

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Slovak Catholic Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 14, 2021

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF LENT



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20

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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.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 14, 2021~ Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
9:00AM **Theresa Wittman** by *Mildred & Andrea Hajducko*

**Monday, March 15, 2021**  
8:00AM **+Mildred Soha** by *Bill & Dee Knerr*

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**  
8:00AM ~ **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ~ St. Patrick, Bishop**  
8:00AM ~ **God Bless the Irish & Ireland** by *Joe*

**Thursday, March 18, 2021 ~ St. Cril of Jerusalem**  
8:00AM ~ **Birthday Blessings for Catherine Bobeck** on her 100th Birthday  
By *Son Dan & Helen Bobeck*

**Friday, March 19, 2021 ~ St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00AM ~ **Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
6:00PM ~ **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**  
4:00PM **+Mary Panik** by *husband Stephen Panik*

**Sunday, March 21, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
9:00AM ~ **Health & Blessings for Cuchran Family**  
By *M/M Stefan Cuchran*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS**

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

In Memory of **Mildred Soha**  
\$50 Mrs. Bertha Kiss  
\$25 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hersh, Jr.

**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



**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.

**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

**PARISH STAFF**

**PASTOR:** *Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ*  
**SECRETARY:** *Mrs. Pat Noga*  
**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** *Mrs. Loretta A. Dashner and Mrs. Lisa Capece*  
**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:** *Miss Amy Zvitkovitz*  
**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** *Mr. William Drost*  
**DATA ENTRY COORDINATOR:** *Mr. Ray Fernandez*  
**WELCOMING MINISTRY:** *Mrs. Pat Noga*  
**SEXTON:** *Judith Smith*  
**LECTOR COORDINATOR & SAFE**  
**ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:** *Mrs. Michele Mrazik Grasso*

**WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TO OUR CELEBRATION**



While 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**

**"Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!"**

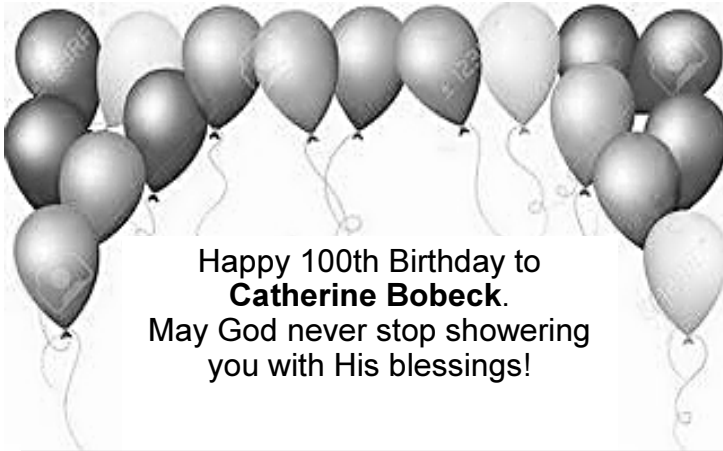
**A REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP**

<b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	March 7, 2021	July 1, 2020 to Date
	<b>\$3,477</b>	<b>\$99,759</b>

**Lottery Calendar Winners**

Congratulations to our recent winners:

- March 1 - Brandon Helffrich
- March 2 - Unsold Ticket
- March 3 - David Haklar
- March 4 - Bill Childs
- March 5 - Unsold Ticket
- March 6 - Laura MacNamara
- March 7 - Sophia Mrazik



Happy 100th Birthday to  
**Catherine Bobeck.**  
May God never stop showering  
you with His blessings!

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH  
DRIVE-THRU  
LENTEN FISH DINNER  
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021  
\$13.00**

Breaded Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable,  
Coleslaw, Roll.

Macaroni & Cheese Available for \$3 per container

Pick up between 4:00 and 6:00PM at the Parish  
Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA  
For more information, please call 610-349-7791 or  
email [jglover@ptd.net](mailto:jglover@ptd.net).

**PARISH EVENTS/UPDATES**

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

**TAKE OUT  
LENTEN FISH DINNER  
MARCH 26, 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 21st.**

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

**JANENKO'S LAWN CARE  
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We will clean up and remove from the cemetery  
all debris, flowers (artificial and live), Christmas  
items, etc. and sweep in preparation for Palm  
Sunday and Easter. This will take place (**weather  
permitting**) on March 22nd. We will also be  
replacing the Veterans flags (**WHEN THEY  
ARRIVE**) and checking on the condition of the  
flag holders and repairing or replacing them as  
needed. We have holders for WW1, WW2,  
Korea, and Vietnam and the later wars in limited  
and varying amounts. Please call us and leave a  
message if you are missing one. We also will be  
attending to any new graves in need of filling in,  
raking and seeding.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>
March 20, 2021	Loretta Dashner	Jim Talianek	
March 21, 2021	Michele Grasso	Maria Skladany	

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