

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Established December 31, 1906



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 14, 2023



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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CLP

Mother's Day  
Prayer

THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,  
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—

THAT GOD,

WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,  
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE  
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—

WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
AND *peace* OF  
HEART AND MIND.



**VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**  
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC  
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DIRECT LINE ~ 1-800-791-9209

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Ms. Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S.  
610-871-5200 Ext. 2204  
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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
9:00AM ~ Mother's Day Remembrances

**Monday, May 15, 2023 ~ St. Isidore**  
8:00AM +Rado Hakos by M/M Viliam Choma

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
8:00AM ~Health & Blessings for Kathleen Wiesner by Mlynek Family

**Wednesday, 17, 2023**  
8:00AM +Mary & Walter Fedorak by Niece Gerry  
  
7:00PM +Easter Remembrances

**Thursday, May 18, 2023 St. John I**  
8:00AM +Easter Remembrances  
  
12:00PM +Easter Remembrances

**Friday, May 19, 2023**  
8:00AM +Easter Remembrances

**Saturday, May 20, 2023 ~ St. Bernardine of Siena**  
4:00PM +Richard Kruk by Mother

**Sunday, May 21, 2023 ~The Ascension of the Lord**  
9:00AM ~ Patrick Cuchran & Grandchildren  
By M/M Stefan Cuchran

**SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS**

**\$ 5 Mary & Stephen Panik by Children**

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

**CONFESSIONS:**

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



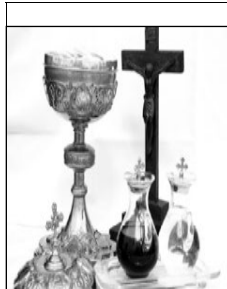
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**PARISH STAFF**

**PASTOR:** *Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ*  
**BUSINESS MANAGER:** *Karen Feiller*  
**SECRETARY:** *Mrs. Pat Noga*  
**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** *Mrs. Lisa Capece*  
**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:** *Miss Amy Zvitkovitz*  
**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** *Mr. William Drost*  
**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**

"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

**A REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP**

<b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	May 7, 2023	July 1, 2022 to Date
	<b>\$4,388</b>	<b>\$153,369</b>

**FATHER SPERATUS KAMANZI, A.J.  
30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
JUNE 24, 2023  
5:30 PM  
CHICKEN DINNER \$13.00**

Come help Father celebrate his 30th anniversary as a priest by joining him after Mass on June 24th for a delicious **sit down dinner**. Menu will be: Chicken with filling, mashed potatoes, carrots, corn, salad, roll, dessert, coffee and tea. Purchase tickets before or after Mass or you can call the Rectory during business hours at 610-432-0034.

**CEMETERY RESTORATION**

We are having the tomb stones of our loved ones restored and straightened that have fallen over in our cemetery. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost, envelopes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you and God Bless!

St. John's has a part time position available for a Maintenance Technician 20-25 hours a week. Interested applicants can apply on the Allentown Diocese website.

Congratulations to all the winners in our April Calendar Raffle and thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar and donated gift cards. The money raised will be used for any necessary expenses that may arise.



**PARISH EVENTS/UPDATES**

May 18 - Knitters & Crocheters - 11AM-1PM  
May 21 - Bingo - 1PM Doors open at 12 - last one until September. Jackpot \$425

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL**

On this Mother's Day weekend please remember all mothers in every circumstance, Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences and may have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese for assistance. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

**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 Thursday -9:00AM—2:00PM. Friday 9-12  
Office Closed - Saturday, Sunday, Holy Day and Holidays

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN:**

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

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>
May 13, 2023	Michele Grasso	Leon Sostak	
May 14, 2023	Andrea Hajducko	Ed Marth	
May 17, 2023 - <b>7PM</b>	MaryJo Rosenberger	Jim Talianek	
May 18, 2023 - <b>8AM</b>	Lisa Capece	Lisa Capece	
May 18, 2023 - <b>12PM</b>	Wanda Lesko	Rose Mrazik	



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