

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 23, 2024

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

MR 4:37-38



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. George & Mary Connell
(Mary Ellen Tarman)

Sunday, June 23

8:15 a.m. Charles Lorenz
(Frances Lorenz)

Sunday, June 23

10:30 a.m. Edward J. Buber
Dec. Buber & Panick Fam.)
(Paul & Joanna Buber)

Monday, June 24

9:00 a.m. William Lecher Jr.
(Aunt Mary, Uncle Bill)

Tuesday, June 25 to Friday, June 28

NO MASSES

Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. George & Mary Connell
(Mary Ellen Tarman)

Sunday, June 30

8:15 a.m. M/M Peter Samkavitz
M/M Edward Orzechowski
(M/M Joseph Orzechowski)

Sunday, June 30

10:30 a.m. Frank & Madeline Zambo
(Mary Zambo & Children)

Next Week's Readings

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(June 29/30)

Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

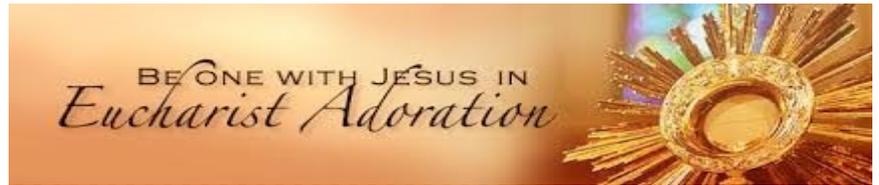
Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Continuing our tour of the Bible... Last week we noted that the Old Testament has four collections of books. The first collection is called the *Pentateuch*, or the *Law*. It contains the first five books of the Bible. It is regarded by the Jewish people as the most important part of the Scriptures. These five books, Genesis through Deuteronomy, contain a variety of literature: stories about the origins of the world, humanity, and the need for salvation; historical information about the origins of God's People; laws, rules, and regulations that govern the life of God's People.

Before we look at each of these five books, we need to keep in mind that the Bible, for all of its variety, is not a random collection of writings. The reason certain books have been accepted into the Sacred Scriptures by the Jewish people and by Christians is that they have something to say about the story of salvation. As we tour the Bible, we need to be attentive to the story: how each book fits into the big picture. We never take anything in the Bible out of context or we risk misinterpreting it. The writings of the Bible are divinely inspired. What is God's message to us?

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.

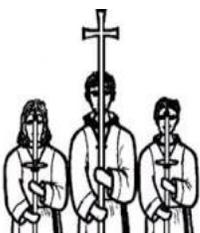
Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar this weekend are donated ...

IMO of Charles Lorenz
by Frances Lorenz



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.

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 Kochal • Tom Jefferson • Dominic Maccarone • Drew Schaeffer • Shawn Matz • Miriam Tirjan • John Bernetsky • John & Mary Jean Morgalis • Joanne Mestishen



Baptismal Preparation

Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Bobbin to arrange for this important preparation. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Peter Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

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

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.

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!

Weekly Collection

June 15/16\$4,150.75
Imp.&Repairs\$1,380.00

Second Collection next weekend

will be taken up for this year's Summer Festival. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Mary Wollyung
by Barb Wollyung
2. Special Intention
by Marianne Wollyung

St. Joseph

1. IMO Mary Ann Holley
by Mark & Deborah Purcell
2. IMO Albert & Viola Lubinsky
by Rick & Michelle Stone

Sanctuary

IMO Jim & Ann Hopkins
by Rick & Michelle Stone

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Living & Deceased of St. John's Catholic Women's Union
2. IMO Frank A. Tobin
by Rick & Michelle Stone
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy
by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min.Schedule

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Carleigh Palmieri

Euch.Min.: Joe Palmieri

Gerry Schwartz

Server: Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Dave Derbes

June 30— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Heenan

Euch.Min.: Bob Bechtel

George Forney

Server/Sacristan: Luke Schane

Cantor: Amy Joyce

June 30 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Vince Balulis

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla

John Crane

Servers: Maggie & Rhyann Brennan

Cantor: Ensemble

Summer Festival

Major Sponsors

Hahner Bros. Inc. — Chance Books
Joe & Nancy Schlitzer — Tent

Festival Patrons

\$150.00

Lieberman & Tamulonis Law

\$100.00

David & Alice Bechtel
Paul & JoAnna Buber
Friends of St. John's
Alicia Kleman
Bob & Mary Porter

\$75.00

John & Bernice Petock

\$50.00

DeArment Family
George Harig
Patricia Kutch
Frances Lorenz
Dan & Hermine Murphy
David & Mary Ann Shoopack
Judith Williams
Barbara Wollyung

Festival Patrons

\$30.00

Ann Blankenhorn
David & Joan Deiter
Ted Gurecky Jr.
Wartella Family

\$25.00

James Brentari
Frances Brahler Mickey
Ed & Gerry Schwartz
Joe & Dorothy Stangl
Bruno Tassone

\$20.00

Jack & Aggie Messner

\$10.00

Liz Kleckner

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

Coke Sponsor — \$ 50.00 each

Pizza Sponsor — \$ 50.00 each

Bleenie Mix — \$ 40.00 per bucket

Ice Cream — \$ 25.00 each

Festival Sponsors

Bleenie Mix (5) — Frank Angelo
Bleenie Mix (1) — Paul & JoAnna Buber
Bleenie Mix (1) — Stan & Geri Grabowski
Bleenie Mix (1) — Theresa Skrobak
Bleenie Mix (1) — Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot
Bleenie Mix (1) — Jay & Ellen Zane

Pizza (1) — Don & Joanne Doyne

Pizza (1) — Frances Lorenz

Ice Cream (1) — Anonymous

Ice Cream (1) — Mary Ann Filiac

Ice Cream (1) — Ralph & Joanne Wood

Special's Table

Baby Bskt. — Joanne Doyne

Basket—Darla Fabiani

Coffee Bskt—Rosann Sitkus

Crimson House — Gift Card

Estate Planning — Eric Lieberman

Knoebel's Gift Card—Herb Family

Movie Bskt.— Katelynn & Jon Miller

Over 21—Maria Mason

Penn State/Wine—Paul & JoAnna Buber

Sports Bskt—Janet & Michael Dzuramin

Summer Festival—Pot Luck Stand Donations



The last date to donate to the Pot Luck Stand is June 30th.

Prizes can be placed in the bin marked "Pot Luck" at the back of church.

To make donating more convenient, we've also set up an Amazon gift list.

Just scan the code below or visit 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 direct all questions to Maureen Derbes at 570-691-6098 (call or text).

Thank you for your generosity and helping to make our Festival better than ever!



Amazon Gift List QR Code

SUMMER FESTIVAL NEWS

VOLUNTEER



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.

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.



Advanced Ticket Sales



Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advanced 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!**

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)

Church Cleaning Crew

Thank You

We thank our Church Cleaning Group for doing a wonderful job cleaning our beautiful church including Longinus Hall and the Chapel.

Everything looks just perfect! Those volunteering their time and talent this month:

Michelle Ambrose, Sandy Frinzi, Phyllis Hess, Judy Meseravage, Ray Petrilla, Lisa Schlitzer, Theresa Skrobak, Joanne Wood.

The more the merrier — new-comers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning.

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping 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.

Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **Kimberly Kalovcak** to St. John's Parish Family. Kimberly is a Physician's Assistant. Warmly welcome Kimberly into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

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."

My Summer Prayer

Walk beside me, Jesus, as I begin the season of summer. As I work, play, enjoy family, time and friendships, may I hear Your voice within me, guiding me toward all that is right and good. Give me faith in Your presence, knowing that You walk beside me always, everywhere and in everything I do. Gracious and loving Jesus, thank You for the gift of summertime. May the warmth of it's sun and the beauty of the season remind me daily of Your love for me. Allow me to enjoy every moment. Amen.

Neighboring Events

Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ

Who? Kids going into Preschool through 5th grade

Where? St. Patrick Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville

When? July 22 to 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

We know you love Sports and Jesus, so we hope you will sign up and join us for a week of fun! All are welcome! Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802 ext 0, to register for more information.

St. Nicholas Annual Parish Picnic. Saturday, July 6th from 4 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, July 7th from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the parish grounds on Route 901, Primrose. Entertainment on Saturday 4 p.m.—Hardock Live; 7 p.m.—Sapphire; Sunday 1 p.m.—The Swingmasters — 5 p.m. Memory Lane. Ukrainian Home Cooked Foods, Refreshments, Games, Basket Extravaganza, Fun for the whole family. Rain or shine—free admission—free parking. Summer Raffle Drawing at 8 p.m. ... \$12,— in cash prizes; Grand Prize—\$10,000. For more info call 544-4581.

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.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools. Contact Father Hoffa directly at his diocesan email ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

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Deacon *Lawrence Lonergan*
Parish Council President..... *Darren DeArment*
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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

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**The Solemnity of the Birth of
 St. John the Baptist - June 24th**

On December the 25th, we celebrate the big one—the birthday of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. The Church actually does not celebrate the birthday of the saints, except that of Jesus’ mother and one notable exception.

Since we celebrate the birthday of the Word, we also celebrate the birthday of the **Voice**. We’re referring to Jesus’ cousin of course, John the Baptist, the Voice crying out in the wilderness.

John plays a unique role in the history of salvation. We call him the Baptist. Eastern Christians call him the Forerunner. Only Luke’s gospel tells us of the marvelous circumstances surrounding his birth. But each of the four gospels tells us of his essential work in preparing the way for Jesus. But they also tell us something further— that John was a model of the key virtue of **humility** extolled by the first Beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount—**Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**.