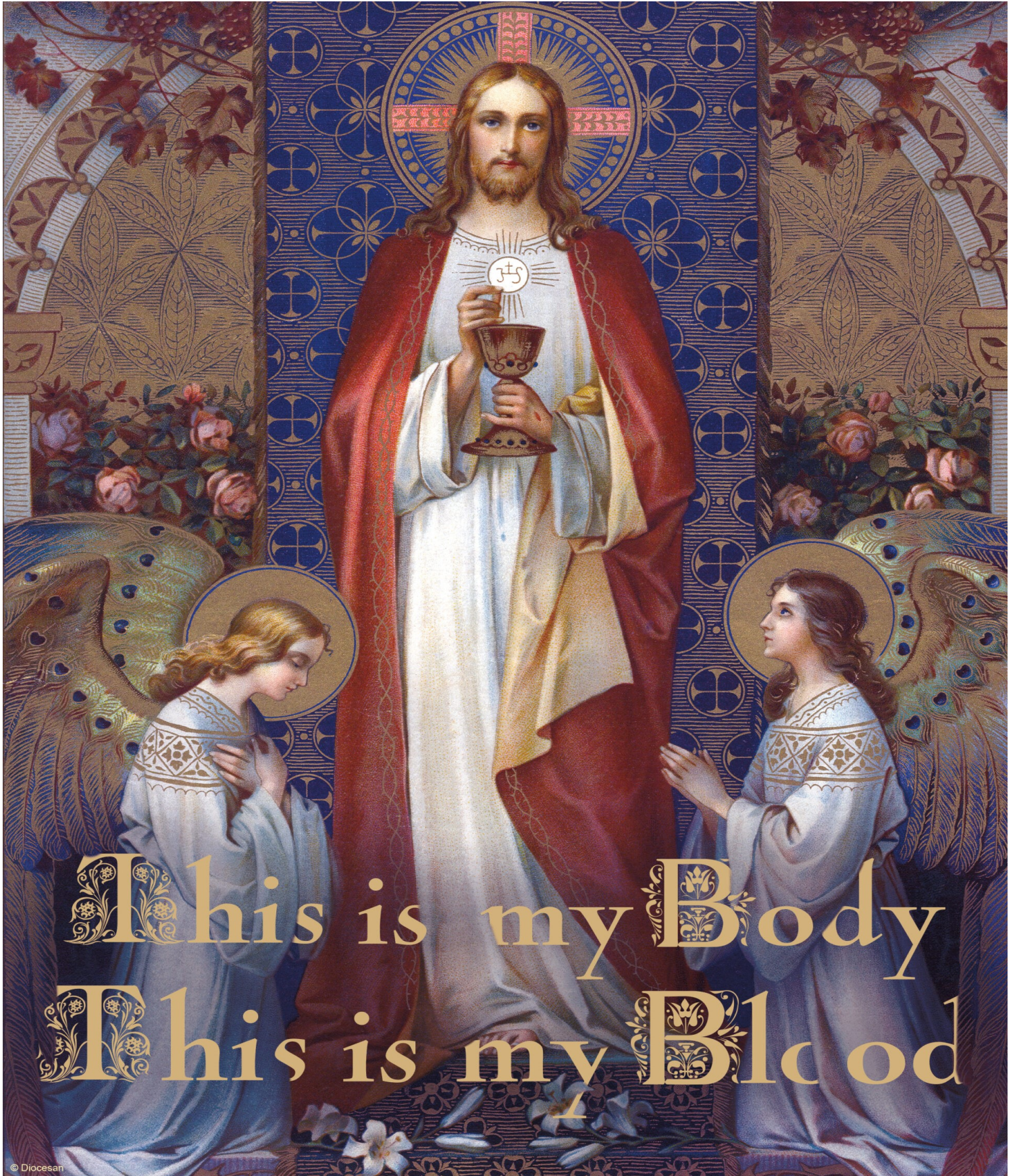


# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 19, 2022



This is my Body  
This is my Blood

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 18

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

### Sunday, June 19

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

### Sunday, June 19

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

### Monday, June 20

6:30 p. m. Calvin Hoy  
(Howard Mitchell)

### Tuesday, June 21

9:00 a.m. Frank Hock

### Wednesday, June 22

6:30 p.m. John Wollyung  
**Time Change** (Joseph & Suzanne Wollyung)

### Thursday, June 23

9:00 a.m. John & Lorraine Tasso

### Friday, June 24

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

### Saturday, June 25

5:00 p.m. Bartholomew & Lorenz  
Families  
(Frances Lorenz)

### Sunday, June 26

8:15 a.m. Francis & Jane Mooney  
(Nora Chiplonia)

### Sunday, June 26

10:30 a.m. John Wollyung  
(Joseph & Suzanne Wollyung)

## Next Week's Readings

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(June 25/26)

**Reading I:** 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

**Reading II:** Galatians 5:1, 13-18

**Gospel:** Luke 9:51-62

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Today the Church celebrates Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Holy Thursday is the day we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. But today's celebration gives us another opportunity to focus on the gift of the Eucharist because it is the very center of the Church's life. In fact, in other parts of the world, Corpus Christi is celebrated during the week as a holy day of obligation, rather than on a Sunday. When I was in Germany on a school trip in June 2019, we happened to be present where Corpus Christi was celebrated as a holy day. In one town, cars were parked outside churches, altars were set up outside for a procession, and stores were even closed in the morning.

For the past year, our diocese has been observing the "Year of the Real Presence." This special year closes today, appropriately enough, on Corpus Christi, with a Mass and procession at Most Blessed Sacrament parish in Bally, the oldest parish in our diocese and one dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

It is good to honor Jesus in the Eucharist with special days and celebrations, and even big initiatives like our "Year of the Real Presence." But all of these things are meant to help us appreciate the gift that we have everyday: the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass and present in church at all times for prayer and Adoration. In the Eucharist, Jesus accompanies us through life, nourishing us, strengthening us, and renewing us.

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Bobbin*



## 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 • Joanne Schultz*

### For our Deceased

Mark Mickey

### St. John’s Choir

St. John’s Choir is welcoming new and current members to the choir to sing Saturday 5:00 p.m. Masses and special Masses. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone seeking to become more involved in our Parish Family. No prior singing experience or reading of music is required. Contact St. John’s Rectory 570-622-5470 for more information.



### Weekly Collection

**June 11/12 .....\$4,161.55**  
**Parish Dues .....\$1,150.00**

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

### St. John’s Ensemble



The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are

familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you? If interested please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

### Candles

#### BVM

1. Special Intentions of Susan Gaffney by Bernice Petock
2. Special Intentions of Michele Hanson by Bernice Petock

#### St. Joseph

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

#### Sanctuary

50th Wedding Anniversary of John & Bernice Petock

#### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer
2. IMO Charles Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer
3. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family
4. IMO John Wollyung by Barbara Wollyung & Family

### New Mural in Church

Plans are underway for a **new mural** in the main stairwell of our church. Artist and parishioner Kim Searle is designing a mural of St. John the Baptist to be painted on the wall opposite David Naydock’s mural of the Prodigal Son. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in sponsoring this project. We thank Kim and all helpers and supporters as we seek to add to the beauty and richness of our church.

### Volleyball Camp

Nativity Green Wave Volleyball Team for the Little Girls Volleyball Camp for girls entering 3rd through 8th grade on **July 11, 12, 13, 14** at Nativity High School Gymnasium. Girls in grades 3, 4, 5 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; girls in grades 6, 7, 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$75.00. Camp includes ... individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, and t-shirt. Instructions by Nativity coaching staff, former and current Nativity players. Please call Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 for more information.

### Liturgical Min. Schedule

#### June 25 —5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Janet Daubert  
**Euch.Min.:** Heidi Gorski  
**Servers:** Alexander Gorski  
**Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

#### June 26— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Anne Blankenhorn  
**Euch.Min.:** Rob Wiscount  
**Servers:** Lukas & Finley McNamara  
**Cantor:** Ed Brahler

#### June 26— 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla  
**Euch.Min.:** Frank Murphy  
**Servers:** Sophia Palmieri  
**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung

### Soup Kitchen Cooks/Servers Needed

Provide a welcoming, respectful environment for the homeless and those in need. Individuals are needed to serve a meal at the Pottsville Area Kitchen once a month. Meals are served Monday through Thursday from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Sundays at 12:00 P.M. Currently, we are providing grab and go meals and follow CDC guidelines. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings and forms. For



### Cemetery Flags

If your loved one / family member was not honored with a flag this Memorial Day weekend, please contact the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

## Congratulations

### High School Graduates

We congratulate our high school graduates. May God continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors.

*Jayce Adamick*

*Laila Alvarez*

*Quinn Bosack*

*Riley Cassidy*

*Hayden Daubert*

*Helena Fredericks*

*Alyssa Gauntlett*

*Haley Gauntlett*

*Jillian Guzik*

*Camryn Hauptly*

*Grant Lapachinsky*

*Bennett McNamara*

*Benjamin Piccioni*

*Julia Plachko*

*Richard Prezelski*

*Taleah Ruben*

*Alyssa Sheriff*

*Brooke Siket*

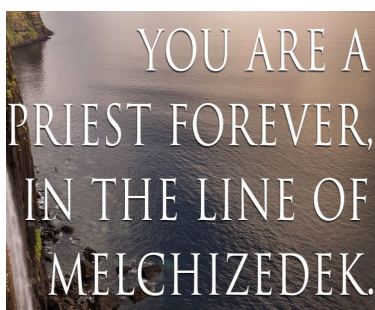
*Evan Woodward*

### Married In Christ

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Elizabeth Witman** and **Christian Mehl** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on June 11 in the presence of Father Bobbin. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

### Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **Thomas Schenck** to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly welcome Thomas into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.



## Parish Feast Day / Pastor Installation

We will celebrate our **parish feast day**, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, this **Wednesday, June 22**. Mass will be celebrated at **6:30 p.m.** in the main church.

During Mass Fr. Bobbin will formally be installed as pastor by Msgr. Glosser in his role as dean of the Schuylkill Deanery. Please join us after Mass in Longinus Hall for light refreshments and to welcome and congratulate Father Bobbin as our pastor.

## Quo Vadis and Fiat Days - Registration Now Open!

The Office for Vocations will be conducting its annual Quo Vadis and Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 17 to Thursday, July 21, 2022 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org).

Early registration is \$100 before June 16th. After June 15th, the registration fee is \$150. Registration deadline is June 29. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - June 24-26, 2022

### An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion.

In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on healing from an abortion and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact Carol Swavely, MA1-866-3 RACHEL( Toll Free 610-435-1541 Ext. 373 or [carolswavely@ptd.net](mailto:carolswavely@ptd.net). Deadline for Registration is June 17, 2022.

The Retreat will be held at the Mariawald Retreat Center in Reading. For information about the retreat experience visit the national website [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## Catholic Engaged / Married Couple ~ Date Night Out

Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Roman Delight, Orwigsburg. Dinner buffet, cash bar, table conversations – a chance to get out and meet other Catholic couples. Free will offering/No cost to attend. RSVP is required at [mriggins@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mriggins@allentowndiocese.org).

## Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Peter's Pence Collection

Peter's Pence Collection is a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous next weekend. For more information, visit [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).



## Saint John the Baptist

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you."

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians.

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned.

John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife.

This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

John the Baptist's feast day is June 24, and the anniversary of his death is August 29 and is sometimes celebrated with a second feast. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places.

### Father's Day Prayer

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.

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 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."*

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

June 19

## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20 | 1 Cor 11:23-26 | Lk 9:11b-17

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

Today begins the National Eucharistic Revival, a grassroots effort launched by the U.S. bishops to reignite “devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.” What better day to begin than on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, when we as Catholics reflect on the source and summit of our faith. “For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself ...” (*catechism*, 1324) Our readings today remind us that the Eucharist is more than a powerful symbol; as Catholics, we believe we receive Christ himself – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the form of the consecrated bread and wine. As Pope Francis said in a homily on this solemnity in 2019: “If we receive it into our hearts, this bread will release in us the power of love. We will feel blessed and loved, and we will want to bless and love in turn.” That is what the early disciples did, whether feeding the 5,000 or nurturing the early Church. The Eucharistic Revival gives each of us an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist and share it with others.

**GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

On today’s solemnity, also known as the feast of Corpus Christi, some parishes have a eucharistic procession. This is when a consecrated host – that is, the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity – is placed within a monstrance, which is then lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession beginning at one holy place and ending at another. Some parishes or religious communities may extend hours for eucharistic adoration. Both of these are excellent opportunities to spend time with Jesus and reflect on Christ’s gift of himself in the Eucharist. What should be our response to this gift? As Pope Francis has said, it is a call “to go out and bring Jesus to others.” Just as Jesus challenged the disciples when they didn’t think they had enough bread and fish to serve the 5,000, we may feel we “don’t have enough” to give. Nourished by the Eucharist, however, and by our devotion to the real presence of God in that Eucharist, we have all we need to go out and witness to the love of Jesus. Go forth and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**ACTION** Spend time in eucharistic adoration this week, even for a few minutes. Share what the experience was like with others or invite a friend to join you.



**Pastor**..... *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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**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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God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless these men,  
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love  
shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

~ Book of Blessings



**SUNDAYKIDZ**