

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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May 22, 2022



*6th Sunday
of Easter*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 22

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

Sunday, May 22

10:30 a.m. Ralph Thomas
(Joe Orłowski & Family)

Monday, May 23

9:00 a.m. Bertha Bullock
(Time Change)

Tuesday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Bonnie Norton
(Lucilla Kochol)

5:15 p.m. Marilyn Golod
(Joan Grapsy & Family)

Friday, May 27

9:00 a.m. Tony Vivic
(Kathy Vivic)

Saturday, May 28

5:00 p.m. Charles & Scott Bowers
(Joan Bowers)

Sunday, May 29

8:15 a.m. Clara Becker
(Joan Demcher)

Sunday, May 29

10:30 a.m. Earl & Florence Tropp

O God, let all nations praise your name.

Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, May 26th
Masses 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. Forty days after Jesus rose, He "ascended" into heaven. This does not mean He literally went away from us into the sky. This mystery we call the Ascension is simply the end of Jesus' appearances in His risen body. This makes sense because, if Jesus were still walking around in His risen body, like He did in those first forty days, He could only be in one place at a time. Now, however, Jesus can be universally present to all people, allowing each and every one of us to develop an intimate friendship with Him.

One of the most special ways Jesus communicates His presence to us is the Holy Eucharist. Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is the very center of the life of our parish, and every parish. We gather as a family for Mass every Sunday and there are opportunities for Mass and Adoration throughout the week.

In a few weeks, on Sunday, June 12, we will celebrate a "Eucharistic Day" to further highlight and honor our Lord's presence with us. At the end of the 10:30 Mass, the Eucharist will be exposed on the altar for prayer throughout the afternoon. We hope that you can return to church sometime during the afternoon to spend some quiet time with our Lord. At 5:00pm we will end our Eucharistic Day with a short liturgy of Scripture readings, a homily by Father Dave, a procession and Benediction.

Please try to join us on June 12. Hopefully our Eucharistic Day will become an annual celebration.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*



Year of Real
PRESENCE
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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.

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 • Ann Lowe

For our Deceased

Calvin Hoy • Patricia Thomas

Upcoming Events

May

22	1-2:30 p.m.	Altar Server Practice.....	Church
25	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Mtg.	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.
29	1-2:30 p.m.	Altar Server Practice.....	Church

June

7	6:00 p.m.	Assumption BVM School Graduation.....	Church
8	8:00 p.m.	St. John’s Beneficial Society Mtg.....	F.R.
12	5:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Day.....	Church
13	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg.....	L.H.
15	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg.....	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



Eucharistic Day

As our diocese observes the Year of the Real Presence, we will celebrate a Eucharistic Day on **Sunday, June 12**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 10:30 Mass. We invite you to spend some time with our Lord in prayer on Sunday afternoon. We will close our day with a Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. We welcome back Fr. Dave as homilist for our closing liturgy.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evening 6:30-7:30 on May 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.

Altar Server Training

Training for new altar servers will be offered on Sundays, **May 22 and 29**, from 1:00-2:30 in church for any St. John youth currently in 4th grade or older. We prefer that new servers attend both meetings, but, if this is not possible, they may attend either one. Parents are welcome to sit in. Please call the rectory if your son or daughter plans to attend (570-622-5470).

Weekly Collection

May 14/15\$4,300.15
Improve. & Repairs\$1,722.00

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

Candles

BVM

1 & 2. IMO Ronald Kriston
by Joan Grapsy & Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO Kathy Bowers
by Joan Bowers
2. IMO Scott Bowers
by Joan Bowers

Sanctuary

IMO M/M Frank Zambo
by Zambo Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Mary T. Rinaldo
by Chuck Rinaldo
2. IMO Joseph Wollyung Sr.
by Wollyung Family
3 & 4. Special Intention

Liturgical Min. Schedule

May 28 —5:00 p.m.

Reader: Carol Lasco
Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb
Servers: Caden & Madison Wright
Cantor: Mary Bound

May 29— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Janet Daubert
Euch.Min.: Jeff Naffin
Servers: Luke Schane
Cantor: Dave Derbes

May 29— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
Servers: Jackson Daubert
Cantor: Dave Derbes

Banns of Marriage

III—Elizabeth Witman
& Christian Mehl



Pray the Rosary

Recite the rosary daily during the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious in asking for her intercession

Flowers at Altar

The flowers at the main altar are in memory of Mary Ann Holley requested by Deborah & Mark Purcell.

Flower Donations

If anyone wishes to memorialize flowers in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses for a living or deceased intention, please call the Rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3

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:

Michelle Ambrose, Sandy Frinzi, Debbie Kutilus, Judy Meseravage, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak, Mim Tirjan, Joanne Wood.

The more the merrier --- newcomers are always welcome --- please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning in June.

Parish Council Nominations

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection basket or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They **are eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

Heidi Gorski, Eric Lieberman, Melissa Scheetz, Martin Smith

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

Term expires 2023

John Consugar, Darren DeArment, Patty O'Neill, Nick Quinn

Term expires 2024

Joseph Gerchak, Joseph Kurtek, Nannette Major, Al Norkus, John Powers

President: Robert Bechtel

1st Vice-President: Kevin McNamara

2nd Vice- President: Darren DeArment

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Nomination Ballot

I Nominate:

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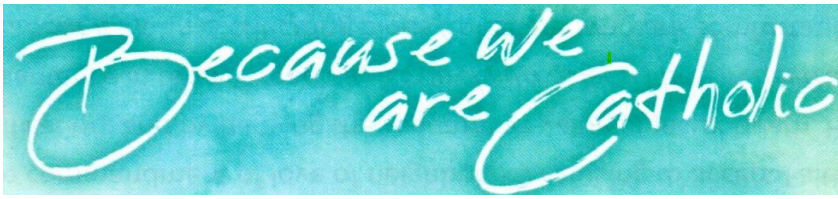
Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Friday, June 3rd.



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.

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."



DIOCESE OF
ALLENTOWN

Funds raised through the Because We are **Catholic Annual Appeal** are directed to Community Services, Education, Vocations and Parish Life programs and activities throughout the Diocese. The distribution of dollars, which are held in a Trust that is restricted for these purposes, is monitored by a group of volunteer Trust Advisors who represent parish communities in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

Community Services

- ◆ 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

The administration cost of running the Appeal is approximately \$250,000/year, which is about 6%. In other words, every one dollar spent on the Appeal makes an additional \$15 available for direct service, ministries, and pastoral care.

Donate online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org / Phone 800-831.4443.

Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care

Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- * Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds
- * Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO** Perennials are permitted.
- * All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- * Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden
- * All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- * Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

Yard Sale—Curiosity Shop — May 20/21 —

Friday, May 20 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Russell Building at 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.



May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

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

In the reading from John's Gospel today, Jesus eases into the message he has for his disciples – a message he knows they don't want to hear: He has to leave them. But Jesus tells his disciples that if they love him and keep his commandments, he and the Father will “make their dwelling” within them. He then assures them they will not be alone: The Advocate will come to not only remind them of all he taught them, but also teach them everything they need to know in the future. Finally, he offers them peace, the peace that comes only through the Spirit and draws them closer to God. Though Jesus knows they are broken-hearted that he is leaving, he tells them to rejoice if they love him, for he is returning to his Father. Jesus' words to the first disciples ring true for every disciple throughout the ages. He does not leave anyone who loves him alone. He sends his Spirit to dwell in us, to teach and remind us of his love and how to love one another. The Spirit guides us, encourages us, and sustains us – always. We are never alone.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The first Christians, guided by the Holy Spirit, shared this message with the Gentile communities to whom they were ministering: “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.” This is a profound moment in the Church as it shows first, the power of the Holy Spirit working in and with the Apostles; and second, the importance of faith (not ritual circumcision, or other human laws) for salvation. The Gospel is intended for all, without exception, and the Holy Spirit is our help and our Advocate in our own lives of faith, and in our sharing of that faith with others. Let us seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit in all we do, that we might be a blessing, not a burden, for everyone seeking the glory of God's light.

STUDY The Acts of the Apostles is an amazing account of how Jesus' followers grew from a small group of frightened people into the courageous and zealous missionaries who founded his Church. Read the *catechism* from 687-747 to learn more about the Holy Spirit and pray for the grace to let him work in and through you for the salvation of all who seek him.



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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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.

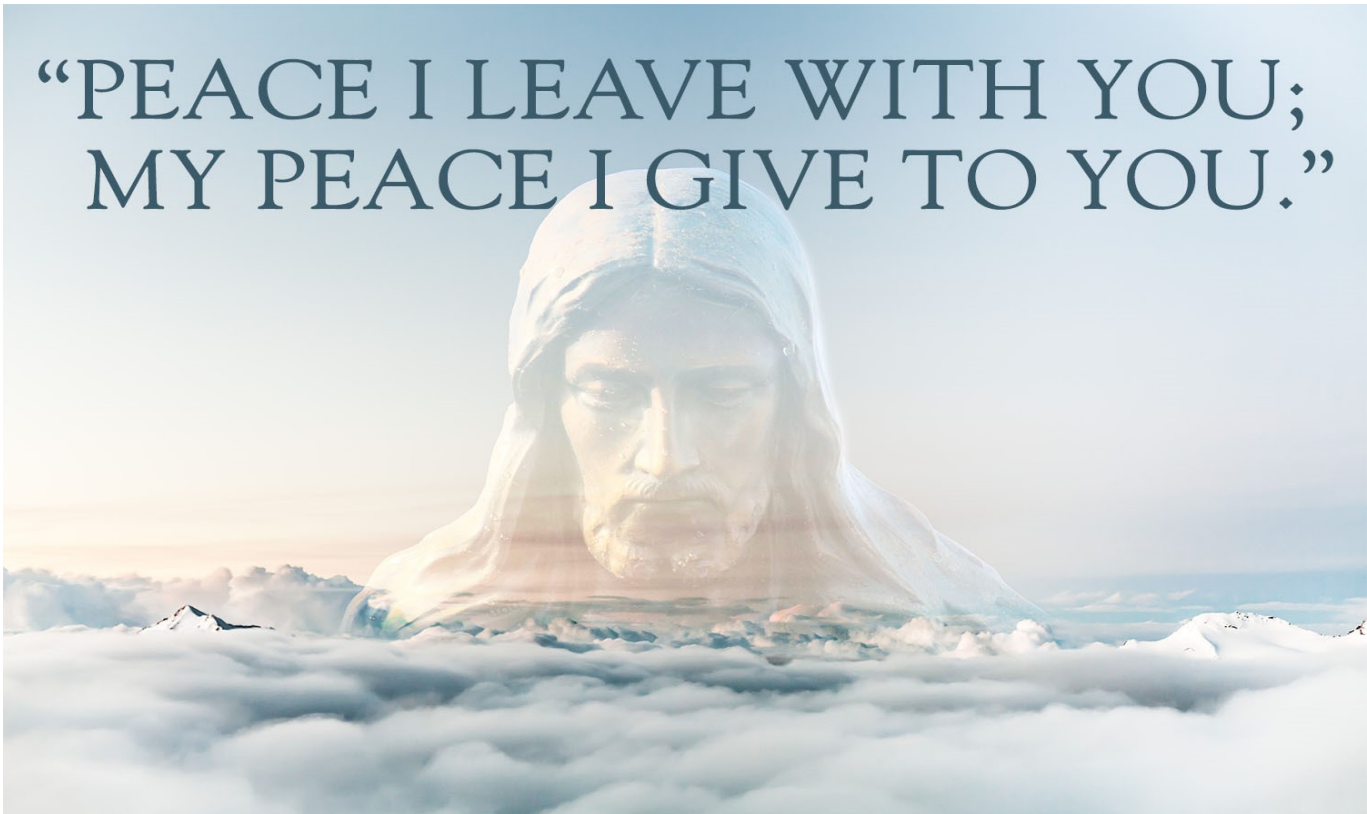
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays..... 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..
or by appointment

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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“PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.”