

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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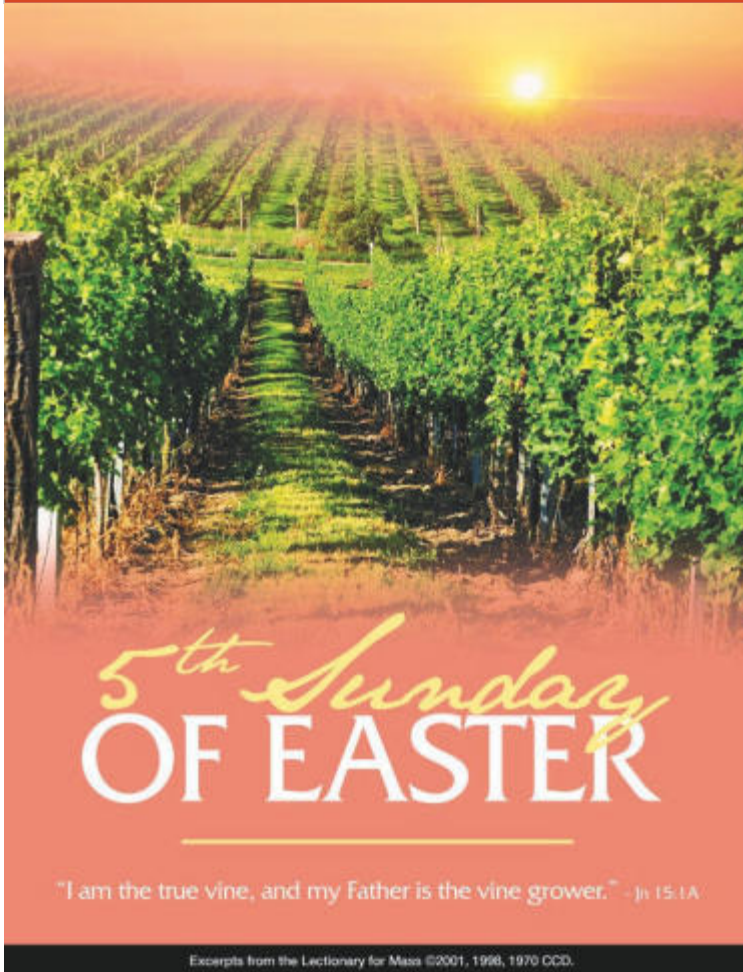
Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ-Pastor

Established December 31, 1906



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021



5th Sunday OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." - Jn 15:1A

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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

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 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 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.allentowndiocese.org/

Please read St. John's current and past bulletins online by just logging on to: WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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

610-871-5200 Ext. 2204

prusso@allentowndiocese.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 2, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM + Margaret Litak *David and Lisa*
Capece

Monday, May 3 2021~ Sts. Philip and James Apostles
8:00AM +Richard Hujsa *by wife, Linda*

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
8:00AM +Anna Piskanin *by son, Michael*

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
8:00AM ~ **Easter Remembrances**

Thursday, May 6, 2021
8:00AM ~ **Easter Remembrances**

Friday, May 7, 2021
8:00AM +Michael Piskanin *by son, Michael*

Saturday, May 8, 2021
4:00PM ~ **Mother's Day Remembrances**

Sunday, May 9, 2021~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00AM ~ **Mother's Day Remembrances**

SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, 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
9:00AM ~ Sunday
Vigil 7:00PM & Noon— Holy Days of Obligation

CONFESSIONS:

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

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

To remain healthy and productive a vine must be pruned. We must accept not only the short, sharp pain of our Vine grower God snipping from our lives the small and withering infidelities, but also the longer agony of more drastic pruning that is sometimes necessary. Sometimes God recognizes our potential for greater fruit-bearing, and with this the need for heavy pruning. After such pruning, a vine may bear no fruit for several years, waiting and confident in the tending of the Vine Grower, until both are rewarded with a tremendous, bursting yield.

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 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 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

"I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."

A REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	April 25, 2021	July 1, 2020 to Date
	\$2,856	\$120,914

Lottery Calendar Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners:

- April 19 - Unsold Ticket
- April 20 - Unsold Ticket
- April 21 - Lisa Kisslinger
- April 22 - Jerome Botazzi
- April 23 - Michele Grasso
- April 24 - Steve Schwartz
- April 25 - Bernadette Nush



We will be making pierogies in June as our first fundraiser for our new boiler system and we need your help on **Sunday, June 13th** to make the potato balls. We will start at **10AM**. On **Monday June 14th** we will be

making the pierogies starting at **8AM**. We will need people to help roll dough, pinch, cook, fill orders and bag the pierogies.

Order sheets are at the entrances for you to place your order. The cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Orders are due by **June 7th**. You can also call the rectory

PARISH EVENTS/UPDATES

May 11 - Auxiliary Meeting - 7PM

May 20 - Knitting & Crochet - 11AM-1PM

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat has been cancelled for July. It will be rescheduled in the spring of 2022.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our special collection for the Formation Program and Mission of the Apostles of Jesus. \$1,830 was collected towards this worthy cause.

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MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
May 8, 2021	Jim Talianek	Loretta Dashner	
May 9, 2021	Andrea Hajducko	Ed Marth	
May 12, 2021- 7PM	MaryJo Rosenberger	Rose Mrazik	
May 13, 2021 -12PM	Michele Grasso		

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