

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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May 31, 2026 • The Most Holy Trinity



GLORY TO THE FATHER  
THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,

TO GOD WHO IS, WHO WAS, AND WHO IS TO COME.

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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

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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#### Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-1562      www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

#### Diocese of Allentown Website

www.allentowndiocese.org



## 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.
- ◆ A holy hour in the **main church on the eve of First Friday** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a formal holy hour ending with Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions.

## Communion for the Homebound

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.

### 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:** *Sherri Post, Tom Jefferson, Kathy Vicic*

**"Note: We will keep names on the prayer list for a period of three months. Please let us know if you would like your name or your family member's name to remain on the list longer."**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, May 30

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

## Sunday, May 31

8:15 a.m. Sylvia Angelo  
(Richard & Michelle Stone)

## Sunday, May 31

10:30 a.m. Anna Orłowsky  
(Joe Orłowsky)

## Monday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Robert Doyle Sr.  
(Annette Rico)

## Tuesday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Tony Kochol  
(Patricia Mitnitsky)

## Wednesday, June 3

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

## Thursday, June 4 NO MASS

## Friday, June 5 NO MASS

## Saturday, June 6

5:00 p.m. William & Veronica Schmitt  
(Geri Beane & Family)

## Sunday, June 7

8:15 a.m. George, Edward, Margaret Post  
(Sandi, Sheri, RJ Post)

## Sunday, June 7

10:30 a.m. Joseph R. Burns  
(Eric & Jennifer Lieberman)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

The last couple weeks we've been on the topic of receiving Holy Communion. Not long ago, Parish Council inquired about receiving Communion under both forms at Mass, now that Covid restrictions are long over. Communion under both forms is a practice that varies from parish to parish. I personally have been in parishes that distributed the Precious Blood, and also parishes that did not.

First of all, we must understand that every particle of a consecrated host and every drop of the Precious Blood contains the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Therefore, while it provides a more complete visible sign to receive Communion under both forms, *it is not necessary* to receive both forms.

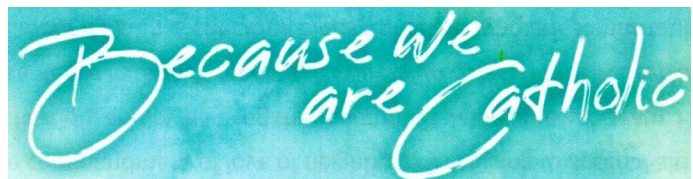
If we wanted to distribute the Precious Blood to the congregation on any kind of regular basis, not only does it create the danger of spills, but it creates a list of logistical challenges. A sufficient supply of wine would have to be ordered; purificators (the white cloths used with the chalice) would have to be laundered much more frequently; additional preparation would be needed for Mass. The number of Special Ministers of the Eucharist would need to be doubled for each Mass, which creates additional challenges in recruiting, scheduling, and coordination.

With all of this in mind, I am not in favor of instituting Communion under both forms on a regular basis. However, we may consider distributing Communion under both forms on certain special occasions dedicated especially to the Eucharist, for example, Corpus Christi.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin

### Readers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Please consider if our Lord is calling you to one of these roles. Our current liturgical ministers are sometimes spread very thin, especially in the summer, making it difficult to fill the schedule. If you might be interested in one of these roles, please see Fr. Bobbin.



## Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal 2026

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge. Making a six-month pledge allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown.

You can make your gift only at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).



### Next Week's Readings

**Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**  
(June 6/7)

**Reading I:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

# Summer Festival

## Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18

### 5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

**2026 Summer Festival** season is here! We are so very excited to get the word out on all the new and great things that we have in store!

**Friday, July 17th**, we are so blessed to have our very own **Dave Derbes** once again entertain us. Dave is a festival staple bringing all our acoustic favorite relaxing tunes. Join us in kicking off a great weekend of friends, family and fellowship.

**Saturday, July 18th**, back by popular demand—**"Michele & the Lost Boys"**. We are so excited to welcome back the former members of the band Sapphire—Michele, Eric, Bill and Jim. They will bring all our favorite hits from the 50's, 60s, 70s, 80s. Enjoy their amazing acoustic music in our shaded seating area or out on the dance floor. So many toe tapping tunes from 6 to 9 p.m. **Bar** area will be open until 9:30 p.m. both nights! We have the coldest beer, great wine selections and a variety of Smirnoff and wine coolers.

**Pig Roast**- We are elated to welcome back **Don Tassone** with Tassone's Catering for another incredible roasted pig! We will offer platters again as well as ala carte items—macaroni & cheese, fresh corn on the cob, coleslaw and French Fries. New delectables will include Sloppy Joes and fresh Fruit Cups.

**Atomic Kitchen**—Bubble Teas and Bobas are second to none! Impossible Sliders, Mushroom Swiss Burgers and grilled Vegetable Rice!

**Pugh Family Bean Soup**—the Pugh Family is celebrating 59 years of stirring the pot! Amazing homemade Bean Soup made over a smokey wood fire — a tradition so incredibly delicious! A true festival staple!

**Bleenies**—the crew is ready to deep fry one of your favorites!

**Games**—we have new additions to our family fun and games this year including a lighted Ring Toss, make your own Beaded Bracelets and we are hoping to bring back the DUNK TANK!. Dino Dig, Nerf Shootout will also return along with many prizes.

**Pot Luck Stand**—we are still collecting donations. The stand will once again have fantastic prizes for everyone!

**Specials Table**—Be sure to visit this table for a chance to win a variety of themed baskets and special prizes!

**Mark your calendars!** Celebrate with us or volunteer and have fun working with us! The very best part of St. John's are the people — we can't wait to see you!

## Pot Luck Stand

We are in need of potluck prizes for our Summer Festival stand! There are a few easy ways to help donate. We have an Amazon wish list again this year. Go to Amazon.com/registries, search St John The Baptist Potluck, when purchasing an item it will default to ship to Fred Maley- you may send your items there for convenience or if you would prefer to ship to your own address and place item in the donation bin in the back of the church. Any questions, concerns, or to arrange drop off please call Shanna 570-617-4769.

If you'd like an even easier route, and have a smart phone or tablet, open your camera and hold over top and focus on the QR code box - a small link will pop up- tap on it and it will take you right to our Amazon wish list!



Gift cards are also a fantastic way to help! Any denomination and anyplace you love! They can be placed in the collection basket or please call Shanna Deibert 570-617-4769 to arrange for drop off or pick up. Thank you again for your continued generosity!!

## Candles

### BVM

1&2. IMO William & Veronica Schmitt

by Geri Beane

### St. Joseph

1&2. IMO William & Veronica Schmitt

by Geri Beane

### Sanctuary

Living & Deceased of St. John's Catholic Women's Union

### Guardian Angels

All 4 Candles

IMO William & Veronica Schmitt  
by Geri Beane

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

#### June 6— 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Michelle Heenan

**EM:** Bill Gianfagna, Barb Munster, Dan & Hermine Murphy

**Server:** Callie & Cole Felty

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

#### June 7— 8:15 a.m. Mass

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**EM:** Michael Ambrose, John Crane, Ann Blankenhorn, Sharon Snyder

**Server:** Finley McNamara

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

#### June 7—10:30 a.m. Mass

**Reader:** Jennifer Daubert

**EM:** Frank Murphy, Lucilla Kochol, Raymond Petrilla, Justina Majestic

**Servers:** Jackson Daubert

Maria Neifert

**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung

**Weekend Sacristan:** Connor Felty

We sincerely thank the **Knights of Columbus Schuylkill Council No. 431** for their generous contribution of \$2,000 to help defray the cost of the new surveillance cameras for our church. Their generosity helps us maintain a safe and secure place of worship for all. May God bless you for your kindness and stewardship.

Thank You!

### 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 2027**

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

**Term Expires 2028**

***Christine Black, Kenneth Cooper, Kelley Eroh, Charles Kustan, Barbara Munster, Marianne Wollyung***

**President: John Crane**

**1st Vice-President: Heidi Gorski**

**2nd Vice-President: Kay Wollyung**

**Past 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 5th**

### Parish Council

Please approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the next meeting on **June 8th**.

**Elected Members**

- Vincent Balulis
- Chris Black
- Ann Blankenhorn
- Bob Burns
- Kenneth Cooper
- John Crane
- Michelle Darhun
- Darren DeArment
- Tara DeStefano
- Kelley Eroh
- Heidi Gorski
- Charles Kustan
- Barbara Munster
- Reene Reddington
- Missy Scheetz
- Michelle Stone
- Gretchen Witman
- Kay Wollyung
- Marianne Wollyung
- Robert Wollyung

**Appointed Members**

- John Consugar
- Tina Seiger

**Ex-Officio**

- Father Kevin Bobbin
- Deacon Robert Reiley
- Ray Petrilla
- Ed Brahler



### Corpus Christi Procession—Sunday, June 7th

The Parishes of St. Patrick and St. John the Baptist warmly invite the faithful of the deanery to join us for a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 7th.

Open Adoration will begin at St. John's at 11:30 a.m. The procession will form at St. John's at 3 p.m. Those joining are asked to arrive early, as city streets will be closed for the procession.

The procession will conclude at St. Patrick Church with Evening Vespers and Benediction. A light reception will follow at the St. Patrick Parish Center.

All are welcome to join us for this beautiful celebration of prayer, faith and public witness to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

### 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."*  
*Amen.*

### Thought of the Day

*Lean into His presence, for He is walking every step of this journey with you!.*

## Host Families Needed

Your family can make a global impact from the comfort of home! Consider hosting an international exchange student this upcoming school year.

- > Your family can learn about another culture first-hand!
- > Students will attend Nativity BVM. They have insurance and spending money.
- > Families, single people, and empty-nesters can host!
- > You will receive a monthly stipend and continuous support from a local coordinator.

Please contact Maureen Challenger [mchallenger@nativitybvm.net](mailto:mchallenger@nativitybvm.net) for more information!

## Nativity Girls Basketball Camp

Girls entering 3rd thru 8th grades are invited to attend the camp on June 22-24. Please contact Bill Reed for more information 570-728-0706.

## Attention Catholic Scouts

Joseph Zawisza, Catholic Religious Emblems Coordinator for Orwigsburg Troop 624, will be running both the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII award programs during the summer. If you are interested in earning either of these awards or would like more information, please contact the St. Ambrose parish office at 570 385 1031.

## Neighboring Events

**Day of Thanksgiving ... Let us adore Him!** Join with the diocese in a day of thanksgiving to God for His blessings of six new priests to minister in His church and pray for those whom God is calling to the priesthood and religious life... Join us at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Ashland on Friday, June 5th; Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Adoration 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Praise and Worship at 6 p.m.; Benediction and Night Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

## Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

### Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

**Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care**

### Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- \* Shrubs are **not** permitted on cemetery grounds
- \* Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO Perennials** are permitted.
- \* All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- \* **Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden — doing this creates many problems during cutting season.**
- \* All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- \* Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

For more information please call St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## There is hope in the battle against pornography.

Educate yourself, protect yourself and your family, and seek help and healing. Explore the resources offered by:

1. Integrity Restored ([integrityrestored.com](http://integrityrestored.com))
2. The Diocese of Allentown's Lumen Christi Commission ([adlumenchristi.org](http://adlumenchristi.org))
3. Or contact Fr. Bobbin for a confidential appointment.

***For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.***

May 31, 2026

## Most Holy Trinity

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

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

In today's first reading, we hear how Moses, obedient to God's command, ascends Mount Sinai early in the morning. Up at the summit, the Lord appears to Moses in a cloud and shares his name with Moses: "LORD" (in Hebrew, the tetragrammaton, the unspeakably holy divine name). But God doesn't only reveal the name that Moses should call him by; he also reveals what kind of God he is: "The Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses bows down in worship and entreats the Lord to "receive us as your own." Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that we have a God who wants us to not only know his name, but to know his inner self. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are – indeed – the God who is rich in mercy. And anyone who believes in this God will not perish but will have eternal life. May we bow our hearts in worship of the Lord this day, grateful for the gift we have of belonging to the people he calls his own.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our second reading contains a detail that might come as a surprise to our 21st-century ears: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." This gesture in the New Testament era was an outward sign of the communion and love that existed in the early Church – a communion that we're also called to today. The communion that exists in the Church is meant to point the world back to its source: God himself. Part of the witness we're called to offer the world as Christian believers is the love we share among one another. The Church is to be a sacrament or "sign and instrument ... of ... union with God" and unity with "the whole human race." (*Lumen Gentium* 1) The bonds of love that exist among Christians is about more than just having a tight-knit community; it's about showing the world that we're called to a loving relationship with God and with one another.

### WITNESS

This week, consider how you can strengthen the bonds of friendship you have with your fellow Christians, so that united together in love and peace, you can bear witness to the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Consider participating in a fellowship (social) event being put on by your parish or invite someone you see regularly at Church out for coffee or brunch after Mass.

