

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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May 28, 2023 • Pentecost Sunday



COME,  
HOLY SPIRIT  
FILL THE HEARTS OF  
THE FAITHFUL



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 27

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

### Sunday, May 28

8:15 a.m. Patricia & Freeman Ralston  
(Linda Ralston)

### Sunday, May 28

10:30 a.m. Dolly Parsick  
(Joanne Schultz  
& Debbie Herb)

### Monday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Mary Eileen Grabowski  
(Time Change) (Grabowski Family)

### Tuesday, May 30

9:00 a.m. Earl & Florence Tropp

### Wednesday, May 31

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

### Thursday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Nancy Brahler Newton  
(John & Barb Powers)

### Friday, June 2

9:00 a.m. George, Charles, Harold,  
Paul, Carl, James  
Bartholomew  
(Frances Lorenz)

### Saturday, June 3

5:00 p.m. Anna Orlowsky  
(Joe Orlowsky & Family)

### Sunday, June 4

8:15 a.m. Georgene Lynn, George  
Lynn, George Post  
(Sandi & Sheri Post)

### Sunday, June 4

10:30 a.m. Dec. of Anthony Schaeffer  
Family  
(Eleanor Schaeffer)

## Message from Father Bobbin

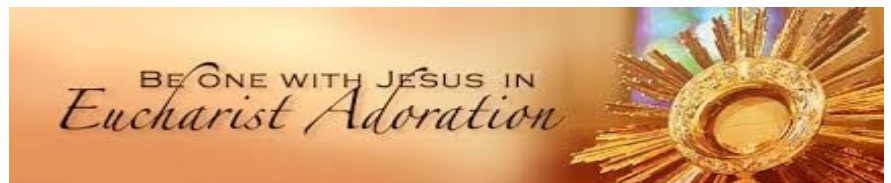
Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the last day of the Easter season. Pentecost was a Jewish feast day for which the Jewish people were expected to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. While Jerusalem was filled with devout Jewish people from many different places, speaking many different languages, the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles, inspiring them to share the Gospel message of the death and resurrection of Jesus for the salvation of the world. Many people responded by following Jesus.

The Holy Spirit has not left the Church from the moment He came on that original Pentecost. If it seems like the Christian faith has declined in many places (such as 21<sup>st</sup> century America), or if it seems like your own faith needs to become stronger, it is important to remember that the Spirit dwells in us today. The Apostles had nothing we do not still have today. Make a habit of praying to the Holy Spirit each day for His guidance and inspiration. "Stir up" the presence of the Spirit within yourself.

We also need to keep in mind something that Acts of the Apostles does not tell us about Pentecost but must have been true. The Holy Spirit did not just inspire the Apostles to spread the Gospel. The Spirit also must have been touching the hearts of the *listeners* so that they were open to accepting the Gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire more people, perhaps specific people in your own life, to be more open to the truths of our faith and the way of life we are called to as followers of Christ.

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.
- ◆ 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

### The Most Holy Trinity

(June 3/4)

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

**Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Gospel:** John 3:16-18

## 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  
Tom Jefferson • Theresa Chapman • Josephine Gallagher

## Upcoming Calendar

### June

11	11:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Day .....	Church
12	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council .....	L.H.
14	8:00 p.m.	St. John's Beneficial Society .....	F.R.
21	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg .....	L.H.

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



### Eucharistic Day

On **Sunday, June 11**, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we will celebrate our "Eucharistic Day." The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from the end of the 10:30 Mass throughout the afternoon. Please consider spending some time with our Lord in prayer. Please join us at 5:00pm for a closing Liturgy of the Word and Benediction followed by a pot luck supper in Longinus Hall. If you plan to join us for the supper, RSVP by call-

ing the rectory or adding your name to the sign-up paper in church. If you can bring something for the supper, please call the rectory or fill out the sign-up paper in church.

### 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.



### Family Matters

**Honoring Veterans.** In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

### Catholic Trivia Night

**Wednesday, June 7th at 7p.m.** at The Crimson House in Pottsville. Come out for a fun night out, featuring three rounds of trivia to test your knowledge about faith, history, and other topics! Prizes for the winning team. Hosted by Maggie Riggins and Robert Johnson from The Office of Evangelization and Formation. This is an event for anyone and everyone. No RSVP required. Table reservations can be made by contacting The Crimson House: Lunch Dinner Food Pottsville Pa | PA 17901 | The Crimson House

### Weekly Collections

**May 20/21** .....\$3,180.40  
**Improve. & Repairs.** .....\$1,326.00  
**Ascension**.....\$1,380.00

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

### Second Collection

#### Next Weekend—June 3/4

... will be taken up for this year's **Summer Festival**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Candles

#### BVM

1. IMO M/M John J. Carroll Sr. by Family
2. Special Intention

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO Liv. & Dec. Tamburelli Family by Herb Tamburelli
2. IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo

#### Sanctuary

IMO Marjorie Angelo  
by Frank Angelo

#### Guardian Angels

- 1&2. Special Intention
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy & Family

### Liturgical Min. Schedule

#### June 3 — 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Patty O'Neill

**Euch.Min.:** John O'Neill

**Server:** Finley & Lukas McNamara

**Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

#### June 4 — 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Bobby Bechtel

**Euch.Min.:** John Corbacio

**Servers:** Ethan Grabowski

**Cantor:** Ed Brahler

#### June 4 — 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** MaryMatulevich

**Acolyte:** John Matulevich

**Server:** Maggie & Rhyann Brennan

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

## Faithful Departed

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

### May 2022—May 2023

Frederick Brahler  
Edward Buber  
Nancy Centra  
Elaine Grapsy  
Kathleen Hohman  
Ann Lotz  
Ann Lowe  
Michael Maccarone  
Nicole Melusky  
Kelly Jo Messina  
Mark Mickey  
Justina Mitchell  
Nancy Brahler Newton  
Janice Rehnert  
Paul Rosenberger  
Thomas Schenck  
Patricia Thomas  
Theresa Tuite  
William Webber  
Walter Yackel  
Carol Zuppert

## New Altar Servers

We invite any boys and girls currently finishing fourth grade or older to consider becoming altar servers. Parents, please speak with Father Bobbin or Deacon Lonergan, or call the rectory. We will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for training.

## 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

## 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."*

## 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 not eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

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

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

### Term expires 2024

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

### Term expires 2025

***Michael Brennan, John Crane, Heidi Gorski, Sr. Mary Jane Hahner, Michael Hummel***

**President:** Kevin McNamara

**1st Vice-President:** Darren DeArment

## Nomination Ballot

**I Nominate:**

**(a)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(a)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(a)** \_\_\_\_\_

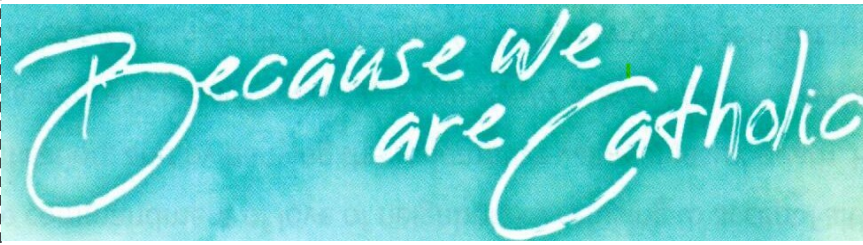
**Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Friday, June 2nd.**

## DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE IN THE HOSPITAL?

The HIPPA privacy protection act prohibits the release of patient information admitted to hospitals or nursing homes. Each facility interprets HIPPA differently which often precludes the sharing of this information with your pastor.

In the event of a loved one being hospitalized or admitted to a long term care facility, an authorized family member should inform the parish office.

If Father's schedule permits he will visit your loved one. Remember the number of our priests in the area have dwindled. If it is an EMERGENCY, we will have a priest attend to your loved ones needs in a timely fashion. Please do not wait until the last possible moment to contact a priest. Please also note that patients admitted through the Emergency Room are not asked to specify a religion/priest/or parish. **A Family member needs to inform the parish office.**



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**ANNUAL APPEAL** Many thanks to those who have made a pledge. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

## Summer Festival — July 14 & 15

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Summer Festival news and excitement!

Saturday July 15 The **"New Individuals"** —oldies and party band — will help us celebrate the return of our beloved festival! They will play 6:30pm-9:30pm. The New Individuals play many venues locally, but also have been featured at the Bloomsburg Fair, Gratz Fair, and Knoebels! They play an exciting mix of 50's, 60's, and 70's music that is sure to get your toes tapping! Come share a dance, or grab a seat and enjoy with us!

The wonderful **Dave Derbes** will be playing acoustic Friday evening July 14. We have been blessed in years past with Dave's voice not only at Mass but as part of our festival entertainment - upbeat and relaxing!

Please stay tuned for more Summer Festival updates- new and exciting changes but yet still keeping those traditions that made our Festival OURS, and one of a kind!

#### Summer Festival — Pot Luck Stand

We are still seeking new items for the Pot Luck stand for the Summer Festival. We need more than 150 adult or children prizes. Prizes can be gift cards, household items, kids puzzles, crafts, toys, etc. We thank those who have already donated and thank you for all future donations. Bins are available in the back of church for donations. Any questions or to schedule a drop off, please contact Maureen Derbes at 570-691-6098.



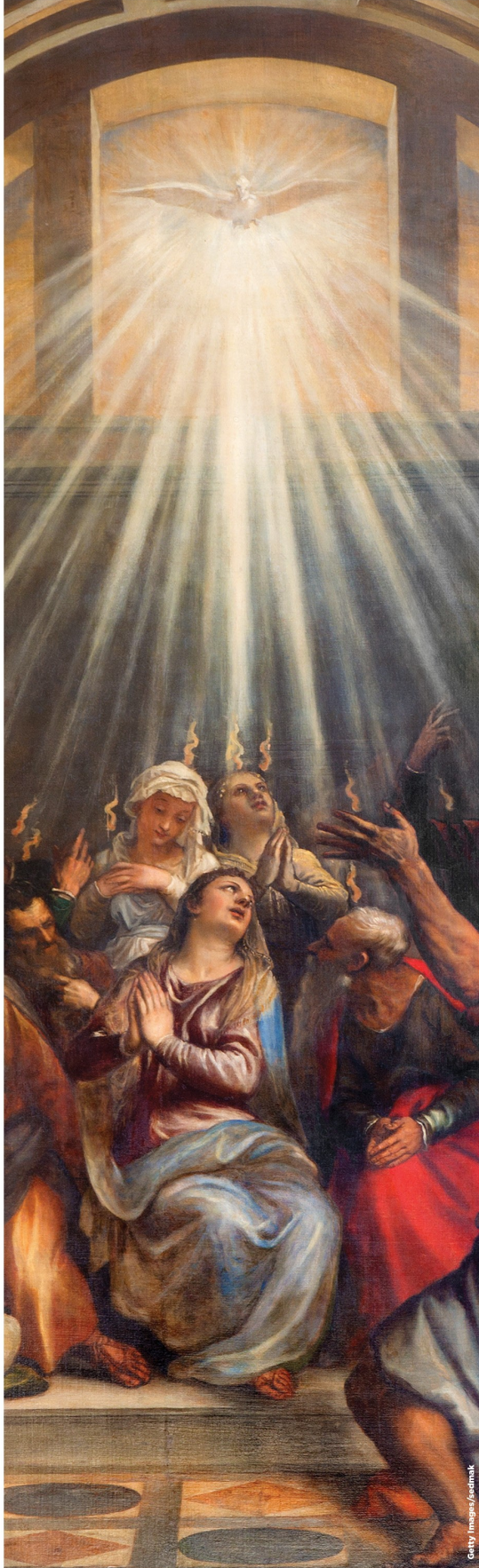
#### Nativity BVM School News ...

**Soccer Camp.** This camp aims to strengthen, condition and improve young soccer players for future play. Boys and girls entering grades 3 through 9 are welcome ... **June 12 to 16** ... Grades 3 to 5 — 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Grades 6 to 9—6:30 to 8 p.m. at the school's Baseball/Softball field. Cost \$65.00 includes individual instruction, team concepts, competitions. Please call the high school at 570-622-8110 for more information.

**Basketball Camp.** This camp will be held at the school from **July 24 to 27** (grades 2 to 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; grades 6 to 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$60; siblings \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Basketball fundamental skill development, offense and defense stations, one on one and group skill instruction, competition and games which will incorporate basketball skills and team work. Please contact Coach Scott Forney at 570-573-4275 for more information.

**Volleyball Camp** Please join the 2023 Nativity Green Wave Volleyball Team for Nativity Little Girls Volleyball Camp for girls entering 3rd to 8th grade to be held **July 17, 18, 19, 20** at the school gymnasium. Girls in grades 3, 4, 5 — 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Girls in grades 6, 7, 8, — 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost \$75.00 which includes individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, T-shirt. Instruction is by Nativity coaching staff, former and current Nativity players. Brochures available at the school. Please call Mrs. Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 for more information.





May 28, 2023

## Pentecost Sunday

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

As a college student, I found myself sitting near the information desk during a layover at a German airport. This was in the days before mobile phones and Google Translate. I remember being so impressed that the two young women behind the desk were able to answer questions in so many languages without missing a beat. Whether it was Spanish, French, German or English, each traveler heard an answer in their own language. I often think that must have been what it was like for the travelers to Jerusalem during Pentecost. They were in an unfamiliar place and yet God spoke to them in a way they could understand. And the beautiful thing about the Pentecost story is that it is not just relating one single moment in time. Instead, it is the start of the Holy Spirit's ministry here on earth, and in our baptism, we, too, receive the same gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation completes the grace we receive at baptism, since we receive a "special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285) We, too, are given the tools to go forth and speak to others even when we are afraid they may not understand. Let us remember St. Paul's words from the second reading: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." And then let us go out and use those gifts for the greater glory of God.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The idea of evangelizing is uncomfortable for many people. Sure, it was fine for the disciples to go out and start talking to strangers, but us? No way. However, evangelization doesn't have to mean starting conversations on the street (although it can!). Instead, it might be making the sign of the cross before a meal in a restaurant, mentioning Mass when a co-worker asks what you did over the weekend, or displaying a crucifix in your home where visitors will see it. In these small ways, we can encourage others to open the door for God to "shine within these hearts of yours," as today's Gospel Sequence says.

**PRAY** St. Paul reminds us today that we are all "baptized into one body" and "we were all given to drink of one Spirit." In today's divisive world, it can be difficult to remember that. Let us pray for one another knowing that all Christians – even those who may annoy us – are joined together in the same body of Christ. Specifically, have as your at-the-ready prayer this week for all circumstances, the following: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*



**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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**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

#### **Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services**

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