

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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May 15, 2022



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 14

5:00 p.m. Samkavitz & Orzechowski Family  
(Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski)

### Sunday, May 15

8:15 a.m. Mary Ann Holley  
(Debbie & Mark Purcell)

### Sunday, May 15

10:30 a.m. Deceased Zambo Family  
(Zambo Family)

### Monday, May 16

6:30 p.m. Sharon Lonergan  
(Phil & Carol Lasco)

### Tuesday, May 17

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

### Wednesday, May 18

**NO MASS**

### Thursday, May 19

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

### Friday, May 20

9:00 a.m. Deceased of Bohr Family

### Saturday, May 21

5:00 p.m. Virginia Comfort & Elvin 'Barney' Comfort  
(Chris & Jared Black)

### Sunday, May 22

8:15 a.m. Cathy Muscavage  
(Nora Chiplonia)

### Sunday, May 22

10:30 a.m. Ralph Thomas  
(Joe Orlowsky & Family)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Here we are in the middle of May. In my opinion, May is the most beautiful month of the year. As we move deeper into spring, the warm weather is here to stay and colder days become the exception. We continue to celebrate the joyful Easter season, of which we still have three more weeks. As I reflected last week, May is traditionally the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother. And, I might add, for those of us whose lives revolve around school, it is time to anticipate graduations and a summer break.

I mention all this because it is important to keep things in perspective. We can easily be weighed down by the troubles in the world around us, such as the ongoing suffering of Ukraine, or by the troubles in our own individual lives, which at times can be very consuming. But this season (Easter, spring, the month of Mary) reminds us that there is much beauty and goodness in our lives and in the world, beauty and goodness that reflect the presence and action of God. Both the springtime and the Easter season remind us that new life will follow times of darkness. This is not optimism or wishful thinking. This is our faith. Our Lord makes all things new.

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Bobbin*



*Year of Real*  
**PRESENCE**  
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## 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.

*Alleluia!*

## Next Week's Readings

**6th Sunday of Easter** (May 21/22)

**Reading I:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**Reading II:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29

## 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

*Patricia Thomas • Sheri Post • Robert Kline*

## Upcoming Events

### May

15	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre School .....	L.H.
15	11:30 a.m.	May Procession .....	Church
18	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg .....	L.H.
19	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
20	4 -7 p.m.	Yard Sale.....	R.B.
21	9—noon	Yard Sale.....	R.B.
22	1-2:30 p.m.	Altar Server Practice .....	Church
26	9:00 a.m.	Ascension Thursday—Mass.....	Church
26	5:15 p.m.	Ascension Thursday—Mass.....	Church
26	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
29	1-2:30 p.m.	Altar Server Practice .....	Church

**L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building**  
 Tues.7:15 p.m.Weekly Men’s Group ..... Zoom  
 Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 ..... Password: Mary

## Weekly Collection

**May 7/8 .....\$4,600.82**  
**Parish Dues .....\$1,036.75**

## Candles

### BVM

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family
2. IMO Raydell Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger by Barbara Wollyung
2. IMO Albert Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

### Sanctuary

IMO Frank & Rose Boris  
 by Margaret & Keith Naffin

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO John Heimbaugh by Helen Heimbaugh
- 2&3. IMO Mary Ann Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy & Family

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

### Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on May 19, and 26.** Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) or at home on Zoom (\*Please email Father for the Zoom link: [kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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.



## First Holy Communion

We congratulate our boys and girls who received Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We also congratulate their families and teachers who brought them to this point in their lives.

- Callen Liddle*
- Joshua Bowman*
- Gabrielle Kubick*
- Rosa Ciarvella*

## Altar Server Training

**Training for new altar servers** will be offered on Sundays, **May 22 and 29**, from 1:00-2:30 in church for any St. John youth currently in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older. We prefer that new servers attend both meetings, but, if this is not possible, they may attend either one. Parents are welcome to sit in. Please call the rectory if your son or daughter plans to attend (570-622-5470).

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### May 21 —5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Heidi Gorski  
**Euch.Min.:** Dan & Hermine Murphy  
**Servers:** Alex Gorski  
**Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

### May 22— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Bobby Bechtel  
**Euch.Min.:** George Forney  
**Servers:** Maggie & Rhyan Brennan  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

### May 22— 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich  
**Euch.Min.:** Janet Daubert  
**Servers:** Kelly & Lauren Goodman  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

**Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ...** please let us know your plans for **June & July** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory before **May 16**. Thank you.



### Baptized in Christ

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Aizlynn Sophia Forney**, daughter of Scott and Ashley (Felker) Forney. Aizlynn became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome her into our parish family.

### Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **Danielle White** and her sons, **Christian** and **Patrick** to St. John's Parish Family. Danielle is employed by MRD Lumber, Christian attends college and Patrick is in high school. Warmly welcome the White Family into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

### Banns of Marriage

II—Elizabeth Witman & Christian Mehl

### Pray the Rosary

Recite the rosary daily during the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious in asking for her intercession.



### Parish Council Nominations

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection basket or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They **are eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

*Heidi Gorski, Eric Lieberman, Melissa Scheetz, Martin Smith*

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

#### Term expires 2023

*John Consugar, Darren DeArment, Patty O'Neill, Nick Quinn*

#### Term expires 2024

*Joseph Gerchak, Joseph Kurtek, Nannette Major, Al Norkus, John Powers*

President: Robert Bechtel

1st Vice-President: Kevin McNamara

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- President: Darren DeArment

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### Nomination Ballot

#### I Nominate:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Friday, June 3rd.**



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.

### 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

May 15, 2022

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 | Rev 21:1-5a | Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

I'm an expressive one when it comes to sharing my opinions: I absolutely LOVE these new shoes! I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this lemon meringue pie! All good. My friends and family are mildly pleased that I am content with my wardrobe and my diet. But in today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the great commandment, combining the two commandments – to love God and to love neighbor – into one: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." But what does it really mean to *love*? Saint Paul says it is to be patient, kind, and to rejoice with the truth; it is not being jealous, pompous, rude, or quick-tempered. (1 Cor 13: 4-6) Saint Thomas Aquinas says that "to love is to will the good of another." The love we show is the very essence of what it means to be Christian. "*This* (italics added) is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's reading from Acts, Paul, and Barnabas return from their travels to various Christian communities. They have shared the Good News, making disciples in each place and building up the Church. Yet when they return, they do not gloat or boast of their accomplishments. Rather, they "reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." Sometimes in our strivings – to be better friends or parents, better Christians, better at sharing our faith – we can become discouraged when we fall short. Paul, arguably the best evangelist ever, reminds us that God works through us, not the other way around. We are to persevere, placing our trust in God. Through him we are able to love as he does, and help others come to know that same love.

**ACTIONS** Spring is upon us! Plant something and watch it grow. Just as the sun and water nurture a garden, God nurtures and helps us grow through the Holy Spirit and the people around us. How can we in turn share that love with others?



Love

**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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**Assumption BVM Elementary** ..... (570) 622-0106  
**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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