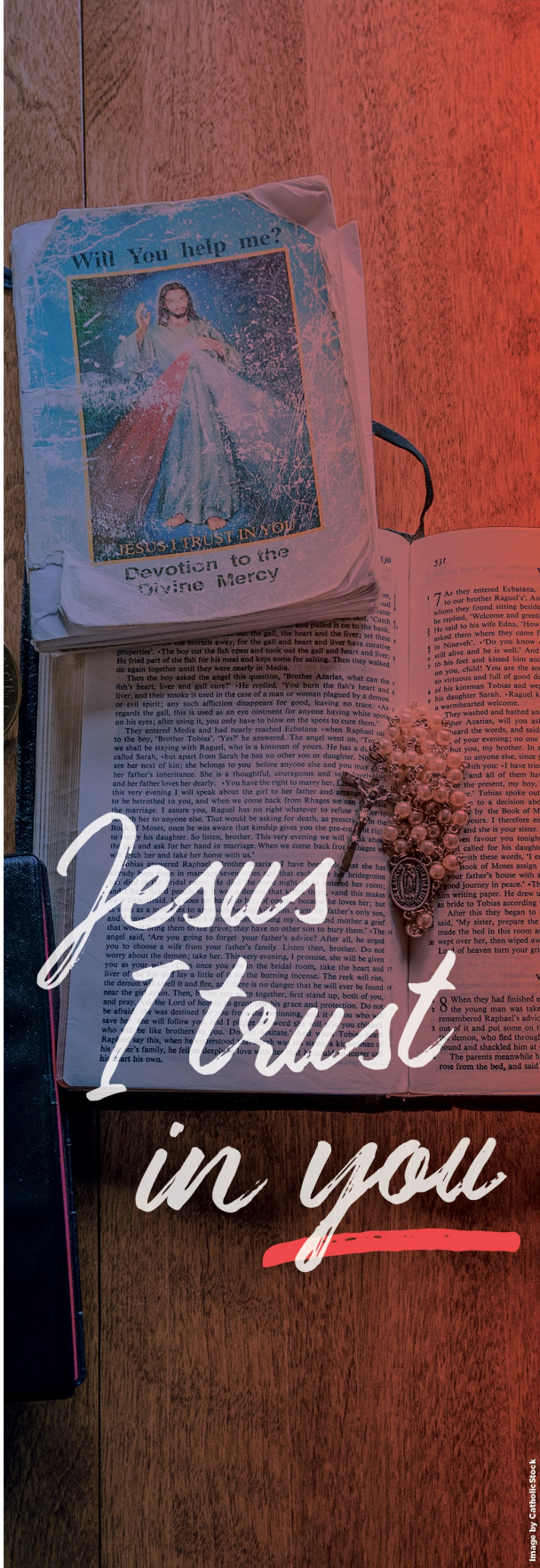


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Yard Sale—Curiosity Shop — May 20/21 —

Friday, May 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. and **Saturday, May 21** 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.



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.



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 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.



Neighboring Events

Take Out Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by St. Patrick Church, 313 Mahantongo St., on Sunday, May 1 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (or sell out). Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread - \$9. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

Summer Kick-Off Golf Tournament, sponsored by St. Patrick Church on Saturday, May 21. Registration - 7 am; Shotgun Start - 8 am At Hidden Valley Golf Course, Pine Grove. Please call St. Patrick Rectory at 570-622-1802, ext. 0 for more information.

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."

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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Assumption BVM Elementary..... (570) 622-0106
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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GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD FOR HE
IS GOOD, HIS LOVE
IS EVERLASTING.

*From the heart of the psalmist
up to the heart of the Father
"You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you."
"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;"
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!*

PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, who died and rose for our sins,
again triumphing over Your evil and ungodly
paralyzers of Your sacred love...*