

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 26, 2022

13th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Ann Lowe
(Robin, Jimmy, Rory Reiley)

June 28 to July 1 NO MASSES

Saturday, July 2

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Rosenberger
(Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, July 3

8:15 a.m. Laverne Yackel
(Jim & Leah Donovan & Family)

Sunday, July 3

10:30 a.m. Deceased of the Yenilaitus Family
(Mary Zambo)

Next Week's Readings

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(July 2/3)

Reading I: Isaiah 66:10-14

Reading II: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

"No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind

is fit for the

Kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

After the seasons of Lent and Easter, and the special celebrations of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi, we finally return to the normal Sundays of Ordinary Time. Just as the summer is a slower and more relaxed time for many of us, things also slow down in liturgy and in parish life.

With that said, unfortunately, as you know by now, we do not have a summer festival planned. However, we are working with Parish Council and other parishioners to plan a variety of annual parish activities that balance the need for some fundraising income and enjoyable, community-building activity, recognizing that there is work involved in such activities. Whatever we plan, we need people to step forward to help us coordinate the activity and we need sufficient helpers. We will keep you updated as we plan events.

Also, just an update on a parish photo directory. Several weeks ago we did a survey in church to see if there is enough interest to proceed. About 115 people indicated "yes." About 70 people indicated "no." Although a solid majority favor doing a photo directory, everyone I've spoken to seems to agree that it is better to hold off on this project for now. In order to make a photo directory worthwhile, there should be much greater participation. So we will revisit this sometime in the future. I would like to thank Rosemary Lynn for her assistance and I thank all those who expressed a willingness to help if and when we pursue a new photo directory.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*



Eucharistic Adoration

- ◆ A holy hour takes place in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from 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 takes place in the **chapel on the eve of First Friday** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. — **June 30th.**

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

Deceased

Mark Mickey • Mary Ann Siket

Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop — Drop Off

Look around your home for any items you wish to donate to our next Yard Sale. You'd be surprised what you might find. Here are some suggestions:

Decorations for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Puzzles, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items, Purses, Small Appliances, Candles, Religious items, Toys, Games, Jewelry, Tablecloths, CD's, DVD's, Bakeware, Phones, Vintage items.



DO NOT donate the following: Plastics, VHS tapes, Glasses, Cups, Televisions, Bedding, Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Books, Clothing, Large Furniture, Stuffed Animal Toys, Large Christmas Trees.

ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE on **Saturday, July 9th from 9 a.m. to noon** at the Russell Building. No items will be accepted before or after this date. Do not leave articles at the door or in the parking lot. Call the parish office 570-622-5470 ext. 3 for more information.



St. John's Catholic Women's Union

For over 90 years, the Catholic Women's Union (CWU) has been a part of St. John the Baptist Parish Family with their fun in fundraising to benefit the church.

The fundraising includes a Chicken BBQ sale, a Bakeless Bake Sale and a Christmas Cookie Sale. Also, two auctions are held each year — one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Also, a Covered Dish is featured in May which includes delightful appetizers, main dishes, sides and desserts—all prepared by the CWU members. In addition, an annual Christmas Party is held in

December. New members are always encouraged to join us for all of the many events and social gatherings during the year.

The CWU meets in Longinus Hall on the third Wednesday of each month, except January or any month involving inclement weather.

The Church cannot flourish without the efforts of many people, and joining CWU is something that may be an important part of your parish life. We would be delighted to have you join us.

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.

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 more information please contact Terry Alexander 570-617-2957 or terry-pak@comcast.net or Bob Olney at 610-435-1541 ext 327 or rolney@allentowndiocese.org



Weekly Collection

June 18/19\$4,685.15
Improvements&Repairs . \$7,630.00

Candles

BVM

1.&2. Special Intention
by Mary Jean Morgalis

St. Joseph

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by Mary Jean Morgalis
2. IMO Ronald F. Pillo
by Steve & Chris Zanis

Sanctuary

IMO Edward J. Kuperavage
by Steve & Chris Zanis

Guardian Angels

1. IMO George S. Zanis
by Steve & Chris Zanis
2. IMO Mary Wollyung
by Barbara Wollyung
3&4. IMO Joseph Reddington
by Reene Reddington

Liturgical Min. Schedule

July 2 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: R.J. Post

Cantor: Mary Bound

July 3 — 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Rob Wiscount

Servers: Maggie & Rhyan Brennan

Cantor: Tina Seiger

July 3 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Vincent Balulis

Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert

Servers: Kelly & Lauren Goodman

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

Attention

Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... please let us know your plans for **August & September** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory before **July 18th**.

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, Debbie Kubilus, Judy Meseravage, Pattie Miller, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak, Mim Tirjan, Joanne Wood.

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

Family Matters

Graduation Time. Today's graduates need support and courage to face the challenges of life. So, let us pray today for all our graduates: Elementary, High School and College that our Lord will guide them in their endeavors as they seek further knowledge, schooling or employment.

Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Edward Christ
 Mildred A. Fredericks
 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 IMO Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 IIMO M/M James Loeper
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Dorothy Parsick
 IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
 IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

Thank you for supporting our bulletin this month!

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.allentowndioocese.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.

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

Catholic Engaged / Married Couple ~ Date Night Out

Wednesday, June 29th 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@allentowndioocese.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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

My Summer Prayer

Walk beside me, Jesus, as I begin the season of summer. As I work, play, enjoy family, time and friendships, may I hear Your voice within me, guiding me toward all that is right and good. Give me faith in Your presence, knowing that You walk beside me always, everywhere and in everything I do. Gracious and loving Jesus, thank You for the gift of summertime. May the warmth of it's sun and the beauty of the season remind me daily of Your love for me. Allow me to enjoy every moment. 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 26

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 | Gal 5:1, 13-18 | Lk 9:51-62

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

Members of our family joke that saying goodbye after a family gathering needs to begin about an hour before we plan to leave. Goodbyes mean hugs for every family member, and there are many of us! We are aware of how precious our loved ones are to us, and so Jesus' response to the person who asks if he can first say farewell to his family may seem perplexing to us. But in this reading, Luke presents Jesus as "resolutely" headed to Jerusalem because "the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled." Jesus is ready to complete the mission he came for and anyone who wants to follow him can't be distracted by indecision. His matter-of-fact answers are directed at newcomers who seem to hesitate when he invites them to follow him. He wants his disciples to know that being a disciple will have an impact on personal comfort, and that everything one does - for family, loved ones, or whomever - must flow from this discipleship *first*. It is not about ignoring other responsibilities, but carrying them out in light of who we are and whom we follow. Jesus calls us to make our relationship with him our highest priority. Doing so will bring life to all the relationships we value as we grow to live and love like him.

"Live by
the Spirit."

(GAL 5: 16)

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we commit to answering God's call without hesitation? Like the first Apostles, the prosperous farmer Elisha in today's first reading willingly responded to the call from Elijah. But he didn't just leave everything and go: He first burned his plow as fuel in order to cook the oxen and leave it for his people to eat. In following the Lord, his first act was to ensure that those for whom he was responsible were not left without. Answering God's call is not often easy. But like Elisha and the Apostles, we are called to listen and respond to the ways God calls us and to trust in his Spirit to guide us. As Paul tells the Galatians, we are to "live by the Spirit." By trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit and turning to him for strength and guidance, we can be Christ's presence wherever he leads us - and doing whatever it entails.

INVITE Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern who needs the gift of your presence in their life right now. Schedule time with this person, just listening, affirming their gifts, and assuring them of your belief in them and God's love for them.



St. Junipero Serra

Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Majorca on November 24, 1713, and took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua until 1749.

At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in Mexico City on January 1, 1750, and spent the rest of his life working for the conversion of the peoples of the New World.

In 1768, Father Serra took over the missions of the Jesuits (who had been wrongly expelled by the government) in the Mexican province of Lower California and Upper California (modern day California). An indefatigable worker, Serra was in large part responsible for the foundation and spread of the Church on the West Coast of the United States when it was still mission territory.

He founded twenty-one missions and converted thousands of Indians. The converts were taught sound methods of agriculture, cattle raising, and arts and crafts.

Junipero was a dedicated religious and missionary. He was imbued with a penitential spirit and practiced austerity in sleep, eating, and other activities. On August 28, 1784, worn out by his apostolic labors, Father Serra was called to his eternal rest.

Feastday: July 1st

Patron: of Vocations

Birth: 1713

Death: 1784

Beatified: Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988

Canonized: September 23, 2015, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., by Pope Francis state of California, is in National Statuary Hall.



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.

Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care

Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- * Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds
- * Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO** Perennials are permitted.
- * All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- * Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden
- * All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- * Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

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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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

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YOU ARE MY
INHERITANCE, O LORD.