

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 9, 2025 • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



THE TEMPLE OF GOD
WHICH YOU ARE
IS HOLY



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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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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, Brenda Helt.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 8

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased
St. Bernard's Society

Sunday, November 9

8:15 a.m. Fran & Dorothy Purcell
(Deborah & Mark Purcell)

Sunday, November 9

10:30 a.m. Maria Weiss
(Janina Alsarhan)

Monday, November 10

6:30 p.m. William & Veronica Schmitt
(Shawn & Karen Schmitt)

Tuesday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Brian Eckley
(Anne & Tony Gaburick)

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

9:00 a.m. Sue O'Neill
(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Friday, November 14

9:00 a.m. James Cantwell Sr.
(Larry & Lorraine Palko)

Saturday, November 15

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of
St. John's Beneficial Soc.

Sunday, November 16

8:15 a.m. John Gerace
(Pat Kutch)

Sunday, November 16

10:30 a.m. Greg Glunz
(Babe Murphy)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We have been doing an overview of the letters of Saint Paul in the New Testament. Today we come to a pair of his longer letters: 1 and 2 Corinthians.

Corinth was a city in Greece that sat upon the narrow strip of land that connects the northern part of Greece with the peninsula to the south. Because of this, Corinth got a lot of traffic. It was a place where many different ethnic groups, cultures and religions met. This may help to explain Paul's reason for writing the letter. Immediately in the first chapter he calls out the Christians of Corinth because they allowed themselves to be divided into factions. Later in the letter, Paul uses the image of the Body of Christ for the Church: all the members are different and contribute different gifts, but they all cooperate for the good of the whole. This discussion builds to the famous passage on love in chapter 13.

The first letter to the Corinthians also addresses other major topics, such as the Eucharist (this is the earliest description of the institution of the Eucharist; Paul wrote this before the Gospels were written), and also the resurrection.

The second letter to the Corinthians, besides touching upon important topics for the faith, contains some of Paul's most unforgettable passages. He writes very passionately about his mission as an Apostle and all that he is suffering to spread the Gospel.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on **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.

Chosen, Blessed, Shared

Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "*Chosen, Blessed, Shared*," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired, continue to serve in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 13 & 14, 2025.

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.

Next Week's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(November 15/16)

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Upcoming Events

November

12	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship	L.H.
13	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
15	11 am-7 pm	Christmas Bazaar	R.B.
16	9 am-2 pm	Christmas Bazaar	R.B.
16	9:00 a.m.	CCD Class—Service Project	L.H.
16	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School / Children's Liturgy	L.H.
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union	L.H.
23	after Masses	Coffee & Donuts	L.H.
30	9:00 a.m.	CCD Class—Service Project	L.H.
30	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School / Children's Liturgy	L.H.

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

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Weekly Men's Group F.R.

Food Drive for Thanksgiving Baskets

We are seeking non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving Baskets that our Religious Education students will be making for those in need in our community. Below is a list of desired items. **Please do not donate expired food items or food in glass containers.** Large tote containers will be placed in the back of church starting the weekend of October 11th and 12th. We are also seeking anyone willing to donate a gift card or monetary donation for a turkey or ham. If you are interested in helping, please contact Miss Kochol at the rectory, 570-622-5470.

Canned Soup	Chicken or Vegetable Broth	Biscuit Mix
Canned Pumpkin	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Canned Apple Sauce
Canned Gravy	White or Brown Rice	Stuffing Mix
Canned Vegetables	Canned Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams
Canned Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese	Cooking Oil
Corn Bread	Coffee or Tea	

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Special Thank You

A very special "thank you" goes out to **Sandy Frinzi**, who took care of the *Bosco's Friends Helping Friends* certificates again this year. Also, thank you to those who helped Sandy ... *Chris Black, Judy Meseravage, Reese Reddington, Diane Sabados*. A fantastic total of **\$6,763.25** was raised for St. John's Parish. Thank you for all your hard work and time in selling these certificates.



A great big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in our 2nd Trunk or Treat!! We had a huge turnout! All of the trunks were loaded with such creativity and fun! The families of our parish and community were absolutely delighted! Such a great way to give back to all the friends and neighbors of St. John's! Thank you to Debbie Herb and family for donating all the hotdogs and buns. Thank you to Renee Reddington, Emma Seiger, Sandy Clauser, Pat Pugh, Deibert & Maley families for helping, volunteering and cleaning up! Thank you so much to all the trunks—you were all amazing! We calculated around 100 children attended! We cannot wait to bring even more spooktacular fun to next year's event.

..... Shanna Deibert

Weekly Collection

November 1/2\$4,811.03

All Saints Day\$1,200.00

All Souls Day\$1,402.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Sylvia Faiola
by Fetterolf Family
2. IMO Francis J. King
by Grace King

St. Joseph

1. IMO Jim Wollyung
by Wollyung Family
2. IMO Francis & Alice Gleason
by Grace King

Sanctuary

IMO Cora Bettinger
by Grace King

Guardian Angels

1. For Julia Klembara
by Anita Klembara
2. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh
by Hahner Family
3. IMO Herman Faiola
by Fetterolf Family
4. IMO Joan Faiola
by Fetterolf Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15 — 5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patricia O'Neill

EM: John O'Neill

Raymond Petrilla

Server: Raymond Petrilla

Cantor: Dave Derbes

November 16 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

EM: Bob Bechtel, Heidi Gorski

Servers: Kyle & Preston McCormick

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

November 16—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Joseph Palmieri

EM: Michael Ambrose, Debbie Herb

Servers: Sophia Palmieri

Gabriel Scheidel

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

Weekend Sacristan: R.J. Post

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 15th—11 am to 7 pm

Sunday, November 16th— 9 am to 2 pm

at the Russell Building

THEMED BASKETS - SPECIALS - CRAFTS
BARGAIN TABLE - HOMEMADE FOOD - BAKED GOODS
 (ALL FOOD ITEMS TAKE OUT ONLY)

Donated Baskets & Sponsors & Crafts

Afghan —Carol Rehnert
 Air Fryer Oven—Peggy & Walter Darmohray
 Art—Mary Beth Harvey
 Autumn Lantern—Pod & Petal
 Barbie —Lucilla Kochol
 Blanket Plus—Natalie Setlock
 Child's Activity—Jane & Ray Petrilla
 Child's Vintage Fire Truck—Ed & Carole Quirin
 Christmas—Darla & Vince Fabiani
 Christmas Centerpiece—Mary Bound
 Christmas Bathroom—Joanne & Don Doyne
 Christmas Door Decoration—Sharon & Lou Miller
 Countdown to Christmas—Phil & Pat Markovich
 Cozy Night In—Missy & Pat Scheetz
 Crocheted Hats & Scarves —Carol Rehnert
 Decorative Flower Pots—Michael & Janet Dzurani
 Dog Bskt —Carolyn & James Orlowsky
 Doll House Special—Phil & Carol Lasco
 Estate Planning—Eric Lieberman
 Jennifer Moore Handbags—Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Key Music Board—Al & Barb Munster
 Kitchen—Parishioners
 Lavendar—Sue & Rik Jochems
 Lottery Special —Ed & Carole Quirin
 Mickey Mouse Afghan—Reene Reddington
 Mr. & Mrs. Claus—Ellen & Jay Zane
 Nativity BVM High School—Nativity Family
 Painting—Fr. Bobbin
 Quilted Runner & Stockings—Jane Petrilla
 Sip/Snack/Scratch—Carl & Kathy Hughes
 Slow Cooker 6 qt.—Pat Scheetz



Donated Baskets & Sponsors & Crafts

Snacks—Miller Distributing
 Snowman & Basket—Donna Pugh
 Marlin Meats Super Freezer Deal Special—Joyce Gerace
 Tea & Snacks—Parishioners
 Tis the Season—Chris Maccarone
 Various Crafts/Wreaths—Mary Bound
 Vera Bradley—Rosann Sitkus
 Warm Winter—Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Wine—Bill & Kathy Gianfagna
 Wine—Larry Steficek
 Wine—Luis & Virginia Visot
 Wine—Parishioners
 Wine—Parishioners
 Wine—Parishioners
 Winter Spirit—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
 Winter Warm Up—Pat Kutch
 \$25 Boyer's Gift Card—Joe & Judy Piel
 \$25 Hadesty's Ace Gift Card—Joe & Judy Piel
 \$50 Boyer's Gift Card—Michelle & Tom Heenan
 \$50 Lowe's Gift Card—Linda & Marty Smith
 \$50 Lottery Frame—Mary Porter
 \$50 Lottery Frame (2) - Joyce Gerace
 Sponsor—\$150.00—Lieberman & Tamulon Law
 Sponsor—\$100.00—Frances Lorenz
 Sponsor—\$100.00—Joe & Sherri Souchak
 Sponsor—\$ 75.00—Jay & Ellen Zane
 Sponsor—\$ 50.00—Barbara Wollyung
 Sponsor—\$ 50.00—St. John's Catholic Women's Union
 Sponsor—\$ 25.00—Jack & Aggie Messner
 Sponsor—\$ 25.00—Joe & Dorothy Stangl

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

All Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers... please let us know your plans for **December and January** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory **before November 17th**. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

St. John's Ensemble

... will play/sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass on November 23rd.

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.

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!

If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

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." Amen.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!



On the weekend of **November 15/16**, a barren tree is placed in the front of church adorned with gift tags. The gift tags will have suggestions for the needy in our area. If you are able, please take one. Return your gift wrapped with the gift tag on the outside, attached to the ribbon. Please return the package under the tree before the weekend of **November 29/30**. The tag is very important because it has the person's identity number on it. If you are not able to purchase the item on the gift tag, please return it to the tree.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE TAG TO THE PAPER

Our gifts each year to the needy of the area are our way of reaching out to those who have meant so much and saying we love them and wish them the blessings of Christmas.

GIFTS ARE DUE BACK BEFORE November 29/30 weekend.

(Please Note: If more than one item is listed on the tag ... You are asked to get one item ONLY)

Church Safety Training

Please consider joining us on **Tuesday, November 11, 6:30pm** in the main church for a training session on church safety. It is a sad reality that there have been acts of violence perpetrated against places of worship. The more parishioners who are aware of safety procedures, the more peace of mind we can enjoy as we come together to worship as a parish family.

Nativity BVM High School Happenings

The month of November, Nativity's Green and Gold Club will be selling **Gift Card Calendars**. The Club will be mailing out 5 calendars to each Nativity family to sell and additional calendars will be available in the main office. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00.

On **Sunday, November 23rd**, Nativity will be hosting a **Fall Open House** for potential students for the 2026-2027 school year beginning at 4:30 PM at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board Members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This information will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

Knights of Columbus—Turkey Dinner

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will deliver a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable, and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (November 27). If you or a person you know is in need of a meal, please call either 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333 and leave your name and phone number and we will return your call. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 20 at 5 p.m. in order for us to order the required items for the meal. Thank You.

Help Needed. Also, anyone who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8 a.m. You can sign up for an area you may know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1 pm



Thank You, LORD!



November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 | Jn 2:13-22

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

Although today's feast marks the dedication of one of the most important churches for Catholics, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, it's ultimately not a celebration of a building, but a celebration of all members of the Church. As Paul reminds us, we are "the temple of God" and the Spirit of God dwells in us. We see in the Gospel that Jesus has immense love for the temple and wishes to protect it. He uses a whip made from cords to drive out the money-changers, telling them, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." So, too, he loves and cherishes his Body, the Church – the place his presence dwells. Today's feast invites us to consider our love and zeal for the Church. As our love for the Lord grows, we will grow to love what our Savior loves.

PRAY

At every Mass, during the Prayer of the Faithful, we pray for the needs of the Church first. This is intentional – as the Church is the Bride of Christ. Pay particular attention to what we pray at this moment and consider how you can show your love for the Church by praying for her and for the needs of the Church throughout the world in your personal prayer this week.

GO EVANGELIZE**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Our first reading offers a beautiful image that can help us understand our mission as disciples. The prophet Ezekiel has a vision of the temple with water flowing out of it. Wherever the water flowed, there was abundant life, including "every sort of living creature," "abundant fish," and "fruit trees of every kind" whose "leaves shall not fade, nor the fruit fail." Since we are God's temple, Ezekiel's vision invites us to be sources of life-giving water, nourishment, and healing for the world around us. A powerful way to evangelize is simply to strive to be conduits of goodness in the world, right where we are. When others are lost in desolation, how can we offer a drink to quench their spiritual thirst? When people around us are hungry, how can we offer physical or spiritual food to ease their hunger? Where there is division, how do we bring healing and hope? Through these actions, we give others a taste of the goodness that life with God offers.

Neighboring Events

Basket Auction to benefit St. Nicholas School in Minersville ... Sunday, November 9th; Drawing at 1 p.m. at St. Nicholas Hall in Primrose. Browse & Bid on November 6th (4-7 pm), Nov. 7th (10 am–1pm) & (4-7 pm), Nov. 8th (4-7 pm), Nov. 9th (10 am to 12 noon). Home-made foods, 50/50. Kitchen open Friday, Saturday, Sunday. For more information call St. Nicholas School 570-544-2900.

Turkey Bingo sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on Sunday, November 9th. Doors open 11 a.m.; Bingo begins 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 making this a great event to bring the whole family too! Our kitchen will be open making all of your Holy Family favorites!

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope at St. Theresa Church (1408 Easton Road, Hellertown) on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00pm. Presiding will be Rev. Philip J. Maas, Assistant Pastor at St. Thomas More Parish, Allentown. Please join us in praying for the return of Catholics who are no longer practicing the Faith. To learn more about the St. Monica Ministry, please email Celeste at StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com or call/text 484-554-2022.

City Chicken Dinner sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on Sunday, November 16th. Dinners are \$12 includes 3 pieces of city chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of green beans or corn. Additional city chicken and fresh kielbasa also available. Pre-Order sales ONLY. Please call Jean at 570-640-0140 or Rosalie at 570-544-2172 by Sunday, November 9th to place your order.

Christmas Bazaar at St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg on Saturday, November 22nd from 8 am to 1 pm. Handmade crafts & gifts by local crafters. Theme Baskets & Quilt Raffles, Homemade Cookies & Baked Goods. Serving Breakfast & Lunch items from the kitchen & much more. Free parking and admission. For more information please call 610-562-7652 or www.stmaryhamburg.org



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

A Prayer for All Veterans.

O God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected. Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity. As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation. We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.