

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 14, 2026



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus sent out these twelve

MATTHEW 10:5

Pastor..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon.....*Robert A. Reiley*
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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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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

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

Diocese of Allentown Website

www.allentowndioocese.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, Charles Reber, Cecelia Burns.*

"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, June 13

5:00 p.m. Frank, Mary, Robert Holdyk
(Paul & JoAnna Buber)

Sunday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 14

10:30 a.m. Charles & Mary Kutch
(Pat Kutch)

Monday, June 15

6:30 p.m. Alfred & Rita Halsey
(Joseph, Sonya, Joe Halsey)

Tuesday, June 16

6:30 p.m. John Gerace
(Time Change) (Eric & Jennifer Lieberman)

Wednesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 18

9:00 a.m. Francis & Mary Burns

Friday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Andrew Walcott Jr.
(Mary Jane Ludwig)

Saturday, June 20

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

Sunday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 21

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

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

For some weeks we have been talking about the Eucharist. Just one more topic related to the Eucharist before we move on to the other sacraments: Let's consider Eucharistic Adoration.

Obviously we can and should pray anytime, anywhere. But there is something special about praying in the presence of the Eucharist, whether Jesus is present in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar in the monstrance. Here at St. John we normally have Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evenings in the chapel from 5:30 until 6:30 Mass, then after Mass until 8pm. We also normally have Adoration on the eve of the first Friday of the month. The monthly Adoration takes place in the main church and concludes with Benediction, the blessing given with the Eucharist in the monstrance.

Many people who are not accustomed to coming to church for Eucharistic Adoration might be a little unclear on what to "do" during Adoration. First of all, one can spend any amount of time in Adoration. It could be a brief visit of 5 or 10 minutes. Or one may choose to do a "holy hour." People might pray the rosary, use prayers from a book, or read Scripture during this prayer time. But it is also important not to fill the entire time with activity. Take the time to talk to our Lord in your own words, sharing your thoughts, feelings, desires, prayer intentions, and anything that might be going on in your life. Take the time to just relax in our Lord's presence without words. Know that He is present, He loves you, and He wants to spend time with you.

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.

Patronal Feast Day

Join us for Mass on **Wednesday, June 24, 6:30pm** for the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Mass will be followed by an informal social in Longinus Hall.

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.

Next Week's Readings

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(June 20/21)

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Reading II: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Diocese News & Events

Driving With Cell Phone Law Enforcement

As a reminder, enforcement of Senate Bill 37, which makes it illegal to use a hand-held cellphone while driving, is effective as of June 6, 2026. This ban includes when stopped in traffic, at a red light, or for any other momentary delay. Pennsylvania police will be allowed to issue a citation to drivers (a \$50 fine) for using hand-held devices in vehicles, even while stopped.

Quo Vadis (for young men) and Fiat Days (for young women)

Vocation Retreat Camps from **June 28 to July 1** on the campus of Kutztown University. Camps are open to young men and women age 14-18, including the newly graduated. There are a limited number of spaces available. For registration information, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org/vocations. Discounted registration before June 5, with registration deadline June 17. No late registrations or walk-ins can be accepted. For questions, call 610-437-0755 or email vocations@allentowndiocese.org.

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 begins the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Cruise to the Caribbean with St. Ambrose (Schuylkill Haven) on **August 19 to August 29**— Departing from NYC and traveling on the Norwegian Escape, we will be visiting San Juan, Puerto Rico; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; the U.S. and British Virgin Islands; and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. There are cabin options for everyone. Optional bus transportation from St. Ambrose will also be available for an additional fee. For more information or to sign up, please reach out to Debbie Minnich at 484-934-1350.

Boyer's Food Market's Caring & Sharing Program Is Moving Into the Boyer's App

Boyer's Food Market has implemented a new Customer Rewards Program which will provide rewards, discounts, digital coupons, and support their preferred Caring Sharing program. *The physical key tags are no longer part of the Caring & Sharing program.* You'll need to load the "My Boyer's X-tra Savings" app on your phone.

You must be signed in to your My Boyer's X-tra Savings account to pick a non-profit. Sign in through the Boyer's mobile app, then choose your group from the Caring & Sharing list. Our parish is identified as "*Saint John The Baptist Church*" on the list of participating organizations. If you need a walkthrough, watch the short how-to-video for step-by-step instructions on picking your preferred non-profit. Found at <https://www.boyersfood.com/community.php> You can change and assign a different charity at any time.

Neighboring Events

Sidewalk Sale. Hosted by the Society of Mary Queen of Peace Chapel, 730 N. Centre St. in Pottsville, on **Saturday, June 20th** from 8 a.m. until noon. Lots of household goods, decorations for all occasions, books and other assorted items priced to sell. Food for sale as well. Also the Omaha Steaks Meat Raffle Gift Card ticket winner will be drawn.

Weekly Collection

June 6/7\$4,669.00

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, or **CUT** your envelopes.

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Scottie Glunz by Karen Lenard
2. Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory

St. Joseph

- 1&2. IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo

Sanctuary

IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo

Guardian Angels

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family
2. For Erika Hauptly by William Hauptly
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

Liturgical Min. Schedule

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20— 5:00 p.m.

Reader: John Crane

EM: Dan & Hermine Murphy

Server: Rhyan Brennan

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

June 21— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Heidi Gorski

EM: Michael Ambrose

Barbara Munster

Servers: Finley McNamara

Luke Lieberman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

June 21—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Vincent Balulis

EM: Gerry Schwartz, Ray Petrilla

Servers: Callie & Cooper Felty

Cantor: Ed Brahler

Weekend Sacristan: RJ Post



June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36—10:8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Our first reading from Exodus contains a promise: “If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people.” God promises to make Israel “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation,” if they keep the covenant. Reading the rest of the Old Testament, we know how this turns out: humanity never fully keeps our part of the covenant. And yet God is faithful, despite our unfaithfulness. In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples not to pagan territory or any Samaritan towns, but to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” revealing that God never abandons his chosen ones. Indeed, this is the same point Paul makes when he says, “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Our discipleship begins from a deep awareness of the relentless love with which God pursues us. Even when we stray from our baptismal covenant with him, he comes looking to save us and bring us back to himself.

PRAY

St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote a prayer now known as the Prayer for Generosity. Pray this prayer each day this week, asking the Lord to increase your generosity as you labor in his “harvest,” sharing the Good News of his kingdom. *Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel ends with a powerful reminder to all evangelizers: “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” Knowing the limitless mercy of God – how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ’s suffering and death, we are to imitate his generosity in bearing witness to the Gospel. Knowing the love which has saved us, our hearts are moved – as Jesus’ was at the sight of the crowd – to see that others come to know his love. Therefore, the generosity with which Jesus calls us to pour ourselves out for the sake of the Gospel is not an imposition from outside us, but a response to the love we have received that compels us from within to make him and his kingdom known.

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 17th, at 7 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 Dinner. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!



Nativity BVM High School—Summer Camp!

Girl’s Basketball Camp ... On **June 22-24**; Grades 3-5 from 3 to 5 p.m.; Grades 6-8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost \$60 per child. For more information contact Coach Reed 570-718-0706.

Girl’s Volleyball Camp ... On **July 20-23**; Grades 3-5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8 from 6:30—8 p.m. Cost \$85 per child. Camp includes individual instruction, team concepts and competitions. For more information contact Coach Jennifer Daubert 570-622-8110.

All camps take place in the gym at Nativity BVM High School ... 570-622-8110

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 for more information!

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.

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!

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 4/5; July 11/12**. Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**



Pot Luck Stand

We are in need of Potluck Prizes for our Summer Festival stand!

We are almost less than 6 weeks away and WE NEED ABOUT 100 PRIZES yet!!!

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!!



Dedicated Workers Needed

Festival Stands.



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.

Set-Up and Take-Down

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.

Music Entertainment

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.



Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 17th or 18th.



Summer Festival

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 15 or Thursday, July 16. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



Festival Supplies

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)

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 Patrons

\$500.00

Ed & Carole Quirin

\$250.00

Paul & JoAnna Buber

\$100.00

Dave & Alice Bechtel
Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
Dan & Hermine Murphy
Mary B. Porter

\$50.00

Joan M. Bowers
Kathy Brahler
Heenan Family
Patricia Kutch
Eric & Jennifer Lieberman

\$50.00

John & Susan Minnichbach
John & Bernice Petock
Robert & Gretchen Witman

\$40.00

Mary Beth Harvey

\$30.00

Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski
Wartell Family

\$25.00

Jim Brentari
Hal J. Messer
Jack & Aggie Messner
Bruno M. Tassone

\$20.00

Ron & Donna Dermo
Natalie Setlock

\$10.00

Mary Ann Schweikert

Festival Sponsors

Hahner Bros. Inc.—Chance Books

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
- Ice Cream** \$ 25.00 each
- Pizza Sponsor** \$ 50.00 each

Band (1) - Paul & JoAnna Buber
Bleenie Mix (1) — Paul & JoAnna Buber
Bleenie Mix (9) - Frank Angelo

Special Basket Table

Family Fun Nite - Ann Blankenhorn
Lottery - Nora Chiplonia
Dog Bskt. - Linda & Bob Stock
Wine - Luis R. Visot
Wine - Gianfagna's (2)
Amika Hair Care -Shanna Deibert/Linda Murphy
Christmas in July - Lucilla Kochol
Picnic - John & Patty O'Neill

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 Hazelton, 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!

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to help me with transportation to my medical appointments. Your help is so very appreciated. I am truly grateful. Thank you again!