

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Slovak Catholic Church

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Established December 31, 1906



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Active parish membership is both necessary and helpful to all involved when seeking sponsorship certificates, Marriage or Baptism preparations. Please call the rectory at 610.432.0034 or email [stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com) to register or to report address or phone number changes.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the requested wedding date in order to make proper arrangements for the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

**BAPTISM:** Parents please email the Rectory Office at [stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com) 3-4 months prior to expected birth of your child to register for the Baptism and Baptism Prep Class.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Please have someone notify the Rectory when you or a family member is hospitalized.

#### **PAST PASTORS:**

Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel

Rev. Dominik P. Kalata

Very Rev. Dr. Robert B. Kosek, C.R.S.P. (Barnabite)

Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Friday –9:00AM—2:00PM

Office Closed - Saturday, Sunday, Holy Day and Holidays

#### **DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN:**

Please visit website at [www.allentowndioocese.org/](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/)

**Please read St. John's current and past bulletins online by just logging on to: [WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM](http://WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM)**

#### **VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

To speak directly to the V.A. Coordinator please call:

**DIRECT LINE ~ 1-800-791-9209**

#### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

Ms. Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S.

610-871-5200 Ext. 2204

[prusso@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 21, 2021~First Sunday of Lent**  
9:00AM +**Michael Fabik** *by Family*

**Monday, February 22, 2021 ~ The Chair of St. Peter**  
8:00AM ~ **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**  
8:00AM ~ **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Ash Wednesday**  
8:00AM +**Bruce Eisenhard, Sr.** *by Debbie & Bob Geiger*

**Thursday, February 25, 2021**  
8:00AM +**Genovvea Kobulska** *by M/M Jozef Kazimir*  
**Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM-12 noon,**  
**Concluding with Benediction**

**Friday, February 26, 2021**  
8:00AM ~ **Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
6:00PM ~ **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, February 27, 2021**  
4:00PM +**Barry Lagler** *by Joanne & Martin Ryan*

**Sunday, February 28, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Lent**  
9:00AM +**Jan Kolesar** *by Children*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS**

\$5 for +**Mary Panik** *by husband , Stephen Panik*

\$10 for +**Rosalie Favere** *by sister Rosanne Minarovic and husband Adam Arnold and*

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

**W**e, the Family of St. John the Baptist Catholic Community called by God and redeemed by Jesus Christ to be holy through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments; to be faithful through Prayer, Scripture and Worship; to be Ministers and Witnesses with our Time, Talent, and Treasure; seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things as we move forward on our journey to Eternity.”

**DO NOT FORGET TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING OF THE PARISH**  
*Especially those in the hospitals and nursing facilities. Also, for those confined to their homes with an illness or disability.*

**MASS SCHEDULES: -**

8: 00AM ~ Daily (Monday to Friday)  
4:00PM ~ Saturday  
9:00 AM ~ Sunday  
Vigil 7:00PM & Noon— Holy Days of Obligation

**CONFESSIONS:**

Before 8:00AM Mass ~ Monday to Friday or  
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM

In Memory of **Margaret Litak**  
\$20 Stanley Shrager  
\$25 Anthony Pesola

In Memory of **Bruce Eisenhard**  
\$105 Anonymous

In Memory of **Irene Sutjak**  
\$25 Mrs. Denise Reifinger

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562

**OPERATION RICE BOWL PROGRAM**

Our Diocese suggests that ALL parishes participate in the “Operation Rice Bowl Program” during the season of Lent. This program asks all families to take one night a week and eat a meal that would be less in quantity than normal and take the savings that would have been spent on a larger meal, and bring your offering to church on Sundays in Lent. Envelopes for Operation Rice Bowl are located at the collection basket. The previous year 2020 collection was \$78,033.12 from all parishes.

**WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TO OUR CELEBRATION**



**While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Catholics, our non-Catholic guests are welcome to receive a blessing from the priest or deacon during Communion. Join the Communion line with your arms crossed over your chest to receive your blessing. GOD BLESS!**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**“Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.”**

**A REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP**

|                                |                   |                      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b> | February 14, 2021 | July 1, 2020 to Date |
|                                | <b>\$3,887</b>    | <b>\$88,068</b>      |

Thank you to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for all they do in helping us with our fund raising events.

**Lottery Calendar Winners**

Congratulations to our recent winners:

- February 8 - Unsold Ticket
- February 9 - Unsold Ticket
- February 10 - Unsold Ticket
- February 11 - David Koch
- February 12 - Rosemarie Sweeney
- February 13 - Unsold Ticket
- February 14 - Nancy Altenbach

**ST. ELIZABETH SOUP SALE**

Warm your tummies with delicious homemade soup sold in quarts to start off the new year! You can choose from these soup favorites: Chicken Corn Chowder, Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley & Vegetable Soup. Each quart of soup is only \$10.00 and holds only the freshest ingredients. **Payment is due with orders by Wednesday, February 24.** Pick-up will be after the weekend masses on **February 27 and 28** in the parish hall. Orders can be dropped off at the parish or school offices in the collection basket or mailed to SOUP -St. Elizabeth's, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. Questions call Joan at 610-349-7791

**SS. PETER & PAUL PIEROGIE SALE  
MARCH 1, 2021**

**REMINDER:** Pick up is **Monday, March 1** from **3:00 to 6:00 PM - St. John Social Hall.** Could use some helping hands on **Sunday, February 28** Starting at 7:00AM and **Monday, March 1** starting at 8:00AM.

**PARISH EVENTS/UPDATES**

- March 9 - Auxiliary Meeting - 7PM
- March 18 - Knitting & Crochet - 11AM-1PM
- March 12 - Take out Fish Dinner 4-6:30PM
- March 26 - Take out Fish Dinner 4-6:30PM
- March 26 - Easter Raffle Drawing -Winners will be notified



**EASTER RAFFLE  
MARCH 26, 2021**

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets . If you would like more, you can purchase them before or after mass or you can call the rectory during business hours 9Am-2PM.

**In Memory of Mildred Soha**

- \$50 Nancy & Christopher Harvilla
- \$25 Edward Thomas Family
- \$20 M/M Charles Seifert
- \$20 Margaret Yeager
- \$20 Joanne Pekarik
- \$20 Johanna Fabik

**TAKE OUT  
LENTEN FISH DINNER  
MARCH 12, 2021  
4PM-6:30PM  
\$12.00**

Purchase tickets in the main vestibule before and after weekend masses. **(NO SALES AT THE DOOR).** Tickets are also available in the rectory during business hours Monday-Friday from 9:00-2:00PM. There will be **NO TICKET SALES AFTER SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH.**

**Menu:** Baked Filet of Haddock, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Creamed Cabbage, Tartar Sauce, roll and dessert.

| <b>MASS</b>       | <b>LECTOR</b>   | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b> | <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| February 27, 2021 | Jim Talianek    | Leon Sostak                  |                     |
| February 28, 2021 | Andrea Hajducko | Michele Grasso               |                     |



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