

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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August 29, 2021

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You disregard God's commandment
but cling to human tradition."

Mk 7:8



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 30

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

Tuesday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Marie Gerace
(Babe Murphy)

Wednesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Joe & Mary Muldowney
(Dorothy Conway)

Thursday, September 2

9:00 a.m. Scott Glunz
(John & Joyce Gerace)

Friday, September 3

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

Saturday, September 4

5:00 p.m. Kathy Norkus
(Al Norkus)

Sunday, September 5

8:15 a.m. Julian & Mary Chiplonia
(Julian Chiplonia)

Sunday, September 5

10:30 a.m. James & Lillian Connelly
(Derbes Family)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This is the first week of school for many of us. Admittedly, when I was growing up, I was usually not very happy around this time. But, in the years of my priesthood, I now find this to be one of my favorite times of the year. After a relatively quiet summer, parish activities start anew. There is new life and new energy around the parish. We get a lot busier, but (for the most part) it is good, fulfilling activities that keep us busy. I hope this is your experience, too.

As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, several religious ed activities start up in the fall. We are introducing a new CCD program. It is family-based instead of the traditional classroom model. We hope it will bring many blessings to families, not just to the students alone. Please pray for the smooth implementation and success of this program.

We also hope to welcome new members into the Catholic Church next Easter. Anyone who is not Catholic or has not completed initiation into the Catholic faith and is interested in entering full communion with the Church is invited to RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Unlike larger parishes that tend to have groups of candidates and use more structured programs, we have the ability to tailor the program to your individual needs. Please contact us if you or someone in your life is interested in RCIA.

We never stop learning about our faith. Even if you are a life-long Catholic, it is important to keep learning. We are working on adult faith formation programs that will be offered in the fall and beyond. Please watch and listen for announcements.

Besides religious ed activities, we look forward to the new year of spiritual and social activities. The pandemic continues to create some uncertainty, but we hope to proceed as normally as possible. Please participate as much as you can and pray for a year of much growth and many blessings!

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*

Next Week's Readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 4/5)

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Reading II: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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

Susan Cook • Patricia Thomas • Sheri Post • Brian Eckley

For Our Deceased

Mary Lou Roeder

World Peace — *let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

May our families in our parish be a beacon of light and hope that peace can prevail in our communities and throughout the world.

One who
does
justice will
live in the
presence of
the Lord.



Upcoming Events

August

29	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Parent MeetingL.H.
30	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour..... Chapel

September

2	7:00 p.m.	First Friday Eve Holy Hour..... Church
9	6:30 p.m.	Scripture StudyL.H.
12	9:15 a.m.	CCD Parent MeetingL.H.
13	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council MeetingL.H.
13	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour..... Church
15	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union—Fall/Harvest Auction.....L.H.
16	6:30 p.m.	Scripture StudyL.H.
19	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....L.H.
20	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour..... Chapel
22	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee MeetingL.H.
23	6:30 p.m.	Scripture StudyL.H.
26	11:30 a.m.	CCD Meeting & Family Picnic.....R.B.
27	7:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour..... Chapel
30	7:00 p.m.	First Friday Eve Holy Hour Church

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men’s GroupZoom
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433

Weekly Collection

August 28/29\$5,327.00

Candle Donations

BVM

1. IMO Marie Fitzpatrick by Kathleen & Jim Scheibelhut
2. IMO Mary Eileen Grabowski by Stan & Geri Grabowski

St. Joseph

1. IMO Stan & Catherine Grabowski by Stan & Geri Grabowski
2. IMO Scott Bowers by Joan Bowers

Sanctuary

Living & Deceased of St. John’s Catholic Women’s Union

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Jim Wollyung by his Family
2. IMO Marie Fitzpatrick by Kathleen & Jim Scheibelhut
- 3&4. IMO Christine Bowers by Joan Bowers

Liturgical Ministers

Schedule

September 4 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Lucilla Kochol
Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy
Servers: Emma Seiger, Reese Ketner

September 5 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn
Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace
Servers: Luke Schane, Hayden Daubert

September 5 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Jeff Naffin
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
Servers: Macie Rushannon, R.J.Post

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ...

Your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for October & November so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call the rectory or email Larry Lonergan at larrylonergan130@gmail.com by September 12th. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.



Father Bobbin’s Wish List

Since I arrived very many of you have kindly offered help or asked if there is anything I need. Now that I have been here a couple months, I am getting a better sense of some of the needs of our parish. As I notice things, or as things are brought to my attention, I will add them to this ongoing “Wish List” of small (well, mostly small) jobs. If you see something you would like to help with, please let us know!

1. Weeding / gardening (as much or as little as you can do).
2. Manage any flowers in the church and chapel (remove old, help keep things neat, etc.)
3. Manage food pantry (put donated items in closet; organize; alert us when it is time to deliver to Catholic Charities)
4. Manage kitchen area in Longinus Hall; keep clean and organized; restock supplies or alert us when supplies are needed.

Neighboring Events

Annual Purse + More Raffle

Sponsored by Saint Pauline Society on Friday and Saturday, September 10 & 11 at St. Pauline Center, 1150 Chestnut St. in Kulpmont; Friday 12 noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homemade food and baked goods available for purchase. Need not be present to win.

Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Married couples around the Diocese will be invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 19. Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate the Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine in Allentown at 11:00 AM on Sunday, September 19, 2021. The Mass will also be livestreamed on AD Today and the Diocese of Allentown Facebook page.

The Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Please register to attend below!

If you have questions, email:

stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or call toll free 1-800-831-4443.

All are welcome to join in by watching the Mass at one of the following:

AD Today:

<https://www.ad-today.com/>

YouTube:

<https://m.youtube.com/user/DioceseofAllentown>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown/>

Married In Christ

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Joshua James Muldowney and Angela Elizabeth Zagar** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on August 7th in the presence of Fr. Loeper. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

Banns of Marriage

I—Caitlyn Goodman
and Christopher Hippli

E U C H A R I S T

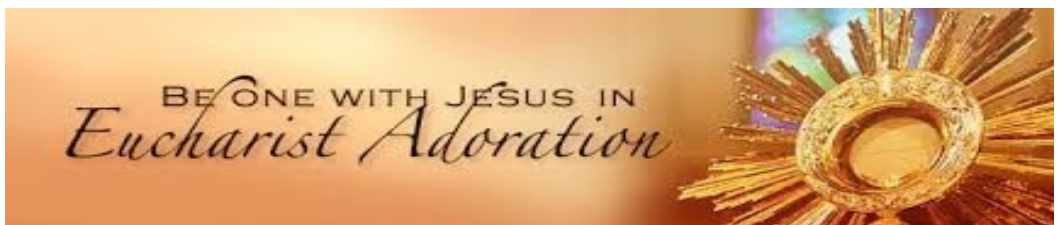
Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the “source and summit” of our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD-based program: Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understand of the precious gift of Christ’s body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass. Please join us on October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Longinus Hall. Sign up in the back of church on September 11/12 and 18/19 or call the rectory 570-622-5470 or email the rectory (with your name and phone number) at stjbparrish@comcast.net by September 20th.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study

... will be offered Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on September 9, 16, 23, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 18. Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) 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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for a holy hour 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.

Sip, Savor and Share

Ladies, there is a lot of important work to be done ... and we need your help! Please join the Diocese of Allentown Catholic Women’s Society of Giving our Sip, Savor and Share evenings. Our goal is to unite as women from all over the Diocese and support organizations and ministries that need our help. Please join us at one of our information sessions to learn more about our society, enjoy female fellowship and refreshments. Your involvement will make a difference!

Wednesday, September 8th at St. Ignatius, Sinking Springs —6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 16th at Assumption BVM in Colesville —6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 16th at St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22nd at Sacred Heart, Palmerton — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or call 800-831-4443.



August 29, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 | Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 | Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

As I began reading the Gospel for today, I initially thought, “Here we go - those hypocritical Pharisees are at it again! They are always questioning Jesus, always judging others, and always looking for ways to make themselves look ‘holier’ than everyone else.” Uh oh; then I realized that I was feeling pretty smug as I judged the Pharisees! Sadly, it can be easy for me to fall into a “Pharisee attitude,” thinking I “walk blamelessly and do justice” when really I am just deluding myself. While Jesus uses this encounter to point out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, he also calls the crowd to a greater understanding of the source of evil in their lives, “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts.” Maybe I need to hear these words, too, and examine my own thoughts and actions before judging others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. James provides an answer to combating the evil we discover in our hearts: “Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.” The Word, Jesus, came to us and has given us the way to free ourselves from the evil within. Our relationship with him is the key. We know we are to “be doers of the word and not hearers only.” We have the Holy Spirit to help us stay close to him and access his saving power that transforms our hearts to reflect his goodness and truth. It requires us to humbly assess and own the things we need to change; and to turn to him for guidance so that we may have nothing within us — no evil thoughts, greed, malice, envy or arrogance (etc.) — to defile us. Only then are we most free in Christ — truly free to “care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

PRAY The Daily Examen, created by St. Ignatius of Loyola, is an ideal way for growing closer to Jesus and seeking his guidance. Suggested for the day’s end, this prayerful reflection helps you recognize God’s presence in the day’s events, assess your thoughts and behavior, ask for his help in growing in goodness, and discern his plans for you.



St. Rose of Lima

Historians remember St. Rose of Lima for her piety and chastity. Born in 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, and named Isabel Flores de Olivia, she was exceptionally beautiful.

Her beauty was so great that she was nicknamed "Rose," a name that remains with her to this day. According to legend, a servant had a vision where her face turned into a rose. At her confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose.

From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. She performed secret penances, some of which were painful and severe. She performed daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and took daily communion.

As a young woman, her beauty began to attract suitors. To deter these men, St. Rose marred her face, rubbing it with pepper to make it blister. She cropped her hair short.

Her parents opposed her plan to take a vow of chastity. This resulted in a clash of wills, because her parents wanted her to marry. Her father eventually relented and gave her a room to herself.

St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer.

She quit eating meat altogether, an extreme dietary restriction for that time.

When she turned 20, she was permitted to join the Third Order of St. Dominic. She continued a life of extreme prayer, fasting and penance. On one occasion she burned her hands as a self-imposed act of penance.

She was known to wear a heavy silver crown, with spikes that could pierce her flesh. The spikes reminded her of the Crown of Thorns. At one point, one of the spikes became so lodged in her skull that the crown was removed with great difficulty.

St. Rose died in on August 25, 1617, at the age of 31. According to legend, she accurately predicted the date of her death. Her funeral was a major event attended by all the city's authorities.

Pope Clement IX beatified her in 1667 and Pope Clement X recognized her as a saint, canonizing her in 1671. Her feast day is August 23 around the world, although some countries, like Peru, celebrate her on August 30.

St. Rose is the patroness of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and people who suffer family problems.

Feastday: August 23

Patron: of Latin America and Philippines

Birth: 1586

Death: 1617

Parochial Administrator *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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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

Tuesday 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

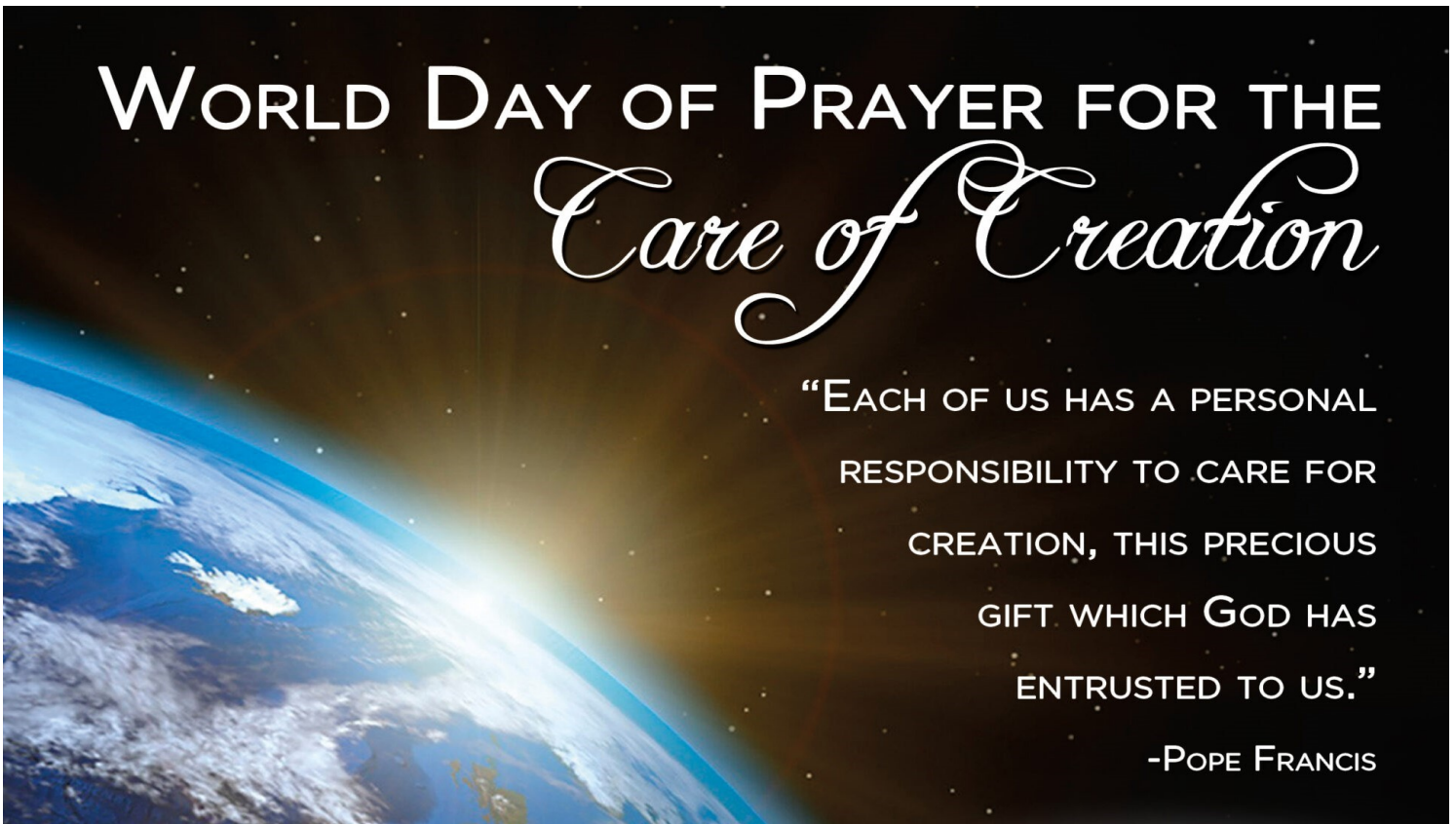
First Sunday of each month..... 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C.,L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE *Care of Creation*

“EACH OF US HAS A PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR
CREATION, THIS PRECIOUS
GIFT WHICH GOD HAS
ENTRUSTED TO US.”

-POPE FRANCIS