

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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August 10, 2025 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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, Tom Jefferson, Doug Broughton, Kathy Vicic, Joanne Kitsock, Jane Baker*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 9

5:00 p.m. Charles Bowers
(Nancy Riegler)

Sunday, August 10

8:15 a.m. William Lecher Jr.
(Mom & Dad)

Sunday, August 10

10:30 a.m. Richard Setlock
(Natalie Setlock & Sons)

August 11—13—No Masses

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 14

5:15 p.m. Joseph & Anna Orlowsky
(Joe Orlowsky)

Friday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Deceased of Messer,
McGovern, Schultz,
Purcell Families
(Family)

Saturday, August 16

5:00 p.m. Sadie Post
(Sandi, Sheri, RJ Post)

Sunday, August 17

8:15 a.m. Steve Kurtek Jr.
(Jan & Steve Kurtek)

Sunday, August 17

10:30 a.m. Maria Weiss
(Jamina Asarhan)

Next Week's Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(August 16/17)

Reading I: Jeremiah 38.4-6, 8-10

Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we were describing the Gospel According to Luke. Here are more features of Luke's Gospel to distinguish it from the other Gospels.

Like Matthew, Luke begins his Gospel with two chapters of Infancy Narratives, stories of the birth of Jesus. But Luke's Infancy Narratives are much longer and more complex than Matthew's. Luke weaves together the accounts of the birth of Jesus and the birth of John the Baptist. Luke's Infancy Narrative includes all of the episodes from which we derive the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary: the Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of Jesus, Presentation, and Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

Another important difference from Matthew's Gospel is that Luke is clearly writing for Christians of Gentile background. Luke places much less emphasis on Jesus fulfilling the Old Testament. His Gospel is filled with a sense of universality: Jesus comes as Savior for all people, not one nation alone. While Matthew tends to present Jesus as Teacher or Rabbi, Luke emphasizes Jesus as Healer (consistent with Luke's background as a physician). Jesus is presented as compassionate and forgiving. Other themes emphasized in Luke's Gospel include the role of the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the demands of discipleship.

Many of these themes can be seen in the well-known stories that are unique to Luke's Gospel: the parable of the Good Samaritan, the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus's visit to the home of Martha and Mary, and Jesus forgiving both the executioners and the criminal dying next to Him on the cross.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 16, 23, and Nov. 13. Join us in person in Longinus Hall or at home on Zoom (*Please email Father for the Zoom link: kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org). Fr. Bobbin's Scripture study attempts to give an overview and background for the books of Sacred Scripture to be of help with personal reading and study, Bible study groups, and getting more out of hearing the Word proclaimed at Mass. All are welcome.



Holy Day of Obligation

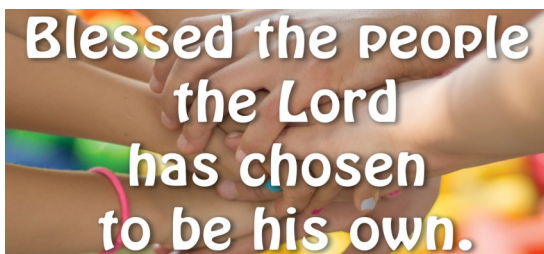
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Times: Thursday—August 14 —5:15 p.m.

Friday—August 15 —9:00 a.m.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Pilgrimage program begins at 10:00 am with arrivals and guided tours, followed by time to visit the over 80 chapels and oratories that make up "Mary's House." There will also be a youth holy hour in the Crypt Church, keynote speakers (English and Spanish), and a Rosary Pilgrimage in five languages with beautiful music by our Diocesan Choir. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the day. The day will end with Mass in the Great Upper Church at 3:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Schlert.



NEW CCD and Sacramental Preparation Registration

Parents of children in grades 1st through 8th please fill out the CCD registration using the QR code. If your child has been previously enrolled from years past, it is not necessary to do this link. Any **new students in public school grades 1-8** should fill out this form. Students in **parochial school** whose child is in third or eighth grade that are to receive a sacrament this coming school year please use this QR code to register your child. You may also call the rectory at 570-622-5470 and speak with Miss Kochol to register your child.



Share Your Catholic Faith. We are in search of CCD teachers, OCIA instructors and preschool teacher assistants. Are you the person we are looking for? You do not need a teaching degree. Just the desire to teach. We need someone who loves their faith, desires to know more and to share the Catholic faith with others.

We have a great preschool and CCD staff. We are a small staff and need to grow our numbers because we have more families with children joining our church all the time. We also have people joining the faith that are adults or young people that would be better served by Order of Christian Initiation of Adults -OCIA (the former RCIA). We need instructors to help these candidates become full members of the Church.

Preschool has many wonderful parents helping as teachers, but we do need a Teacher Assistant to help with the busy hands and feet of our students. We are hoping a high school student would be a perfect fit. You can use this experience on a resume or for community service hours at your school.

We can support you with guidance and training. Please prayerfully consider helping the children and adults of our community come into full communion with the Catholic faith and our parish family. Please contact Tina Seiger or Lucilla Kochol at the rectory to volunteer.

Weekly Collection

August 2/3\$4773.03

Dues.....\$945.00

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

Please do not use tape or staples to seal your offertory envelopes

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Richard Setlock
by Natalie Setlock

2, For Frances Manus
by Neil & Frances Manus

St. Joseph

1. IMO Eleanor Frank O'Brien
by John & Susan Minnichbach

2. IMO Ruth Minnichbach
by John & Susan Minnichbach

Sanctuary

IMO Mary Ann Holley
by Deborah & Mark Purcell

Guardian Angels

1. IMO George Hahner Jr.
by Family

2. IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo

3&4. IMO Mildred Ditzler
by Eleanor Schaeffer



Sunday School Registration ... 2025-2026 ... Ages 3-6

Children ages three to six are welcome to join our pre-school program. We will have classes twice a month starting in September until May in Longinus Hall from 10:30 a.m. to the end of Mass. We ask that you stay during class if your child is not, yet toilet trained.

Children's Liturgy ... 2025-2026 ... Grades 1-3

Children in grades first to third are invited to join Children's Liturgy also held during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel. They will learn more about the Mass and the weekend scripture readings. Children will return to Mass with their parents after the offertory.

Please register by filling out this form that you can cut out and return it to the rectory. Or use the Google link below. To use the link, you will need a Google email account.

Google Link to Children's Liturgy: <https://forms.gle/bbqrfdV2SmS1g3NXA>

Google Link to Preschool : <https://forms.gle/FXXN9UwNU7o3xslx7>

Please circle one below:

Little Saints Preschool Registration

Children's Liturgy

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: - _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Any Allergies: _____



Liturgical Min. Schedule

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16 — 5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Frank Murphy

EM: John O'Neill, Bill Gianfagna

Servers: Cooper & Cole Felty

Cantor: Joanne Matina

August 17 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Janet Daubert

EM: John Crane, Joseph Palmieri

Server: Connor Felty

Cantor: Dave Derbes

August 17 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

EM: Justina Majestic, Ray Petrilla

Servers: Jackson Daubert
Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Dave Derbes

Weekend Sacristan: Connor Felty

*Thank you for supporting our
bulletin this month!*

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.

"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." Amen.

Friday, August 22nd from 4 to 7 p.m. and **Saturday, August 23rd** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building — 9th & Schuylkill Ave. Pottsville.

Don't miss it! If you like yard sales, this is the place to be. Various items including ... Christmas decorations, knick-knacks, kitchen items, appliances, jewelry, various holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus food is available for purchase. Something for everyone! Join us! Call the Rectory office 622-5470 ext 3 for more information.



Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470 ext 3. Please individually wrap or bag all dessert items to be sold.

Our 2024 **Penn State Ye Olde Diner World Famous “Grilled Stick-ies”** was a huge success last year We are hoping to sell even more this year. Members will be taking orders after Masses on the weekends of ... **August 9/10 and August 16/17.** Pick up date is September 10th at the Russell Building. Plain \$9.00 — Nut \$12.00 — Apple \$12.00.



For more information, please contact Joan Deiter 570-622-1381 or St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

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, August 20th 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!



CYO Volleyball. Again this school year, Diocese of Allentown CYO Volleyball will be open to any girl who will be in grade 6, 7 or 8 this Fall who attends a Diocesan Elementary School or who is a member of the following Parishes: St. John the Baptist, St. Patrick, St. Ambrose, St. Clare of Assisi, Holy Family Minersville, Holy Cross, Most Blessed Trinity and St. Nicholas in Minersville. Practices and home matches for the season will be held at Nativity High School. Please see the link/scan code below for sign-ups. Do not hesitate to contact Amanda Bobella at Nativity High School with any questions at abobella@nativitybvm.net or 570-622-8110. <https://forms.gle/b2AmW4Gd4FakfwNG8>



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>



Summer Festival

Thank You Department

Festival Committee

Thank you to this year's Festival Committee — especially a huge thank you to Co-Chairpersons—**Shanna Deibert & Jason Prestileo** — for the many hours of preparation to make sure everything ran smoothly. What a great job — well done!!

Michelle Ambrose, Ed Brahler, Sandy Clauser, Michelle Darhun, Maureen Derbes, Chrissy Eagan, Sandy Frinzi, Rik Jochems, Maria Mason, Joe Palmieri, Ray Petrilla, Donna Pugh, Rick Smith.

Kitchen Committee

Special thank you to **Joe Palmieri and Rick Smith** who did a great job overseeing the kitchen, making sure everything ran smoothly.

Thank you to all those dedicated volunteers who helped prepare, serve, shopped for food items and supplies, cleaned up, etc.

Michelle Ambrose, Christine Maccarone, Maria Mason, Tina Seiger, Sophia Palmieri, Vince Shay, Linda Smith, Joanne Wood,

Pugh Family

Thank you to the Pugh Family for preparing and donating all the ingredients for that delicious Pugh Family Bean Soup and for donating everything needed for the stand as well. What a huge success!

Baked Goods

Once again our Baked Goods Stand was a great success! A very special thank you to **Joan Deiter, Michelle Darhun, Allie Darhun, Sue Jochems**, for serving our many delicious desserts. Thank you to all our wonderful bakers for your delicious desserts.

Chris Black, Kate Blackwell, Sandy Clauser, Michelle Darhun, Jen Daubert, Joan Dieter, Mary Ann Filiac, Millie Fredericks, Melissa Galvin, Karla Garland, Sr. Mary Jane Hahner, Sue Jochems, Zechariah Kubick, Maureen Kurtek, Pat Kutch, Frances Lorenz, Christine Maccarone, Hilda Maley, Barb Munster, Annie Murphy, Dan Murphy, Judy Piel, Pat Pugh, Carole Quirin, Pat Scheetz, Natalie Setlock, Rosann Sitkus, Ellen Zane

Set-Up / Take Down

As in all we do at St. John's, things don't "just happen" without the involvement of many people. We especially thank all who helped to set-up and take-down and clean up for our Festival. Because of your help, things got done very quickly.

Pot Luck Stand

Thank you to **Maureen and Kelly Derbes** for a fantastic job organizing and setting up the Pot Luck Stand. We greatly appreciate all the donations made to the Pot Luck Stand. Thank you to all of our generous parishioners and to all the local businesses who so kindly contributed great prizes. We could not do the Pot Luck Stand without your generosity!

Jane Baker, Jennifer & Dirk Berger, Ann Blankenhorn, Melissa Brennan, Becky Bobersky, Kathy Brahler, Coal Town Supermarket, Ben & Michelle Darhun, Shanna Deibert, Kelly Derbes, David & Maureen Derbes, Tom & Jane DeStefano, Dicello Chiropractic Care, Don & Joanne Doyne, Sue Eckley, Michelle Forney, Bernadette Gombola, Heidi Gorski, Giant, Ted Gurecki Jr, Jim & Lori Guzick, Debbie Herb, Daniel Kluchinsky, Hong Kong Restaurant, Lucilla Kochol, Rik & Sue Jochems, Karen Lenard, Fran Lorenz, Bob & Rosemary Lynn, Hilda & Fred Maley, Mamma Millie's, Debra Matz, Kevin McNamara, Brooke McShaw, Katelyn Miller, Barb Munster, Chiplonia Family, Palermo's, Aubrey Peters, Joe & Judy Piel, Sandi Post, Donna Pugh, Pat Pugh, Deborah Purcell, Redner's, Gayle Rehnert, Reliable Home Supply, Richter/Scheffley Family, Marie Ryan, Missy Scheetz, Barb Schoenauer, Gerry Schwartz, Tina Seiger, Michael Sirbaugh, Peggy Smith, Rick & Michelle Stone, Bruno Tassone, Anthony Family, Luis & Virginia Visot, Weis, Michael Welsh, Barb Wollyung, Chris & Rachel Wollyung, Marianne Wollyung.

Special's Tables

Thank you to everyone who donated Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, and Lottery Frames to our Special's Table. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Carol Bilinski, Chris Black, Ann Blankenhorn, Fr. Bobbin, Michael & Janet Dzurainin, Darla Fabiani, Sandy Frinzi, Kimberly Kalovcak, Lucilla Kochol, Steve & Jan Kurtek, Christine Maccarone, Barb Munster, Pod & Petal, Prezelski Family, Ryan Family, Rosann Sitkus. Your Lawn Care Solutions.

BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

.... PSALM 33:12

Summer Festival

Thank You Department

Hello everyone! Summer Festival 2025 has finally concluded, and will certainly be one for the books!! We believe it was a record crowd that flooded the Festival grounds on both evenings! We sold out of all the food, ice cream, baked goods and even potluck chances!! As we anxiously await the final totals from the fruit of everyone's labor, we once again want to extend a heart felt THANK YOU!!! This is year 3 of bringing back our beloved festival. Getting better, different ideas, new and old traditions and some exciting changes! We are so hopeful it will continue to grow with all of your help!!

We cannot thank everyone enough for all you do to make the Summer Festival happen!! From set up, food prep, volunteering, to clean up in some of the most wackiest weather conditions- Your dedication is so appreciated!! And of course to everyone who was able to join us and enjoy all the food and entertainment- THANK YOU!!!

To our amazing Festival Committee: THANK YOU!!!! For absolutely EVERYTHING!! Your time, help, thoughts, sweat and determination are unmatched! There would be no festival without you!! We are truly a family-It is such an honor to work with you all!! All in- always!!!!

To our families and friends who listened tirelessly and supported us through one more festival- thank you!!

We have such an incredible parish family and community, we are truly blessed! THANK YOU ALL!!!!

With Sincere Gratitude,
Shanna Deibert & Jason Prestileo

Thank You to **Dave Derbes** for donating his time in providing the great music entertainment on Friday night.

Thank You to **Sandy Clauser** for setting up the prizes for the various stands.

Thank You to **Sandy Frinzi** for donating the supplies for the Children's Spin Art and Sand Art.

Thank You to the **Prestileo Family** for donating the Guers Ice Tea, Soda and Heisler's Ice Cream.

Thank You to the **Deibert Family** for donating the cases of bottled water and kettle corn.

Thank You to the **Gaburick's** for donating the Hot Dogs.

Thank You to **Don & Joanne Doyne** for donated the ketchup & mustard.

Thank You to **Bill Hauptly** for the lighting.

Thank You to **Mary Bound** for making those delicious Halupkies.

Thank You to **Barbara Fox** for donating the meat and cabbage for the Halupkies.

Thank You to **Carol Vinskie** for donating a \$100 for the Halupkies.

Thank You to **Michelle & Mike Ambrose** for their help counting tickets and proceeds.

Thank You to **St. Patrick's Church** for the use of their canopies.

Thank You to **Yuengling's** for the Banner and donation of cases of beer.

Thank You to **Mrs. T's Pierogies** for the discounted price on pierogies.

Thank You to **Don Tassone** for his time in preparing the Roast Pig.

Thank You to **Tina Seiger** and **Sarah DeArment** for advertising on our Facebook page.

Thank You to our **Sponsors & Patrons** and everyone who patronized the Festival itself. All your donations make a significant difference and we thank you for your generosity.



Chance Book—Prize Winners

\$ 1,000 — Tyler Cooper
\$ 500 — Owen Shoopack
\$ 250 — Carole Quirin
\$ 100 — Herm Minnig
\$ 50 — Will Hochgertel
\$ 50 — Adalie Zanis
\$ 50 — Kelly Derbes

TOTAL PROFITS

\$23,454.59

Despite our very best efforts, we invariably misspell,
misplace, or omit the name of an important person ... YOU!
We apologize if we have done this!