

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Slovak Catholic Church

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Established December 31, 1906



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2023

15th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

- Mt 13:22-23

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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 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/
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
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ST. JOHN'S PARISH INFORMATION JULY 16, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 16, 2023 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM ~**Health & Blessings for Vilko Family**
by M/M Viliam Choma

Monday, July 17, 2023

8:00AM **+John & Victoria Michalik** by *Daughter, Theresa Neupauer & Family*

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 ~St. Camillus

8:00AM **+Joseph Lehman** by *Joan Pristash*

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

8:00AM **+Michal Posypanka** by *M/M Posypanka*

Thursday, July 20, 2023 ~ St. Apolinaris

8:00AM **+Mary & Stephen Panik** by *Children*

Friday, July 21, 2023 ~ St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00AM **+Father's Day Remembrances**

Saturday, July 22, 2023 ~ St. Mary Magdalene

4:00PM **+Marta & Olga Labaj** by *M/M Martin Skladany*

Sunday, July 23~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM **+Anna Fedak** by *Cheryl Supon*

SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS

\$ 5 Mary & Stephen Panik by *Children*

\$ 5 Anna & John Harakal by *Great Grandchildren*

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



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*

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

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

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A REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	July 9, 2023	July 1, 2023 to Date
	\$4,275	\$4,275

\$1,000 Donation in Memory of a Loved One.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC

Parish Goal:	\$18,505.50
Total Committed	\$ 8,315.31
Total Collected:	\$ 8,015.31
Number of Donors	31
Average Gift:	\$268.24
# of Registered Families	259

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST TRICKY TRAY BAZAAR



This year our **Annual Tricky Tray Bazaar** will be held on **October 14 and October 15**. This is a change from previous years. So, mark your calendar and it's not too early to start thinking of a gift to donate. More information will follow at a later date.

"Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."

Words spoken by our Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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PARISH EVENTS/UPDATES

July 20 - Knitters and Crocheters- 11AM-1PM

**THIRD ANNUAL FESTIVAL
SS. Joachim & Anne Maronite Catholic Church
924 N. FRONT ST., ALLENTOWN**

July 15 - 5PM-11PM
July 16 - 1PM-10PM

The Athletic Department at Allentown Central Catholic High School is in the process of Assembling their football program for the 2023 season. It will once again be not only a source of information and recognition of our athletes, but also a great way to show support for all of their effort and dedication to a sport we love to watch! If you can help in any way, it would be deeply appreciated. If you have questions, feel free to call the Athletic Office at 610-437-4601,

**Cathedral of St. Catherine of Sienna
18th & Turner St., Allentown, PA
Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 PM: Hymn Sing Along**

All are welcome to gather in the church for an informal sing along of your favorite oldies and current church songs. Make your request to Bev McDevitt at bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com prior to the gathering so song lyrics may be prepared. Light refreshments to follow.

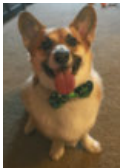
LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are looking for parishioners who would like to be a lector or a Eucharistic Minister. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 610-432-0034.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
July 22, 2023	Jim Talianek	Michele Grasso	
July 23, 2023	Andrea Hajducko		



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