

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 1, 2025

7TH SUNDAY
of Easter



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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

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-1562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Diocese of Allentown Website

www.allentowndiocese.org



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, Tony Kochol, Tom Jefferson, Doug Broughton*

For our Deceased: *John Fredericks*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 31

5:00 p.m. Cathy & Charles Bowers
(Kathleen Williams)

Sunday, June 1

8:15 a.m. Susan Legase
(Sandi, Sheri, F.J. Post III)

Sunday, June 1

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

Monday, June 2

9:00 a.m. William & Veronica Schmitt
(Time Change) (Shawn & Karen Schmitt)

Tuesday, June 3

9:00 a.m. William Ketner
(Josephine Gallagher
& Mary Ann Schweikert)

Wednesday, June 4

9:00 a.m. John Gerace
(Tony & Lucilla Kochol)

Thursday, June 5 — NO MASS

Friday, June 6 — NO MASS

Saturday, June 7

5:00 p.m. Joe Brahler
(Kathy Brahler)

Sunday, June 8

8:15 a.m. Anthony S. Gaburick
(Anne Gaburick & Family)

Sunday, June 8

10:30 a.m. Scottie Glunz
(Karen Lenard)

Message from Father Bobbin

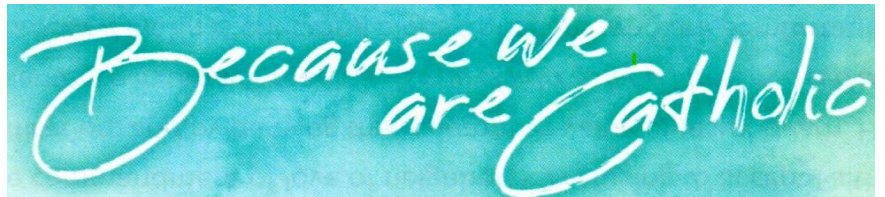
Dear Parishioners,

Another school year is coming to an end... We congratulate all of this year's graduates from our parish family. Our prayers go with them as they move to the next level of education or into a new career.

This is also the time for ordinations. On Saturday our diocese will celebrate the ordination of one new priest: Father Robert Rienzo. Many of you know Bobby from his time at our parish as a seminarian and pastoral assistant. We are grateful to him for saying yes to God's call. Our prayers go with him as he begins his ministry as a priest.

On that note, please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Consider taking our vocation crucifix home for a week. The sign-up paper is always on the table in the back of church. Last year our diocese ordained five new priests. Next year there will be six. But, unfortunately, these numbers are not normal. We have very few seminarians left after next year. Our Lord will always provide for His Church, but we need to do our part by asking Him to send us priests and religious sisters and brothers, by encouraging vocations, and creating environments where young people can more easily hear God's call and know that they will have the support they need to respond.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin



We are grateful to all who pledged their support to the 2025 Because We Are Catholic Appeal. Your gift will allow our Diocese to meet the many and varied needs of people in our community. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

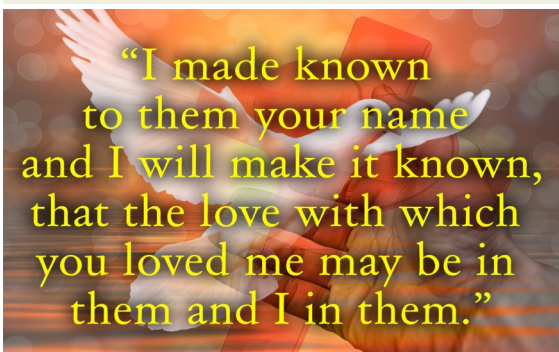
Parish Goal: \$15,796.00

Total Collected: \$4,485.00

Number of Donors: 43

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. Amen.



Upcoming Events

June

9	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg. L.H.
11	8:00 p.m.	St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg F.R.
18	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg..... 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 18/19, 2025

Campfire for JESUS!

Campfire, songs, music, hot dogs and smores! What is missing from that list is you! This event is for everyone. Make it a date night, bring the kids or just come on your own and enjoy the evening with friends. Let's have a relaxing night around the campfire and praise our God. Not a singer? That's okay, because we will provide the music for you.

Join us on **June 4 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Russell Building parking lot** with your lawn chair and blankets. We will utilize the fire area to make a campfire, roast hot dogs and make smore's. We will also have some kid friendly activities to do too such as a kiddy pool with water toys, corn hole game, bubbles, sidewalk chalk.

Sign up in the back of church or use the QR code to sign up. You will need a Google email to sign up.



SCAN ME

Nativity BVM High School - Theology Teacher—Full Time—Immediate Opening

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the position of Theology Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Catechist Certification required. Interested candidates for the position should send resume, certifications and all clearances to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901. Email: Isabol@nativitybvm.net

Assumption BVM School. We're Hiring! Are you a dynamic and innovative educational and faith leader with a strong commitment to Catholic education, Catholic values, and academic excellence in Schuylkill County? ABVM is seeking a dedicated Principal to guide our students, staff, and community in faith, excellence, and service. We are looking for a leader who: * Has a passion for education * Inspires excellence in others * Nurtures a faith-centered school community. Apply today or share with someone who would be a great fit! Apply using the link below or the QR code. <https://allentowndiocese.isolvedhire.com/jobs/1437702>



St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is looking for a dedicated and compassionate **Teacher Aide** to join our team. This part-time position follows a school-day schedule and provides the opportunity to work hands-on with students of all abilities in a supportive classroom setting under the guidance of a teacher. If you are enthusiastic, patient, and eager to make a difference in the lives of our students, we would love to hear from you! For more information or to apply, Contact **Principal Bob Giba** at rgiba@stjosephctr.com or call (570) 622-4638.

Candles

BVM

1. Special Intention
2. IMO William & Veronica Schmitt by Shawn & Karen Schmitt

St. Joseph

1. IMO Thomas & Ann Stone by Rick & Michelle Stone
2. IMO Thomas & Kayoko Stone by Rick & Michelle Stone

Sanctuary

IMO William & Veronica Schmitt by Shawn & Karen Schmitt

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Joyce Leinheiser by Family
2. IMO Adam Duffy by Rick & Michelle Stone
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

Pentecost Sunday

June 7—5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patricia O'Neill

EM: Frank Murphy, Debbie Herb

Servers: Connor & Cooper Felty

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

June 8— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

EM: Joseph Palmieri, Janet Daubert

Server: Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

June 8— 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Michelle Heenan

EM: Justina Majestic, John Crane

Server: Gabriel Scheidel

Cantor: Dave Derbes

Weekend Sacristan: Ryan Grabowski



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 2026

Vincent Balulis, Ann Blankenhorn, Michelle Darhun, Reese Reddington, Kay & Bob Wollyung

Term expires 2027

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

President: *Darren DeArment*

1st Vice-President: *John Crane*

2nd Vice-President: *Heidi Gorski*

Nomination Ballot

I Nominate:

(a) _____

(a) _____

(a) _____

Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Friday, June 6th

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, Darla Fabiani, Sandy Frinzi, Phyllis Hess, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak, Beth Smith, Joanne Wood*

The more the merrier — newcomers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning on June 14th.

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 call the rectory. We will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for training.



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.

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

Monday, June 9th.

Elected Members

Vincent Balulis
Ann Blankenhorn
Michael Brennan
Bob Burns
John Crane
Michelle Darhun
Darren DeArment
Tara DeStefano
Heidi Gorski
Sr. Mary Jane Hahner
Michael Hummel
Reese Reddington
Missy Scheetz
Michelle Stone
Gretchen Witman
Kay Wollyung
Robert Wollyung

Appointed Members

John Consugar
Tina Seiger

Ex-Officio

Father Kevin Bobbin
Deacon Robert Reiley
Ray Petrilla
Ed Bähler

Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
IMO Harold Bartholomew
IMO James J. Bartholomew
IMO Robert Berger
IMO Rita Bartholomew Foley
John & Mildred Fredericks
Fr. Don Henry
IMO M/M Herbert Henry
IMO Joanne Hepler
IMO Clare & Linda Houser
IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
IMO Theresa Bartholomew Sencak
IMO Janet Bartholomew Whitaker
IMO Margaret Zelinsky
Living & Deceased of St. John's
CYO Program

Thank you for supporting our bulletin this month!

Summer Festival 2025 July 18 & 19

The Summer Festival Committee is very excited to announce this year's scheduled entertainment!

Friday evening 7/18 Our very own **Dave Derbes** will entertain us with some of our favorite relaxing acoustic tunes! Dave has been a wonderful staple and donates his talent to our festival entertainment every year, we are truly blessed!

Saturday evening 7/19 we are shaking things up and bringing a blast from the past celebration with **MICHELE AND THE LOST BOYS!** Former members of the band Sapphire: Michele Scribbick, Eric Ziegmont, Bill Adams, and Jim Oakum will bring us all your favorite hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s! Bring a lawn chair, your dancing shoes, or enjoy our shaded seating, listening to everything from Elvis, to Kiss, to Cyndi Lauper- and so many fun toe tapping tunes in between and more! They will play 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **mark those calendars now!**

We are also excited to announce a few new food additions as follows

A fantastically savory **Pig Roast** thanks to Don Tassone! Roasted on site-we can't wait!

The **Atomic Kitchen** vintage food truck will join us with amazing vegan options, impossible sliders, mushroom Swiss sandwiches, bubble teas, boba tea and more! Parishioners and food truck owners **Vince Balulis and Megan Homovich** will help add new and fun food options to our festival food line up! More announcements to come, please stay tuned!

Many more Pot Luck prizes needed!! Less than 100 days!

The **Midsummer Festival** will be here before you know it and we are asking for donations for our **Pot Luck Stands**, both Adult and Children. We thank you for your generosity in the past and hope we can count on your continued generosity.

Gift cards are highly recommended and can be placed in bins or dropped in collection basket – marked **Pot Luck..** We will also be utilizing our **Amazon Wish List** – it was very successful last year!

Prizes can also be placed in the bins in the back of church. Please remember we can only accept **NEW** or recently purchased boxed or wrapped items in their original package. Any old, use or opened items will not be used for prizes. If you wish, please include your name so we can keep track of those making prize donations.

Amazon -- Go to Amazon.com/registries. Search by St. John the Baptist Pottsville under Gift List. When purchasing an item, it will default to ship to Maureen Derbes. You may ship your items directly there for convenience or ship to your home and place in bins in back of church.

Any questions or concerns, or to arrange drop off, please call Maureen at 570-691-6098. Thank you very much for your generosity!



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.

Neighboring Events

Basket/Gift Raffle sponsored by Most Blessed Trinity Guild, 113 Cherry St. in Tremont on **Sunday, June 8th**. Doors open 11 a.m.; Drawing 1 p.m. Shop & Drop on Saturday, June 7th from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments available both days. Over 100 regular prizes plus Big Prizes and 50/50.

Christmas In July Basket Raffle. Mark your calendars! St. Joseph Center for Special Learning's annual **Christmas in July**

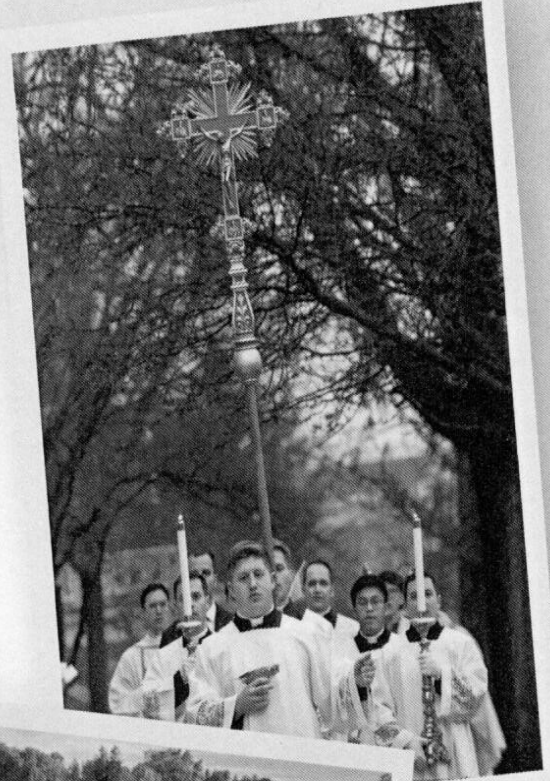
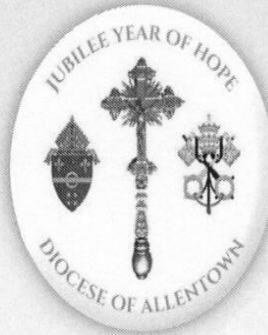
Basket Raffle will be held on **July 26 & 27** at the **St. Ambrose / SJC Parish Center**. Come out and support a fun summer tradition filled with great prizes and community cheer! We're also accepting donations of new items for the raffle. Donations can be dropped off at SJC during school hours. Your generosity makes this event a success! Thank you for your continued support!

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

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- Seminarian education and ongoing priestly formation.
- Training and support for the Permanent Diaconate.
- Discernment and outreach for young men and women considering the Priesthood or Religious Life.



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