

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 12, 2022

Father

ONE GOD

and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:6

Son

THE WORD

became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Holy Spirit

THE ADVOCATE,

the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name ~ he will teach
you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

John 14:26

THE HOLY TRINITY

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 11

5:00 p.m. John & Margaret Kasinecz
(John & Barb Powers)

Sunday, June 12

8:15 a.m. T. Mary Rinaldo
(Chuck Rinaldo & Daughters)

Sunday, June 12

10:30 a.m. Betty & Gene Gustitis
(Annette & Jack Lisowski)

Monday, June 13

6:30 p.m. Joseph & Jessie Ritzel
(Joan Ritzel)

Tuesday, June 14

9:00 a.m. Alfred & Rita Halsey
(Joseph, Sonya, Joe Halsey)

Wednesday, June 15

9:00 a.m. Scottie Glunz
(Karen Lenard)

Thursday, June 16

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

Friday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Francis & Mary Burns

Saturday, June 18

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

Sunday, June 19

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

Sunday, June 19

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

Next Week's Readings

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

(June 18/19)

Reading I: Genesis 14:18-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Although the Easter season has ended and we're back in Ordinary Time, we have three more special celebrations on the Church calendar. Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Next weekend is Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The following Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (which, unfortunately this year falls on the same day as our patronal feast, St. John the Baptist).

To me, these three celebrations are like echoes of the Easter season. We just spent fifty days celebrating the Resurrection: Jesus has risen and He lives among us today to continue His saving work. Trinity Sunday reminds us that God is not a solitary individual, but a family: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, united in perfect love. Jesus died and rose so that we can become part of this divine family. Corpus Christi reminds us that the risen Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist, which is at the center of our faith and worship. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart reminds us of God's love for us in Jesus.

Just as we begin summer, a time of joy and renewal, the Church calendar invites us to celebrate these mysteries of our faith, which should be a source of joy and renewal.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*



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.

New Mural in Church

Plans are underway for a **new mural** in the main stairwell of our church. Artist and parishioner Kim Searle is designing a mural of St. John the Baptist to be painted on the wall opposite David Naydock's mural of the Prodigal Son. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in sponsoring this project. We thank Kim and all helpers and supporters as we seek to add to the beauty and richness of our church.

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 • Joanne Schultz

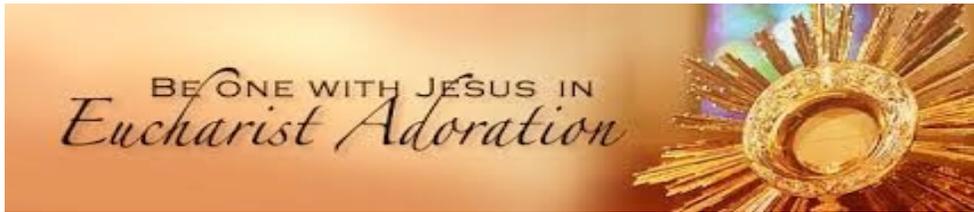
Upcoming Events

June

12	5:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Day	Church
13	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg	L.H.
14	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Mtg	L.H.
15	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg	L.H.

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



Eucharistic Day

As our diocese observes the Year of the Real Presence, we will celebrate a **Eucharistic Day** on **Sunday, June 12**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 10:30 Mass. We invite you to spend some time with our Lord in prayer on Sunday afternoon. We will close our day with a Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. We welcome back Fr. Dave as homilist for our closing liturgy.

Soup Kitchen Cooks/Servers Needed

Provide a welcoming, respectful environment for the homeless and those in need. Individuals are needed to serve a meal at the Pottsville Area Kitchen once a month. Meals are served Monday through Thursday from 5:00 P.M.. to 6:00 P.M. and Sundays at 12:00 P.M. Currently, we are providing grab and go meals and follow CDC guidelines. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings and forms. For more information please contact Terry Alexander 570-617-2957 or terry-pak@comcast.net or Bob Olney at 610-435-1541 ext 327 or rolney@allentowndiocese.org



St. John’s Catholic Women’s Union

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, June 15th at 6:30 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 Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!



Cemetery Flags

If your loved one / family member was not honored with a flag this Memorial Day weekend, please contact the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

Weekly Collection

June 4/5\$5,057.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Scottie Glunz by Karen Lenard
2. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz By Ron & Pat Lombel

St. Joseph

- 1&2. IMO Helen & Joseph Lescavage by Martin & Linda Smith

Sanctuary

Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1. IMO David A. Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis
2. IMO Gladys J. Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis
- 3&4. 50th Wedding Anniversary of John & Bernice Petock

Liturgical Min. Schedule

June 18 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Patricia O’Neill
Euch.Min.: John O’Neill
Servers: Caden & Madison Wright
Cantor: Joanne Matina

June 19— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Jeff Naffin
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
Servers: Leah & Jude Scheidel
Cantor: Dave Derbes

June 19— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert
Euch.Min.: Paul Herb
Servers: Jackson Daubert
Cantor: Dave Derbes



Families Matter ...

School Year Ending ... As this school year ends, many families strive to grow closer together as they spend more time enjoying each other's company. We pray that the Lord will give each family time for play, reflection and growth in their love for each other.

Healthy Notes ...

When eating from buffets or salad bars, consider washing your hands or using hand sanitizer after using tongs or serving spoons, if you will be touching the food, since the handles may be contaminated with bacteria or viruses from the hands of previous patrons. For instance, in a study in the *Journal of Food Microbiology, Safety & Hygiene*, researchers showed that *E coli* bacteria easily spread from contaminated hands to metal salad tongs, and from the tongs to hands. Of course, you should wash your hands *before* using shared serving utensils, especially if you have a cold or stomach bug, to help protect other people. Another option: Use a paper napkin to hold the tongs and spoons or to pick up dry food like bread.

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.

Flower Donations

If anyone wishes to memorialize flowers in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses for a living or deceased intention, please call the Rectory 570-622-5470.

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days - Registration Now Open!

The Office for Vocations will be conducting its annual Quo Vadis and Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 17 to Thursday, July 21, 2022 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at www.allentowndiocese.org.

Early registration is \$100 before June 16th. After June 15th, the registration fee is \$150. Registration deadline is June 29. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.

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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - June 24-26, 2022

An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion.

In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on healing from an abortion and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact Carol Swavely, MA1-866-3 RACHEL(Toll Free 610-435-1541 Ext. 373 or carolswavely@ptd.net. Deadline for Registration is June 17, 2022.

The Retreat will be held at the Mariawald Retreat Center in Reading. For information about the retreat experience visit the national website www.rachelsvineyard.org

"Catholic Engaged / Married Couple ~ Date Night Out"

Wednesday, June 29th at 6:30pm at Roman Delight, Orwigsburg. Dinner buffet, cash bar, table conversations – a chance to get out and meet other Catholic couples. Free will offering/No cost to attend. RSVP is required at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org.

Volleyball Camp

Nativity Green Wave Volleyball Team for the Little Girls Volleyball Camp for girls entering 3rd through 8th grade on July 11, 12, 13, 14 at Nativity High School Gymnasium. Girls in grades 3, 4, 5 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; girls in grades 6, 7, 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$75.00. Camp includes ... individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, and t-shirt. Instructions by Nativity coaching staff, former and current Nativity players. Please call Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 for more information.

Neighboring Events

Flea Market

St. Mary's Church in Hamburg on **Friday, June 17** from 4-7 p.m. and **Saturday, June 18** from 8 to 12 noon. Kitchen open serving breakfast and lunch. For further info call the parish office at 610-562-7657.

Bishop ordained newest priest for Diocese of Allentown



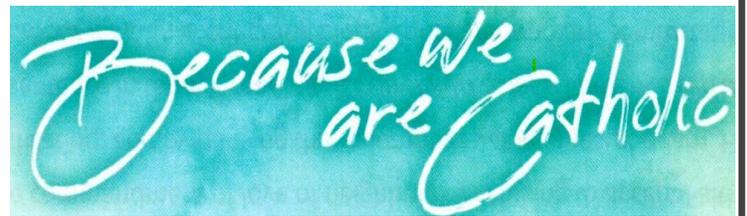
Rev. Matthew J. Kuna was ordained a priest by Bishop Alfred Schlert on Saturday, June 4 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

Kuna, 28, has been studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, and has served this past year as a Transitional Deacon at the Cathedral.

“My whole life of faith has been grounded here,” he said. “Being a priest in this Diocese – my local Church – is going to be one of the greatest privileges of my life.”

Kuna attended St. Thomas More School, Allentown; graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School; and earned a bachelor of science degree in education, with a concentration on Spanish and English as a second language, from Kutztown University, before answering the call to the Priesthood.

Funds raised through the Because We are **Catholic Annual Appeal** are directed to Community Services, Education, Vocations and Parish Life programs and activities throughout the Diocese. The distribution of dollars, which are held in a Trust that is restricted for these purposes, is monitored by a group of volunteer Trust Advisors who represent parish communities in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.



Community Services

- ◆ Counseling services and pregnancy support for expectant mothers.
- ◆ Food assistance programs in Allentown, Reading, and Pottsville
- ◆ Affordable Housing Services throughout the Diocese of Allentown
- ◆ Senior living programs and support including care for our retired priests

The administrative cost of running the Appeal is approximately \$250,000/year, which is about 6%. In other words, every one dollar spent on the Appeal makes an additional \$15 available for direct service, ministries, and pastoral care.

How can I make a gift?

For your convenience, pledge forms are available at every parish. You can also make a gift by phone or online.

Donate online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org / Phone 800-831.4443.

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart

I. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.' Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of..... *(here name your request)* Our Father... . Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father... .

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.' Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of..... *(here name your request)* Our Father... Hail Mary... . Glory Be To the Father... .

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.' Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of... *(here name your request)* Our Father... . Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father... .

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

-- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Padre Pio recited this novena every day for all those who requested his prayers.

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

June 12

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31 | Rom 5:1-5 | Jn 16:12-15

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

St. Paul gives us four words to live by: “Hope does not disappoint.” Today, as we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded of the source of our hope: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, described by Pope Francis as “a communion of love.” As St. Paul writes, “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” This doesn’t mean our lives won’t be without difficulties, but St. Paul is assuring us that we do not face them alone. As Jesus tells the disciples in today’s Gospel, “when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.” As we move into our week and whatever the near future holds, we can rest assured the Holy Spirit will guide us and strengthen us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It’s graduation season! When my oldest son received his college diploma last weekend, I felt overwhelmed with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead for him. As is the case for many students, his path to a degree was not straight (nor was it paved with straight A’s). Yet here he was, receiving his degree and planning to start a job in a field he loves just two days later. The worries I felt during his high school and early college days dissipated, replaced with a sense of gratitude – and hope. This experience and others like it remind me to bring my worries and concerns to prayer, knowing that Jesus walks beside me and those I love. We can witness to our faith by offering to pray for others facing uncertainties and challenges, and by sharing how we have experienced “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

PRAY Pray the Sign of the Cross, reflecting on the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. How have we experienced that love and how can we share it?



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Deacon.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

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Choir Director/Organist*David Derbes*
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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
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