

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 15, 2025 • Most Holy Trinity

*Father*

ONE GOD

and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

*Ephesians 4:6*

*Son*

THE WORD

became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

*Holy Spirit*

THE ADVOCATE,

the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name ~ he will teach  
you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

*John 14:26*

THE HOLY TRINITY



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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, Tom Jefferson, Doug Broughton, Kathy Vivic*

**For our Deceased:** *Tony Kochol*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 14

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased  
Fathers of St. John's  
Parish Family

### Sunday, June 15

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased  
Fathers of St. John's  
Parish Family

### Sunday, June 15

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased  
Fathers of St. John's  
Parish Family

### Monday, June 16

6:30 p.m. Mary & Irene Petrovich  
(Maureen & Dave Derbes)

### Tuesday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Alfred & Rita Halsey  
(Joseph, Sonya, Joe Halsey)

### Wednesday, June 18

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

### Thursday, June 19

6:30 p.m. Xenia Pristas  
(Time Change) (Randy Policare  
& Donna Spicher)

### Friday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Clara & Rose Fahim  
(Ron & Pat Lombel)

### Saturday, June 21

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

### Sunday, June 22

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

### Sunday, June 22

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

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We start our tour of the New Testament by looking at the four Gospels. Our first question should be: why four Gospels? Isn't one account of the life of Jesus enough? Why has the Church recognized four Gospels as the inspired Word of God and retained them as part of Sacred Scripture? Because it is simply impossible to capture the mystery of Jesus Christ in just one story (or even four). Suppose some great, newsworthy event takes place. We will learn a lot more about the event from multiple witness accounts instead of just one. All of the witness accounts will agree on the important facts, but different witnesses will contribute different details and perspectives.

This is true of the four Gospels. Each Gospel has a different style. Each Gospel contributes different details. Certain Gospels are addressed to Christians of Jewish background, the others to Christians of Gentile background. We come to a much deeper knowledge of Jesus by reading all four Gospels.

It is difficult to notice the differences among the four Gospels at Mass because we only read short, isolated passages at Mass. Over the next few weeks we will look at each Gospel as a whole, one at a time.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin

## Attention Altar Servers

Thank you so much for your faithful service to our Parish!

Bishop Schlert is pleased to invite you to join him at the Cathedral for a special Eucharistic procession on **June 22, 2025** - Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) Sunday.

**\*\*Altar Servers who wish to vest for the Eucharistic Procession are asked to report to the lower level of the Cathedral with their vestments by 2:30pm. All servers will be seated by the ushers in a special section before the prayer service and Eucharistic Procession.\*\***

## 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.

## Next Week's Readings

**Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ** (June 21/22)

**Reading I:** Genesis 14:18-20

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Gospel:** Luke 9:11b-17

## St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union. Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, June 18th, at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall**. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Covered Dish Dinner. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!



## Nativity BVM High School ....

### Nativity BVM Celebrates 69th Commencement Exercises

Nativity BVM High School celebrated its 69th Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 30, 2025. A total of 64 graduates walked across the stage, celebrated for their academic achievements, service, and personal growth. Collectively, the Class of 2025 was offered more than \$12 million in scholarships, grants, and aid—accepting nearly \$5 million to support their future academic endeavors.

Leading the Class of 2025 was Valedictorian Sam Spolski, who delivered a powerful speech reflecting on family and faith. Spolski has accepted an appointment to the prestigious United States Naval Academy, a testament to his academic excellence and leadership potential.

Salutatorian Nolan Daynorowicz also addressed his classmates, reflecting on the journey they've shared and the promise that lies ahead. Daynorowicz will attend Penn State University on a Navy ROTC scholarship. In total, five members of the 2025 graduating class will be entering the armed forces.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Frank Angelo, a proud member of the Class of 1964, for his outstanding accomplishments and unwavering support of Nativity BVM.

The ceremony also paid special tribute to Principal Lynn Sabol, who was honored for her 45 years of service in Catholic education. As she prepares for retirement, Mrs. Sabol was celebrated for her unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to generations of Nativity students.

### Host Families Needed

Nativity BVM High School has accepted several wonderful international students from Spain, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Japan. These students are excited to begin school in late August, but are in need of loving host families. All types of families are eligible to host: empty-nesters, single people, families with children. Students speak good English, and they have their own spending money and insurance. Host families receive a generous monthly stipend. For more information, please contact [mchallenger.educatus@gmail.com](mailto:mchallenger.educatus@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:rgiba@stjosephctr.com) or call (570) 622-4638.

## Weekly Collection

June 7/8.....\$4,827.00

Parish Dues .....\$1,190.00

### Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend will be taken up for this year's Summer Festival.

## Candles

### BVM

1. Special Intention
2. Special Intention

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Frank Brozana  
by Don & Joanne Doyne
2. IMO Donald F. Doyne  
by Don & Joanne Doyne

### Sanctuary

IMO Charlie & Catherine Schaeffer  
by Maria Schaeffer

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO James Cavanaugh  
by Hahner Family
2. IMO Charlie Schaeffer  
by Maria Schaeffer
3. IMO John Heimbaugh  
by Helen Heimbaugh
4. IMO Albert Wychunas  
by Helen Heimbaugh

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 21—5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Heidi Gorski

EM: Sharon Snyder, John O'Neill

Servers: Gabriel Scheidel

Cantor: Stanley Gorski

June 22— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

EM: Debbie Herb, John Crane

Servers: Cole & Cooper Felty

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

June 22— 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

EM: Janet Daubert, Joseph Palmieri

Servers: Jackson Daubert

Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Joann Matina

Weekend Sacristan: R.J. Post





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## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31 | Rom 5:1-5 | Jn 16:12-15

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Between two people who love each other, speech often gives way to silence. But first, in order to nourish love, there must be a mutual exchange of words. Persons in love wish to share their most intimate secrets so that they might know and be known. In an act deserving of our endless wonder, God disclosed his most intimate secret to us: He is a communion of Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — who relate to each other in an eternal exchange of love. St. Thomas Aquinas insisted that the Trinity is not a reality we could have figured out on our own (in contrast to, for example, God's existence — which we can know simply by examining creation). God had to *reveal* his Trinitarian nature to us. While humanity was wandering further and further away from him over the millennia after the Fall, God was preparing us for the revelation of the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what Jesus is announcing in today's Gospel: "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that [the Holy Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you." To his bewildered disciples, Jesus is expressing God's intention to communicate his identity to us — an unmerited gift which he offers simply because he loves us.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

This is our inheritance as Christians: God has revealed himself to us out of love. Once we've assented to this truth, we can no longer dismiss the mystery of the Holy Trinity as "above my theological paygrade." One who loves is not bothered that the beloved always remains a mystery; instead, he or she is content to remain in wonder and seeks to enter more deeply into the exchange of love. For us, this means responding to God's gift of himself with reverence, gratitude, and obedience to his will. We approach him in prayer with the respectful but confident attitude of a child who knows itself to be deeply loved; we listen to him, express our thanksgiving for his gift, and seek to know his will for us.

### PRAY

Be attentive to the ways God is revealing himself and his love for you in your daily life. Discover that *everything* is an expression of his care: answered prayers, a kind word given or received, the beauty of nature — even crosses which induce us to turn to him for help! Take a few minutes each day to thank God for his gifts.

## A Father's Day Blessing

May God bless you and guide you in your very special role as a father.

May it always be a joy and a privilege.

May you treasure your children from their birth through adulthood, as unique and precious gifts from God.

Thank you for the times you have embraced them, comforted them, forgiven them and loved them without measure.

May God reward your fatherly love with good health, Peace of mind, contentment in your work and joy in your times of leisure.

And may God bless all our fathers who have gone to their rest. May they find comfort in the arms of our heavenly Father. Amen.

## 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.

## 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."*

# Summer Festival

## Summer Festival—Pot Luck Stand Donations

### Many more Pot Luck prizes needed!! Less than 40 days!

We are asking for donations for our Pot Luck Stand – 70 adult and 20 children prizes still needed!

We will also be utilizing our **Amazon Wish List**. Simply scan the QR code with your phone to purchase an item (or visit [Amazon.com/registries](https://www.amazon.com/registries) and search for St John the Baptist) and ship directly to Marueen Derbes.

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.

If you wish, please include your name so we can keep track of those making prize donations.

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



## Festival Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following — please drop in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

**Band Sponsor** \$100.00 each  
**Coke Sponsor** \$ 50.00 each  
**Pizza Sponsor** \$ 50.00 each

**Bleenie Mix** \$ 40.00 per bucket  
**Ice Cream** \$ 25.00 each

## Major Sponsors

Hahner Bros. Inc.—Chance Books

## Patrons

\$200.00 Paul & JoAnna Buber  
 \$ 75.00 Frances Lorenz

## Sponsors

Bleenie Mix (1) Paul & JoAnna Buber  
 Bleenie Mix (1) Don & Joanne Doyne



## Dedicated Workers Needed



### Festival Stands.

There are a variety of stands that need help .... Games of Chance, Children's Games, Food Service, Ticket Stands, etc.

Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church ... add your name and phone number to one of the many areas.

### Set-Up and Take-Down

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, and **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up and take-down. Your help in these areas is essential. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church.



# Summer Festival

Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

## Specials Table

**Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's Table at the Festival?** We are asking for 15 baskets. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church ... suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately \$30—\$50. Gift Certificates are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(Baskets should be **completed** and **wrapped**. Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building on Wednesday, July 16 or Thursday, July 17. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



## Pot Luck Stand

Please see information on page 6 of today's bulletin.

## Music Entertainment



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!

## Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 18 or 19th.



## Food Committee

We need volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival .... If you would like to help, please call the Rectory or add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.

## Advanced Ticket Sales



Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advanced Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekend of **July 5/6; July 12/13** Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**

## Festival Supplies

**Sour Cream — Mustard — Ketchup (original/regular tomato only)**

(A container will be in the back of church in the near future .... Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)