

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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May 24, 2026 • Pentecost



COME,
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF
THE FAITHFUL

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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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Diocese of Allentown Website

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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.

Communion for the Homebound

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.

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: *Sherri Post, Tom Jefferson, Kathy Vicic*

"Note: We will keep names on the prayer list for a period of three months. Please let us know if you would like your name or your family member's name to remain on the list longer."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23

5:00 p.m. Bertha & John Kralick
(Mirabella Family)

Sunday, May 24

8:15 a.m. Frances Lorenz
(Living Intention)
(Kelley Eroh)

Sunday, May 24

10:30 a.m. Earl & Florence Tropp
Martin J. Kern
(John & Bernice Petock)

Monday, May 25

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

Tuesday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Wednesday, May 27

9:00 a.m. Andrew Walcott
(Ronald & Mary Ellen
Renninger)

Thursday, May 28

9:00 a.m. Kevin Keating
(Ron & Pat Lombel)

Friday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Anna Ulicny
(Jared, Joel, Joyce Gerace)

Saturday, May 30

5:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Cross
(Lou Cross &
Marlo Cross Lipko)

Sunday, May 31

8:15 a.m. Sylvia Angelo
(Richard & Michelle Stone)

Sunday, May 31

10:30 a.m. Anna Orłowsky
(Joe Orłowsky)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As we look at the Holy Eucharist, last week we were focusing on the meaning of receiving Communion. In short, receiving Communion brings us into union with Jesus and it is a sign of our union with the Church.

Today let's remind ourselves of *how* to receive Communion. For those who faithfully attend Mass every weekend, or even daily, receiving Communion is routine. But with routine comes the danger of not thinking about what we're doing, or allowing bad habits to creep in.

When approaching the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister who is holding the Blessed Sacrament, we bow our heads as a sign of reverence for the Eucharist. There seems to be a growing number of people who choose to kneel down to receive Communion. Although officially we are asked to stand, kneeling seems to be acceptable. (Our Bishop does not object to kneeling, so who am I to object?)

When the minister of Communion holds the host and announces "The Body of Christ" we respond "Amen." We should stand (or kneel) close enough to the minister and make it obvious whether we are receiving on the tongue (by opening one's mouth and keeping hands folded) or in the hand. To receive in the hand, we use *both* hands by placing the dominant hand underneath the other, allowing the minister to place the host on our hands (never *taking* the host), and using the other hand to consume it immediately. If you do not have both hands free, please consider receiving on the tongue.

Holy Communion must be consumed immediately upon receiving. If someone is noticed walking away with a host, that individual will be stopped immediately. Because of what and Who we believe the Eucharist to be, we are careful to guard against any danger of sacrilege. If ever you find a host on the floor or any place it should not be, please pick it up and immediately bring it to a priest or deacon.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

Readers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Please consider if our Lord is calling you to one of these roles. Our current liturgical ministers are sometimes spread very thin, especially in the summer, making it difficult to fill the schedule. If you might be interested in one of these roles, please see Fr. Bobbin.



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.

Next Week's Readings

Most Holy Trinity
(May 30/31)

Reading I: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

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, Phyllis Hess, Ray Petrilla, 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 in June.

Summer Festival July 17 & 18

2026 Summer Festival season is here! We are so very excited to get the word out on all the new and great things that we have in store!

Friday, July 17th, we are so blessed to have our very own **Dave Derbes** once again entertain us. Dave is a festival staple bringing all our acoustic favorite relaxing tunes. Join us in kicking off a great weekend of friends, family and fellowship.

Saturday, July 18th, back by popular demand—**“Michele & the Lost Boys”**. We are so excited to welcome back the former members of the band Sapphire—Michele, Eric, Bill and Jim. They will bring all our favorite hits from the 50’s, 60s, 70s, 80s. Enjoy their amazing acoustic music in our shaded seating area or out on the dance floor. So many toe tapping tunes from 6 to 9 p.m. **Bar** area will be open until 9:30 p.m. both nights! We have the coldest beer, great wine selections and a variety of Smirnoff and wine coolers.

Pig Roast- We are elated to welcome back **Don Tassone** with Tassone’s Catering for another incredible roasted pig! We will offer platters again as well as ala carte items— macaroni & cheese, fresh corn on the cob, coleslaw and French Fries. New delectables will include Sloppy Joes and fresh Fruit Cups.

Atomic Kitchen—Bubble Teas and Bobas are second to none! Impossible Sliders, Mushroom Swiss Burgers and grilled Vegetable Rice!

Pugh Family Bean Soup—the Pugh Family is celebrating 59 years of stirring the pot! Amazing homemade Bean Soup made over a smokey wood fire — a tradition so incredibly delicious! A true festival staple!

Bleenies—the crew is ready to deep fry one of your favorites!

Games—we have new additions to our family fun and games this year including a lighted Ring Toss, make your own Beaded Bracelets and we are hoping to bring back the DUNK TANK!. Dino Dig, Nerf Shootout will also return along with many prizes.

Pot Luck Stand—we are still collecting donations. The stand will once again have fantastic prizes for everyone!

Specials Table—Be sure to visit this table for a chance to win a variety of themed baskets and special prizes!

Mark your calendars! Celebrate with us or volunteer and have fun working with us! The very best part of St. John’s are the people — we can’t wait to see you!

Summer Festival — T-Shirts

We are offering St John’s Summer Festival t-shirts for all to buy! The t-shirt brand is Comfort Colors- incredibly soft and very durable to last! It will be a one-sided design on the front of the shirt - a beautiful drawing of our church and some fun festival food as well! The shirt was designed by a well loved local graphic design business Nora’s Pawesome Tees! We will have pre-sales in the back of church after Masses until 5/24- the shirts will be ready and delivered in June. All shirts must be paid for at time of the order. The color of the shirts is Lagoon Blue—it’s a shade of teal. We will have a sample shirt in the back of the church for everyone to see!

T-Shirt Order Form

Please complete this order form, enclose in an envelope, drop in the collection basket along with the cost.

Name _____ Phone _____

Size (s) _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Adults: S—XL = \$23.00 / 2 XL: \$25.00 / 3 XL: \$27.00 / 4 XL: \$29.00 /
Children: \$18.00

Weekly Collection

May 16/17\$4,306.20
Improv.& Repairs\$1,563.00
Ascension.....\$1,108.00

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& 2. Special Intention

St. Joseph

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy
by Joan Grapsy Family

Sanctuary

IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger
by Wollyung Family

Guardian Angels

1. For Zary & Al
by Neil & Francis Manus
2, 3, 4. IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo

Liturgical Min. Schedule

Most Holy Trinity

May 30— 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Patricia O’Neill
EM: Gerry Schwartz, John O’Neill
Server: Gerry Schwartz
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

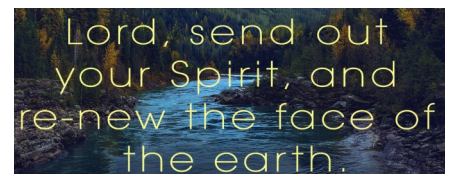
May 31— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: John Crane
EM: Jeff Naffin, Bob Bechtel
Servers: Finley McNamara
Gabriel Scheidel
Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

May 31 —10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Vincent Balulis
EM: Frank Murphy, Justina Majestic
Servers: Maggie & Rhyan Brennan
Cantor: Ensemble

Weekend Sacristan: RJ Post



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.

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

Term expires 2027

Bob Burns, Tara DeStefano, Melissa Scheetz, Michelle Stone, Gretchen Witman

Term Expires 2028

Christine Black, Kenneth Cooper, Kelley Eroh, Charles Kustan, Barbara Munster, Marianne Wollyung

President: John Crane

1st Vice-President: Heidi Gorski

2nd Vice-President: Kay Wollyung

Past President: Darren DeArment

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Nomination Ballot

I Nominate:

(a) _____

(a) _____

(a) _____

**Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket
by Friday, June 5th**

Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop -- Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the May Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale. Thank you also to all those who purchased items, donated baked goods, or volunteered to work at the sale. We are very grateful for all your support!

Our Volunteers *Kate Blackwell, Mary Bound, Darla Fabiani, Barbara Fox, Pat Klassen, Lucilla Kochol, Jan Kurtek, Maureen Kurtek, Charlene Leshner, Fran Lorenz, Chris Maccarone, Maria Mason, Judy Meseravage, Carole Quirin, Reene Reddington, Carol Rehnert, Pat Scheetz, Natalie Setlock, Theresa Skrobak, Linda Smith, Peggy Smith, Joanne Wood.*

Our Bakers *Kate Blackwell, Mary Bound, Darla Fabiani, Millie Fredericks, Jan Kurtek, Fran Lorenz, Chris Maccarone, Hilda Maley, Pat Scheetz.*

Total Profits: \$ 933.10

Boyer's Food Markets – Caring & Sharing Rebate Program

The physical Caring Sharing key tags will no longer be part of the new system. A new Customer Rewards Program will be implemented which will provide rewards, discounts, and digital coupons for every individual customer. All participating shoppers must enroll in the Boyer's Rewards Program and assign their designated charity to their account. This transition will take place in June. Flyers are posted in stores -- for more information, please contact customerservice@boyersfood.com.

Parish Council

Please approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the next meeting on **June 8th**.

Elected Members

- Vincent Balulis
- Chris Black
- Ann Blankenhorn
- Bob Burns
- Kenneth Cooper
- John Crane
- Michelle Darhun
- Darren DeArment
- Tara DeStefano
- Kelley Eroh
- Heidi Gorski
- Charles Kustan
- Barbara Munster
- Reene Reddington
- Missy Scheetz
- Michelle Stone
- Gretchen Witman
- Kay Wollyung
- Marianne Wollyung
- Robert Wollyung

Appointed Members

- John Consugar
- Tina Seiger

Ex-Officio

- Father Kevin Bobbin
- Deacon Robert Reiley
- Ray Petrilla
- Ed Brahler

Faithful Departed

Please remember in your prayers those who during the past year have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.

May 2025—May 2026

- Sandra Bosche
- Laurita Buehler
- Joseph R. Burns
- Joseph F. Burns Sr.
- Robert J. Doyle Sr.
- John Fredericks
- John Gerace
- Anthony Kochol Jr.
- Mark McCormick
- Thomas McPhillips
- James A. Minchhoff Sr.
- William Pugh
- Carol Ann Rhoades
- Virginia Visot
- Francis Wetzel

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Contributions to the **Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal** directly fund vital Community Services, Catholic Education, Vocations, and Parish Life programs across our Diocese.

To ensure your gifts are used as intended, these funds are held in a restricted Trust overseen by dedicated volunteer advisors from Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties.

As we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown, please enjoy this collection of new and "throwback" photos highlighting our shared journey!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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



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May 24, 2026
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Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20:19-23

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The Solemnity of Pentecost is about the gift of the Spirit in our lives. St. Paul reminds us that despite the variety of gifts we have received, we are one Body. To make sense of this, consider that on a human level, some of us are introverts, while others are extroverts. Each personality type has particular gifts and struggles. Sometimes, our differing personality types can grate on each other, causing tension. And yet, how often do others who are our “opposites” remind us of truths we often forget? (Speaking as an extrovert, I need introverts to remind me that you can often learn more from quiet listening than talking out loud.) So, too, with spiritual gifts! As we consider the ways God has gifted each of us, let us remember that the differences between us have a specific purpose: to equip all of us to grow and experience the fullness of life in Christ.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our first reading, we see that the Holy Spirit enables the disciples to speak in languages they did not know. While they were given an extraordinary spiritual gift to do so, today’s missionaries serving in foreign lands must learn the local language to effectively minister among the people they serve. No matter where we find ourselves, perhaps we, too, can learn a new “language,” or find new ways to live our faith and share the Gospel. Effective evangelization happens when we can look to the “signs of the times” and propose, “in language intelligible to each generation,” that Jesus Christ is the answer to the “perennial questions” which arise in each human heart. (*Gaudium et spes* 4)

INVITATION

The word Catholic comes from a Greek word meaning, “according to the whole” or “universal.” As we see in today’s first reading, from the beginning of our Church, the Spirit’s desire was to gather people of every nation, tribe, and tongue into the one Body of the Church. The Catholic Church is a global communion, consisting of the Latin Church and 23 Eastern Churches that worship according to their particular rite, customs, and language. Each of these Churches has unique spiritual gifts that enrich the wider Church. Plan to visit another Catholic Church in your area that worships in a different language or rite than your own to experience the manifold gifts of the Spirit that exist in every place where the Church is.

For our Troops

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2Chr.7:14 NIV)

Please join us in our prayers for the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and other countries who are now in harm’s way in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other parts of the world. We thank them and their families for their sacrifices. We are grateful for the ultimate price of freedom paid by those fallen.

- We** pray for strength and courage for the POWs and Missing in Action and those held hostage.
- We** pray for the protection and safety of selfless relief workers and missionaries who help those in need.
- We** pray for the protection of children and innocent civilians.
- We** pray for our nation and our leaders.



MEMORIAL DAY
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