

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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May 18, 2025 • Fifth Sunday of Easter



HIS HOLINESS

POPE LEO XIV

267th Pontiff of the Catholic Church
May 8, 2025



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17

5:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Cross
(Lou Cross
& Marlo Cross Lipko)

Sunday, May 18

8:15 a.m. John Kutch
(Pat Kutch & Family)

Sunday, May 18

10:30 a.m. Dominic Maccarone Jr.
M/M Robert Minneci)

Monday, May 19

6:30 Carolyn L. Leinheiser
(Cathy Cooper)

Tuesday, May 20

9:00 a.m. Robert Porter Jr.
(Carol Rehnert & Family)

Wednesday, May 21

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

Thursday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Friday, May 23 NO MASS

Saturday, May 24

5:00 p.m. Charles & Scott Bowers
(Joan Bowers)

Sunday, May 25

8:15 a.m. Cathy Mooney Troup
(Nora Chiplonia)

Sunday, May 25

10:30 a.m. Peter Meseravage
Dec of Daubert Family
(Judy Meseravage)

Next Week's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(May 24/25)

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

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

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

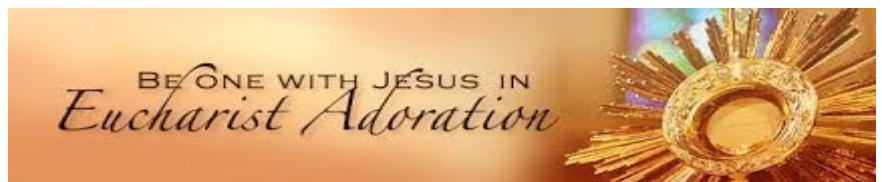
This is a good time for me to acknowledge and thank our Disciple Maker Index (DMI) committee. To refresh your memory, last year, in Lent 2024, every parish in our diocese did a survey under the guidance of the Catholic Leadership Institute. The survey, which was geared toward parishioners like yourselves who regularly participate in the life of our parish, was meant to help us identify our strengths and our areas of opportunity for growth.

In the year since the survey, our parish DMI committee has met several times to interpret the results and formulate three priority areas: 1. the Sunday Mass experience, 2. outreach and evangelization, and 3. faith formation. Using feedback from focus groups, our committee formulated specific goals under each of these areas. The work of implementing these goals will now pass from the original DMI committee to implementation committees for each of these areas. Stay tuned for information as this process continues to unfold.

I would like to once again thank everyone who took the original survey. I thank everyone who devoted a lot of time and energy to participate in this process, especially John Crane, our coordinator, along with the DMI committee members, those who participated in our focus groups, and those who will have roles in the implementation stage.

Please pray that this process will be fruitful. A parish is not just a place where we come to feel comfortable. It is a place where we are formed into better disciples of Jesus who will attract others to a deeper relationship with our Lord and His Church.

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.

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 • Tony Kochol • Tom Jefferson • Doug Broughton

For our Deceased

John Gerace

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.

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

Term expires 2026

Vincent Balulis, Ann Blankenhorn, Michelle Darhun, Reese Reddington, Kay & Bob Wollyung

Term expires 2027

Bob Burns, Tara DeStefano, Melissa Scheetz, Michelle Stone, Gretchen Witman

President: *Darren DeArment*

1st Vice-President: *John Crane*

2nd Vice-President: *Heidi Gorski*

Nomination Ballot

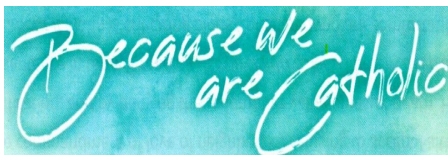
I Nominate:

(a) _____

(a) _____

(a) _____

Please return to the Rectory or Collection Basket by Friday, June 6th



The 2025 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown.

You can make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

Campfire for JESUS!

Campfire, songs, music, hot dogs and smores! What is missing from that list is you! This event is for everyone. Make it a date night, bring the kids or just come on your own and enjoy the evening with friends. Let's have a relaxing night around the campfire and praise our God. Not a singer? That's okay, because we will provide the music for you. Join us on **June 4 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Russell Building parking lot** with your lawn chair and blankets. We will utilize the fire area to make a campfire, roast hot dogs and make smores. We will also have some kid friendly activities to do too such as a kiddo pool with water toys, corn hole game, bubbles, sidewalk chalk.

Sign up in the back of church or use the QR code to sign up. You will need a Google email to sign up.



SCAN ME

Weekly Collection

May 10/11\$4,964.06

Parish Dues\$1,035.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Frank Tobin

by Rick & Michelle Stone

2. IMO Margaret Connors

by Diane Schweikert

St. Joseph

1. IMO Joseph Wollyung Sr.

by Wollyung Family

2. IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger

by Wollyung Family

Sanctuary

IMO Albert & Viola Lubinsky

by Rick & Michelle Stone

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Joseph Schweikert

by Diane Schweikert

2. Special Intention

by Diane Schweikert

3. IMO Edward Lubinsky

by Rick & Michelle Stone

4. IMO Donald Lubinsky

by Rick & Michelle Stone

Liturgical Min. Schedule

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 24—5:00 p.m. Mass

Reader: Janet Daubert

EM: Gerry Schwartz

Server: Gabe Scheidel

Cantor: Dave Derbes

May 25— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Carleigh Palmieri

EM: Joseph Palmieri

Servers: Lukas & Finley McNamara

Cantor: Dave Derbes

May 25— 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Michelle Heenan

EM: Janet Daubert

Servers: Ryan Grabowski

Cantor: Dave Derbes

Sacristan: Ryan Grabowski

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.

Grotto Flowers



Just a reminder when placing flowers at the Blessed Mother Grotto located behind the church, please Do

Not use glass or any breakable vases or containers for your flowers. Sometimes the wind knocks them over and the glass is shattered in the area. Please use plastic or an unbreakable material. Thank you.

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.

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."

Summer Festival 2025 July 18 & 19

The Summer Festival Committee is very excited to announce this year's scheduled entertainment!

Friday evening 7/18 Our very own **Dave Derbes** will entertain us with some of our favorite relaxing acoustic tunes! Dave has been a wonderful staple and donates his talent to our festival entertainment every year, we are truly blessed!

Saturday evening 7/19 we are shaking things up and bringing a blast from the past celebration with **MICHELE AND THE LOST BOYS!** Former members of the band Sapphire: Michele Scribbick, Eric Ziegmont, Bill Adams, and Jim Oakum will bring us all your favorite hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s! Bring a lawn chair, your dancing shoes, or enjoy our shaded seating, listening to everything from Elvis, to Kiss, to Cyndi Lauper- and so many fun toe tapping tunes in between and more! They will play 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **mark those calendars now!**

We are also excited to announce a few new food additions as follows

A fantastically savory **Pig Roast** thanks to Don Tassone! Roasted on site-we can't wait! The **Atomic Kitchen** vintage food truck will join us with amazing vegan options, impossible sliders, mushroom Swiss sandwiches, bubble teas, boba tea and more! Parishioners and food truck owners **Vince Balulis and Megan Homovich** will help add new and fun food options to our festival food line up! More announcements to come, please stay tuned!

Mid Summer Festival Pot Luck Prizes Needed (less than 100 days)!

The Mid Summer Festival will be here before you know it! We are asking for donations for our **Pot Luck Stands**, Adult and Children. We thank you for your generosity in the past and hope we can count on your continued generosity.

Gift Cards are highly recommended and can be placed in the bins in the back of church or dropped in the collection basket—marked **POT LUCK**. We will also be utilizing our **Amazon Wish List** - it was very successful last year!

Prizes can also be placed in the bins in the back of church. Please remember we can only accept **NEW** or recently purchased boxed or wrapped items in their original package. Any old, used or opened items will not be used for prizes. If you wish, please include your name so we can keep track of those making prize donations.

Amazon — go to [Amazon.com/registries](https://www.amazon.com/registries). Search by St. John the Baptist Pottsville under Gift List. When purchasing an item, it will default to ship to Maureen Derbes. You may ship your items directly there for convenience or ship to your home address and then place in bins in the back of church.

Any questions or concerns or to arrange drop off, please call Maureen Derbes at 570-691-6098. Thank you again for your continued generosity!



EASTER FLOWERS

Donated by:

Frank Angelo
Abigail Rose Anthony
M/M David Bechtel
Robert Bechtel
Ann Blankenhorn & Family
Kathy Brahler
Mary Beth Brahler
Dolores Brophy
Paul & JoAnna Buber

Frank & Mindy Chambers

In Memory of:

Marjorie Angelo
Tassone & Foley Families
Sue O'Neill
Alice Moran
Ann & Joel Hoepstine, Hirsch Family
Joe Brahler
Joseph & Elizabeth Brahler
Kocur & Brophy Families,
Edward & Leona Buber, Edward & Mary Buber,
John & Bertha Kralick, Anna Tarris, Robert Holydk
& Family, John & Joan Sarnosky
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Donated by:

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 Jim & Lori Guzick
 Ted Gurecki Jr.
 Children-Dorothy, Butch, Lois, Carolyn, Bob
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 Her Loving Family
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 Theresa M. Hossler
 Diane Hudock & Children
 Carl & Kathy Hughes
 John James Jefferson
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 Tony & Lucilla Kochol
 John, Cathy & Hannah Kostick
 Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Pat Kutch
 Joanne & Ed Leffler
 John B. Lieberman III
 Ron & Pat Lombel
 Frances C. Lorenz
 Rosemary & Bob Lynn
 McNamara Family
 Christine Maccarone
 Fred & Hilda Maley

In Memory of:

Chiplonia & Mooney Families
 Carl & Barbara Weiss
 Cooper, Letcavage, Majkowski Families
 John & Joan Crane, Richard & Gloria Bilinski
 Mary Ellen Cross
 Wellington Daubert
 James & Lillian Connelly, Petrovich Family, Greta Derbes, Patty Ebling
 Theresa & Jim Brennan, Mildred & Ed Deiter
 Adelaide G. Dietz
 Leinheiser & Doyle Family
 Donald & Nancy Doyne, Frank & Josephine Brozana
 M/M Frederick Eagan Family, Jack Ryan Family
 Smith & Elison Families
 Faiola & Fetterolf Families
 Paul Filiac
 Daniel Louis Fox Sr.
 Our Lord's Sacrifice for Our Salvation
 Tony Gaburick, William&Irene Williams, John&Kathryn Gaburick,Greta Derbes, Patty Ebling
 Rita Lotz, Justina Mitchell
 McGinley & Gorman Family
 Rite Mae Switzler
 Guzick & Schafer Families
 Phyllis Gurecki
 Carl & Mary Hahner
 Hahner & Cavanaugh Families
 George & Mary Hahner
 Amy Harig
 Harig Family
 Dr. David Harvey & Mehling Family
 Alfred & Jeanette Hauptly
 Barbara & Eleanore Forney
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 Jerry Hudock, Margaret & Lil Bukontis
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 Mary Jefferson
 Al & Kay Lyman, Dick & Char. Jochems
 Carol Artz, John & Elizabeth Kalovcak, Jacqueline Shaulis
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 Josephine Kochol
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 Leffler & Bonan Families
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 Charles J. Lorenz
 Yanushefsky & Lynn Families
 Sue Kern & Tom Santai
 Michael Maccarone, Maurice & Helen Mirabella, Bertha & John Kralick, Anna Tarris,
 Rocco & Frances Maccarone
 Maley & Pugh Family



Donated by:

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 Reese Reddington
 Carol Rehnert
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 Mary Ann & Bill Schweikert
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 Dolly Smith
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 Steffan Grandchildren
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 Francis Tamburelli
 Christine Tray
 Michael & Elizabeth Tyson
 Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot
 Becky Weiss
 James & Mary Jo Whitaker
 Barbara Wollyung & Family
 Marianne, Chris & Rachel Wollyung

In Memory of:

Robert Weiss Family & Markovich Family
 Esther & Josefa, Regina & Emiliam
 Pat Mason Sr.
 Gillis Family
 Joseph & Elizabeth Brahler Mark Mickey, Nancy Brahler Newton
 Sabina & Pasqual Quinn, Rosalie & Francis Miller
 Our Parents
 Sheppo & Munster & Buehler Families
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 Michael & Mary Andrescavage
 Phyllis Orlowsky
 M/M Edward Orzechowski, M/M Peter Samkavitz
 M/M Herman DiSarro
 Family Members
 John & Ruthie Ebling, William & Antoinette Piel
 Robert Porter Jr., Porter & Becker Families
 R.J. Post
 Kasinecz & Powers Family
 Jim Pugh Jr., Dot & Jack Ryan, Jack & Marguerite Pugh
 Pat Ralston, Dorothy Legutko
 Reber & Clark Families
 Joseph & Rita Reddington
 Rehnert & Lipsky Family
 Carol Artz
 Helene Roeding
 Paul & Melda Castang
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 Lubinsky & Tobin Families, Stone & Hopkins Families
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 Tray & Cunningham Families
 Dullard & Tyson Families
 Virginia Calder & Luisa Visot
 M/M Richard H. Weiss
 Family Members
 Joseph E. Rosenberger,, Joseph & Mary Wollyung, Joe & John Woillyung
 John Wollyung, Philip & Jeanne Marzullo



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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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Nativity BVM High School - Theology Teacher—Full Time—Immediate Opening

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the position of Theology Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Catechist Certification required. Interested candidates for the position should send resume, certifications and all clearances to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901. Email: lsabol@nativitybvm.net

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Are you a dynamic and innovative educational and faith leader with a strong commitment to Catholic education, Catholic values, and academic excellence in Schuylkill County? ABVM is seeking a dedicated Principal to guide our students, staff, and community in faith, excellence, and service. We are looking for a leader who: * Has a passion for education * Inspires excellence in others * Nurtures a faith-centered school community. Apply today or share with someone who would be a great fit! Apply using the link below or the QR code.

<https://allentowndiocese.isolvedhire.com/jobs/1437702>



Lottery Board Raffle. Assumption BVM School will host a Lottery Board Raffle for the end of the school year. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. Chances are \$10.00 each and are good for all three drawings for an opportunity to win a Lottery Board valued at \$150.00 (SGOC #10109). **Drawing to be held May 27th.** Chances can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school by calling 570-622-0106. Thank you for your help in making our Lottery Board Raffle a success!

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is looking for a dedicated and compassionate **Teacher Aide** to join our team. This part-time position follows a school-day schedule and provides the opportunity to work hands-on with students of all abilities in a supportive classroom setting under the guidance of a teacher. If you are enthusiastic, patient, and eager to make a difference in the lives of our students, we would love to hear from you! For more information or to apply, contact **Principal Bob Giba** at rgiba@stjosephctr.com or call **(570) 622-4638**.