

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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April 28, 2024

5TH SUNDAY
of Easter



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, April 29

6:30 p.m. Ann Uckele
(Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Michael Klembara
(Thomas & Tara Brockenshire)

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Joseph J. Steficek
(Larry Steficek & Family)

Friday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Charles & Matilda Schaeffer
(Eleanor Schaeffer)

Saturday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 5

8:15 a.m. Anna Orłowsky
(Joe Orłowsky)

Sunday, May 5

10:30 a.m. Richard Lowe
(Shirley McGonegal)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

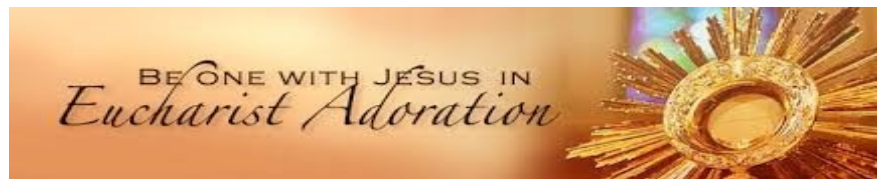
We continue reflecting on the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy. Consider the fourth: "comfort the afflicted."

As followers of Jesus, we cannot be blind or indifferent to other people's troubles. We are called to develop a compassionate heart toward all people, to develop empathy for others. Most of the time we cannot get directly involved in other people's problems. We cannot solve other people's problems. But we are often presented with many opportunities to "comfort the afflicted."

One of the most common ways to comfort the afflicted is by *listening*. Many of us are frequently presented with opportunities to listen to family members, friends, coworkers, clients, and even strangers who want to talk to us about their troubles. Sometimes people get us at a bad time or we are not in the mood to listen. But listening then becomes an act of love, a sacrifice. To listen well means to forget about yourself, put aside whatever you may want to say to the person, and give that person your undivided attention, really making an effort to understand what he or she is expressing. This is easier said than done and – let's be honest – most of us probably don't listen as well as we think we do.

Listening is powerful. When someone is struggling with some burden, more often than not it brings some measure of peace and strength when you take the time to really listen to them, to demonstrate love and care by giving your full attention. This is something many of us can practice almost everyday.

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.
- ◆ 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.

Next Week's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter
(May 4/5)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles
10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

Upcoming Events

May

3	7:00 p.m.	First Eucharist practice	Church
4	5:00 p.m.	First Eucharist	Church
5	9:00 a.m.	May Procession.....	Grotto
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 20/21\$4,449.00
Parish Dues\$1,194.00
Holy Land\$2,975.00
Easter\$10,899.75

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Sylvia Faiola by Fetterolf Family
2. IMO Denise Yeagley by Fetterolf Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO Edward Buber by Paul & JoAnna Buber
2. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

Sanctuary

IMO Franklin Fetterolf by Fetterolf Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO John & Bertha Kralick by Paul & JoAnna Buber
2. IMO Anna Tarris by Paul & JoAnna Buber
- 3&4. IMO Ronald Kriston by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 4— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Lucilla Kochol
Euch.Min.: Joe Palmieri
Ray Petrilla
Server: Sophia Palmieri
Cantor: David Derbes

May 5— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Janet Daubert
Euch.Min.: Mike Ambrose
Justina Majestic
Server: Ethan Grabowski
Cantor: Amy Joyce

May 5— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Matulevich
Euch.Min.: John Matulevich
Bill Gianfagna
Servers: Gabriel & Jude Scheidel
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

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.

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.

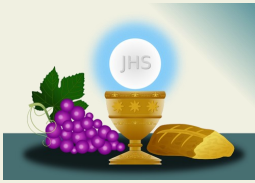
Flowers in Church

Generally speaking, flowers are donations. The parish decorates the church for the Christmas and Easter seasons (partly thanks to your donations). The rest of the year, we welcome donations of flowers. Flowers are **not** appropriate during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. Flowers **are** appropriate on:

- Sundays in Ordinary Time
- Sundays in the Easter Season (after the original Easter flowers have died)
- Holy Days—such as—Ascension Thursday, Assumption (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), Immaculate Conception (December 8)



If you would ever like to donate flowers (perhaps in memory of a loved one), please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.



First Holy Communion

...will take place on Saturday,
May 4th at 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Rehearsal is Friday, May 3rd at
7:00 p.m. in Church.



The CCD students will end their year by having a May Procession **after the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5th**.

Families of the students are asked to bring a bouquet of flowers and their rosaries. **All parishioners** are invited to be part of the procession that will begin in the church. We will process from the back of church up 10th street and end at the Grotto. There, children will place bouquets of flowers and we will recite a decade of the rosary, say the litany of Mary and make the Act of Consecration. Afterwards we will crown Mary. All will be invited to sing the chorus to Immaculate Mary. Please join us for this special Marian devotion!

Baptized in Christ

On April 14th we celebrated the glorious baptism day of **Theodora Rose DeArment**, daughter of Darren and Sarah (Hahner) DeArment. She became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome her into our parish family.

Additional Easter Flowers
IMO Raydell Wychunas
by Helen Heimbaugh

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



Nativity BVM High School News ...

Positions Available

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

Annual Basket Auction ... sponsored by the Green & Gold Booster Club on Saturday & Sunday, May 4th & 5th. Shop and Drop on Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grand prize is a Blackstone Grill and \$750 in Gift Cards from Marlin Markets, Tony's Meat Market and Adelphia Seafood. Refreshments available. Questions, call Diane at 570-622-8110.

Neighboring Events

City Chicken Dinner sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on **Sunday, May 5th** from 11am to 1pm. Cost is \$12 which includes 3 city chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, roll, choice of green beans or corn. Additional city chicken and our fabulous fresh kielbasa is also available for purchase. This is a pre-order only dinner, so please call Rosalie at 570.544.2172 or Jean at 570.640.0140 by Sunday, April 28th. The City Chicken is the old Waymart recipe!

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, May 5th** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or sell out. Dine-In or Take-Out at the parish hall, 313 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville. Platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad, and bread. Cost is \$11 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

Bus Trip sponsored by Young at Heart Club of Holy Family Parish, Minersville, to "Cape May Coffee and Chocolate Festival", Cape May, NJ, on **June 28th**. The cost is, \$110.00. Bus leaves Hillcrest Hall, Minersville @ 7:00 AM. For more information please call Jane @ 570-527-5813.

Because we are Catholic

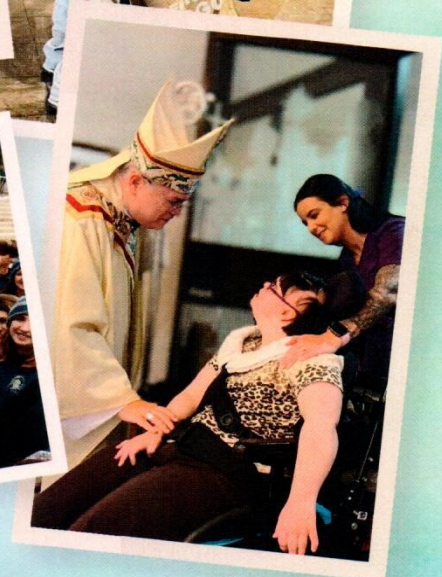


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- Scholarships and grants for needy and deserving students

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

“Where do they get their energy!” Maybe you’ve said that about your children as they run around the yard while you’re trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it’s proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, “Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live.” (*Word on Fire Bible*, 548) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus’ love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ’s message in the Gospel. With Jesus as “the power and energy source in which we live,” we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out “boldly in the name of the Lord,” but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God’s commandments, John says, we “remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” In other words, those who remain in Christ “will bear much fruit” – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, “where does he/she get her energy?”

PRAY Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than his love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where he has given you conversion of heart, and ask him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

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

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Choir Director/Organist.....*David Derbes*
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Nativity BVM High School..... (570) 622-8110
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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“I AM THE VINE,
YOU ARE
THE BRANCHES.”