

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 9, 2024

10TH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus and His Family

*“Whoever does the will of God is
my brother and sister and mother.”*

Mark 3:35



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9

8:15 a.m. Scottie Glunz
(Karen Lenard)

Sunday, June 9

10:30 a.m. Joe Brahler
(Kathy Brahler)

Monday, June 10

6:30 p.m. William & Veronica Schmitt
(Geri Beane & Family)

Tuesday, June 11

9:00 a.m. George Hahner Sr.
(Ed Hahner)

Wednesday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Josephine & Dominic Peleggi
(Janet Daubert)

Thursday, June 13

9:00 a.m. Joseph & Jessie Ritzel
(Joan Ritzel)

Friday, June 14

9:00 a.m. M/M Alfred Halsey
(Joseph, Sonya, Joe Halsey)

Saturday, June 15

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Fathers
of St. John's Parish Family

Sunday, June 16

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Fathers
of St. John's Parish Family

Sunday, June 16

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Fathers
of St. John's Parish Family

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, we do a Scripture study Thursday evenings, on and off, from September to May. For those who are not able to join us, I thought I would use my bulletin messages to offer some information that can be helpful in reading the Bible on your own or placing the Sunday readings in context.

Let's start by looking at how the Bible is organized. The Bible is not a single book but rather a library of books. It includes many different kinds of literature from various time periods. The Bible is composed of the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the collection of 46 books that represent the era of salvation history that prepares the way for Jesus our Savior. The Old Testament is also known as the "Hebrew Scriptures" because it is the collection of sacred writings of the Jewish People, from whom Jesus would come and from whom the Church would be born. The New Testament, also known as the "Christian Scriptures" is the collection of 27 books and letters that have to do with Jesus Himself and the beginning of the Church.

We will break down this daunting collection of 73 books into smaller categories as we go on. We will attempt to shed light on some of the important things we need to consider if we want to understand the Scriptures: What historical time or events does this book of the Bible reflect? What kind of literature is it, and what is the writer trying to communicate? Why is this book important for our faith?

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

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.



Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar this weekend are donated ...
IMO of Joseph Reddington
by Renee Reddington

Next Week's Readings

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(June 15/16)

Reading I: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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 • Tony Kochol • Josephine Gallagher
Tom Jefferson • Dominic Maccarone • Drew Schaeffer • Shawn Matz
Miriam Tirjan • John Bernetsky • Carol Rhoades • John & Mary Jean
Morgalis • Joanne Mestishen*

Upcoming Calendar

June

10	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg.....	L.H.
12	8:00 p.m.	St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg	F.R.
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg.....	L.H.

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

Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men's Group F.R.

Flowers in Church

Generally speaking, flowers are donations. The parish decorates the church for the Christmas and Easter seasons (partly thanks to your donations). The rest of the year, we welcome donations of flowers. Flowers are **not** appropriate during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. Flowers **are** appropriate on:

- Sundays in Ordinary Time
- Sundays in the Easter Season (after the original Easter flowers have died)
- Holy Days—such as—Ascension Thursday, Assumption (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), Immaculate Conception (December 8)



If you would ever like to donate flowers (perhaps in memory of a loved one), please call

Nativity BVM High School News ...

Positions Available

Science Teacher (full time) with Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Science Certification is preferred.

Boys Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 season.

Interested candidates for either position, please send resume, clearances and references to: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 17901 or lsabol@nativitybvm.net

Little Girls Volleyball Camp for girls entering 3rd through 8th grade to be held **July 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th** at Nativity High School Gymnasium (Girls in Grades 3, 4, 5: 5 to 6:30 PM; Girls in Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 to 8:00 PM). Cost is \$80.00. Camp includes: individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, t-shirt. Instruction is by Nativity coaching staff, former and current Nativity players. Brochures are available at Nativity HS. Please phone Mrs. Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 for more information.

Little Golden Girls Basketball Camp will be held at the school from **July 22nd to 25th** (grades 2 to 5: 9 AM to 12 PM and grades 6 to 8: 1 PM to 4 PM). Cost is \$65 per camper/ \$50 siblings rate and includes t-shirt. Camp highlights: basketball fundamental skill development, offense and defense stations, 1 on 1 and group skill instruction, competition and games that incorporate basketball skills and teamwork. Please contact Coach Scott Forney at 570-573-4275 for more information.

Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **William & Kelly (Kalovcak) Rhoads** and their son, **Brady** to St. John's Parish Family. William is a teacher at Pottsville School District and Kelly is an Internal Medicine Physician. Warmly welcome the Rhoads Family into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.



Weekly Collection

June 1/2\$5,938.75

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 Scottie Glunz by Karen Lenard
2. IMO Joseph Brahler by Kathy Brahler

St. Joseph

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family
2. IMO Joseph Brahler by Kathy Brahler

Sanctuary

IMO Joseph Brahler by Kathy Brahler

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Joseph Brahler by Kathy Brahler
2. IMO Mary Ann Holley by Deborah & Mark Purcell
- 3&4. IMO Ronald Kriston by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 15— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: John O'Neill

Hermine Murphy

Server/Sacristan: Ryan Grabowski

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

June 16— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder

Justina Majestic

Server: Gabriel Scheidel

Cantor: Amy Joyce

June 16 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert

Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb

Frank Murphy

Server: Jackson Daubert

Cantor: Dave Derbes

Summer Festival

A short note from the Summer Festival Committee We are so very excited to once again celebrate our parish and community! We are currently working hard to make changes and improvements and can't wait to work alongside of so many of you! We had an amazing Summer Festival last year and are hoping to bring an even better and more organized event this year. Please join us! Our festival is only possible because of all of you --- thank you!

Advanced Ticket Sales

Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advances Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekend of **July 6/7; July 13/14** Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**



Summer Festival—Pot Luck Stand Donations

We are in need of 35 children's and 25 adult prizes and time is running out! Prizes can be placed in the bins marked "Pot Luck" at the back of church.

To make donating more convenient, we've also set up an Amazon Gift list. Scan the code below or visit [Amazon.com/registries](https://www.amazon.com/registries) and search for "St. John the Baptist Pottsville" under the "Gift List" option. Items purchased will ship directly to Maureen Derbes.

Please remember we can only accept recently purchased, NEW items in original package. Any old, used or opened items will not be able to be used for prizes. If you like, include your name so we can keep track of those who donated. Any questions of concerns or wanting to arrange drop off please call or text Maureen at 570-691-6098. Thank you for your generosity and helping make our festival better than ever.



Amazon Gift List QR Code

VOLUNTEER

SUMMER FESTIVAL NEWS



Attention all upcoming Confirmation candidates and anyone needing service hours. It is never too early to start working on accumulating your service hours! Get a jump start and avoid last minute scrambling for hours. St John's Summer Festival is in need of volunteer help!! From set up to clean up and helping at the stands - serve your community and enjoy being part of the great fellowship of our parish! We will happily help you fulfill those hours! Sign-up sheets are located in the back of church.

Help Needed

My name is Anthony J. Gaburick. I suffer from a nerve disease that requires treatments for me to stay functional. My treatments are out of town in places such as Allentown, West Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Wyomissing. I'm looking for drivers who can help me get to these treatments. Doctors will not allow me to drive myself to and from treatments. If anyone is interested in driving me, please contact the church rectory. I'll be very grateful for your help!

Knights of Columbus

will be taking up a collection at the church exits on Saturday and Sunday, June 15 & 16 to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Monica Ministry Adoration and Apologetics

Our next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope will take place at St. Theresa Church (1408 Easton Road, Hellertown) at **6:00pm on Tuesday, June 11**. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a return to the Church of our fallen-away loved ones. Immediately following the Holy Hour in Friendship Hall, Dr. Michael Behe will give a presentation entitled, "Science as the Handmaid of Faith: How Nature Points Insistently to God." Dr. Behe will clearly and engagingly present the amazing evidence for an Intelligent Designer and will follow up his talk with a question-and-answer session. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome! Please register by emailing stmonicaministry27@gmail.com

Summer Festival

Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20
5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Specials Table

Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's Table at the Festival? We are asking for 15 baskets. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church ... suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately \$30—\$50. Gift Certificates are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(Baskets should be **completed** and **wrapped**. Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building on Wednesday, July 17 or Thursday, July 18. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



Pot Luck Stand

Please see information on page 4 of today's bulletin.

Music Entertainment



Friday evening, July 19th, our very own **Dave Derbes** will play acoustic. We have been blessed to have the wonderful talent of Dave and his upbeat and fun music that truly has become a festival tradition! **Saturday evening, July 20th**, we will welcome back "The **New Individuals**" oldies and party band from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. They will play an exciting mix of 50s, 60s, 70s music that is sure to get your toes tapping. Bring your lawn chair or have a seat in one of our shaded accommodations and enjoy all the amazing music celebrating our summer tradition!

Volunteer to Help at a Stand

There are a variety of stands that need help Games of Chance, Children's Games, Food Service, Ticket Stands, etc. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church ... add your name and phone number to one of the many areas.

Dedicated Workers Needed

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, and **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up and take-down. Your help in these areas is essential. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church.

Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 19 or 20th.

Food Committee

We need volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival If you would like to help, please call the Rectory or add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.



Festival Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following — please drop in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Band Sponsor	\$100.00 each	Bleenie Mix	\$ 40.00 per bucket
Coke Sponsor	\$ 50.00 each	Ice Cream	\$ 25.00 each
Pizza Sponsor	\$ 50.00 each		

Festival Supplies

Sour Cream — Mustard — Ketchup (original/regular tomato only)

(A container will be in the back of church in the near future Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)

Bulletin Boosters

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

*Thank you for supporting our
 bulletin this month!*

New Altar Servers

We invite any boys and girls currently finishing fourth grade or older to consider becoming altar servers. Parents, please speak with Father Bobbin or call the rectory. We will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for training.

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."

***With the Lord there is
 mercy, and fullness of
 redemption.***

DMI—Disciple Maker Index—Survey Department

We want to thank all the parishioners who participated in our survey during the Lenten season. And we are eager to get to work on the results. Here are some updates for you. There has been work going on "behind the scenes" regarding the DMI survey results.

First of all, we've been working to form our Planning/Writing Committee. This is the group that will be responsible for reviewing the survey results, and then communicating the results to all of you. Currently, the committee members are me (*John Crane*), *Father Bobbin*, *Sarah DeArment*, *Michelle Stone* and *Dr. Bill Gianfagna*.

Secondly, we (the committee) have training sessions that start next week that will help us with understanding and interpreting the data from the surveys. The training has 3 sessions with the final one being offered in Mid-July.

We expect to get the survey results by the middle of June. But we won't have actual survey information to share with everyone until Labor Day. Just so everyone knows, the survey results are something we will be working with for the next several years, and the hope of the survey is for all parishioners to enhance their spiritual journeys and needs. That's all for now. We will keep in touch.

Diocesan News & Events

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. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 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.

Your Life Retreat

Malvern Retreat House would like to invite men and women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives. Learn, reflect, "dump your stuff", fortify yourself, increase your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the men's weekend, Sep 6, 7, and 8; or a women's weekend, Sep 13, 14, and 15; Fri night to Sun morning. Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671, OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

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.



Pastor..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon..... *Lawrence Lonergan*

Parish Council President..... *Darren DeArment*
Choir Director/Organist.....*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Lucilla Kochol*
Rectory..... (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax..... (570) 622-4589
E-mail.....stjbparish@comcast.net
Nativity BVM High School..... (570) 622-8110
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

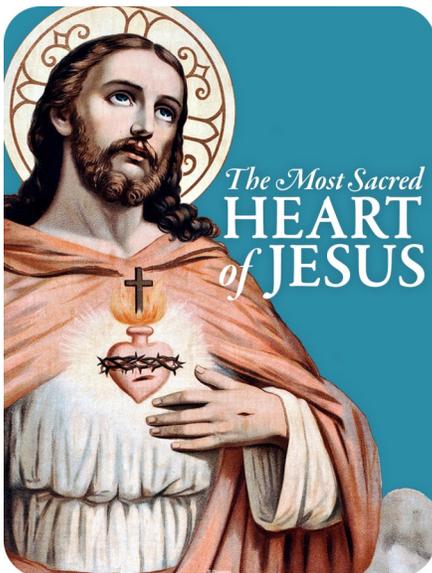
Sacrament of Marriage
Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

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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MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS June 11



Think of countless T-shirts and bumper stickers: “I (big red heart) a city/pet/candidate/ whatever.” The heart is truly the universal symbol of love. Catholic tradition pictures Jesus’ heart as living token of redemptive love. The Gospels describe Jesus’ heart as “meek and humble” (Matthew 11:29), “full of compassion” (Matthew 9:36), a “fountain of living water” (John 7:37-39), of “blood [Eucharist] and water [Baptism]” (John 19:34), sacraments of the church’s birth, new Eve from new Adam’s side. The Sacred Heart devotion blossomed in the seventeenth century, countering an overemphasis on spiritual unworthiness and an increasing secular contempt for religion with loving affection for Jesus and encouragement of frequent Communion. The devotion’s “apostle” was the humble nun Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90), who envisioned Jesus, pointing to his burning, wounded heart and lamenting the world’s indifference: “Behold the Heart that has loved people so and is loved so little in return!” This cherished Catholic devotion reminds us that, no matter how sophisticated the theology in our heads, discipleship is also, perhaps more so, a matter of the heart.