

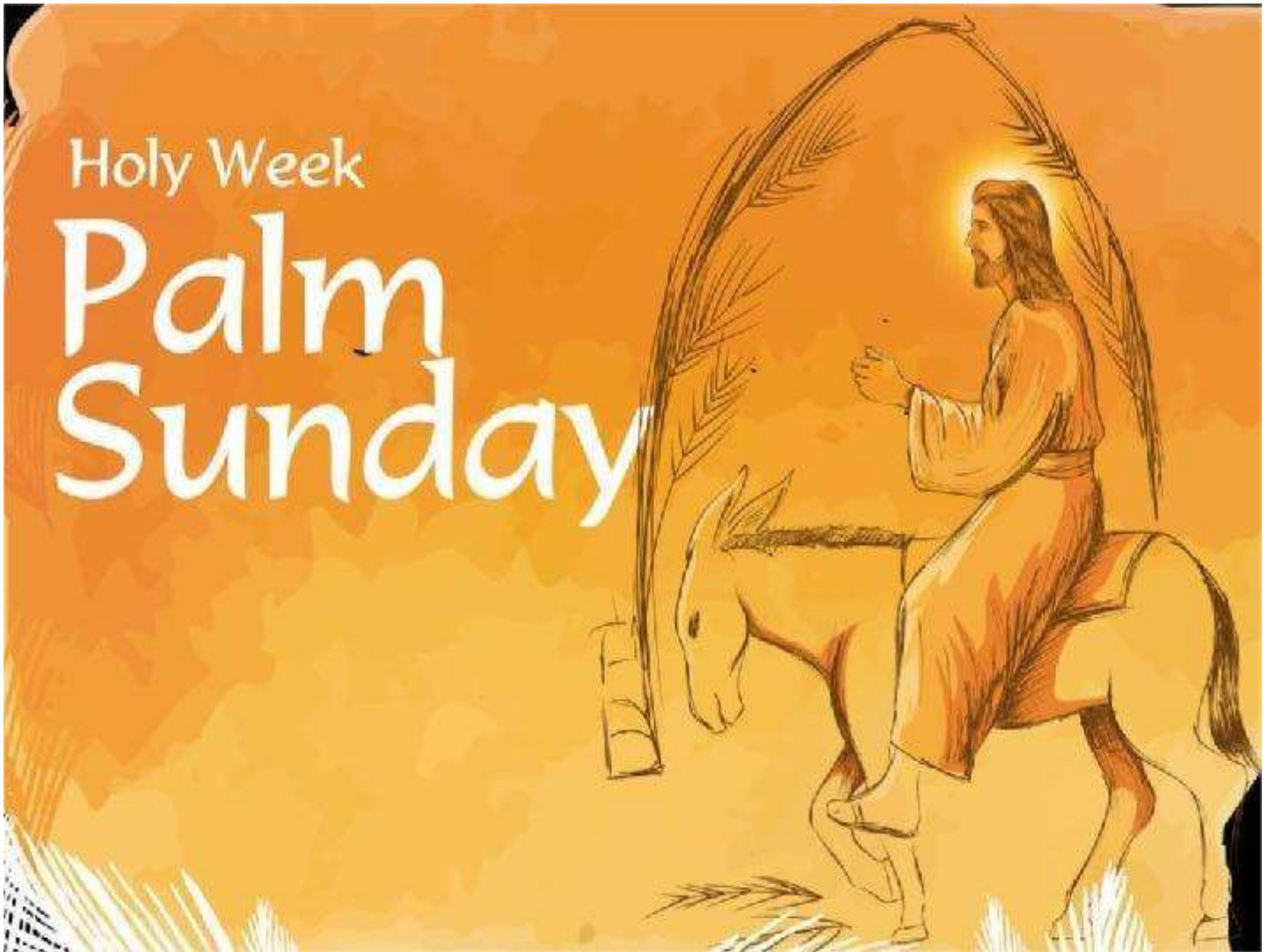
April 13th, 2025 – **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Mon- Fri: 9:00am (Thursday at old St. John's Church)
Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm
CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or by appt.

Register in the Parish: Please contact the Parish Office to register when you move into our parish.

Certificates of Eligibility: May be issued only to registered parishioners who currently reside within our parish boundaries, who have been registered parishioners at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, who have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their faith in our parish.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism may be scheduled to take place on a Saturday at 10am or 11am; or on a Sunday at 11:45am (immediately following the 10:30am Mass). Parents and at least one Godparent are to attend our Enrichment class prior to the Baptism. You will need to call the Parish Office to register for this class. Godparents must be committed, practicing Catholics, over the age of 16, and if from another parish, must provide a *Certificate of Eligibility* from their pastor. A Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian Witness alongside a Catholic Godparent.



MARRIAGE: The Sacrament of Matrimony Mass may be celebrated no later than 1pm on Saturdays. Couples planning marriage are to contact the Parish Office & schedule a meeting with our Pastor no later than 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana program approved by our Diocese.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office at any time to request a visit from our Pastor for Anointing of the Sick. Communion will be brought to the sick and homebound by our Pastor or one of our Communion Ministers upon request.



We celebrate a Communal Anointing of the Sick in June, near the *Feast of St. John the Baptist*.

Mass Intentions

Week of April 14th – April 20th, 2025

Monday: + Helene Bell (*Georgina Puente*)
Tuesday: + Jerry & Elizabeth Petritsch (*Geri Petrei*)
Wednesday: + Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
HOLY THURSDAY: Parishioners' Intentions
GOOD FRIDAY: Parishioners' Intentions

Easter Weekend Masses

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 8pm: Parishioners' Intentions
EASTER SUNDAY 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
EASTER SUNDAY 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND
EASTER MONDAY.**

No PREP on Monday. APRIL 21ST.

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas, through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

April 6th – Envelopes \$4,399 - E-Giving \$1,767

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Apr 13: Lenten Bible Study –St Augustine Rm- 9:15am
Mon. Apr 14: Prayer Shawl - Marian Rm - 7:00pm
Tue. Apr 15: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Apr 16: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Apr 16: Prayers of Petition* - Chapel & Zoom - 6:30pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Jesus! My Lord and My God! I trust in you, O Prince of Peace!

I pray that you will help all people of this world
to be united as one with You as Our Lord and Savior!

Jesus, I trust in You!



**THE MSC SEMINARY
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God bless you for your generosity.



**CONFESSIONS
AT 6:30PM &
MASS AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CHAPEL
ON WEDNESDAYS
DURING LENT.**

From your Pastor

Throughout the history of the world, woman/man conquered the other man/woman. Rulers conquered cities, emperors conquered the Kingdom, but there remains one territory that is unconquered: "the heart of human". Jesus Christ conquers it. He is a person who has love and mercy for his people. Therefore, he humbles himself to serve and becomes one with us.

Today we celebrate the feast of Palm Sunday. We commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem to accomplish the paschal mystery. It is not the city of Jerusalem, but it is human hearts. He enters our personal life with great joy and celebration. For us the day becomes light before the darkness, sunshine before storms.

As we celebrate the kingship of Christ let us look at our life, what is happening here and now? Christ as our king who enters our hearts, our personal Jerusalem. Is Christ able to enter? Is there room in our hearts for Christ to rule as king? Let us open our hearts for Jesus to enter. It is possible by surrendering ourselves into the hands of the Lord. We are prisoners of our own selves, of the world, of our careers, of money, of politicians who rule over us. Today Christ is entering our hearts to give us peace, true happiness and show us his unconditional love for us.

Come let us make our hearts to be opened through our daily prayers, reading the Word of God and understanding it, and finding time to go to the church so that He may enter our hearts.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Rev. S. Lucas MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



Holy Thursday April 17th, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM

Good Friday April 18th, Veneration of the Cross, 3PM
Stations of the Cross follows immediately.

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday, April 19th, 8PM

Easter Sunday Masses April 20th, 8AM & 10:30AM

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide us to our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen



PRAYERS TO ST. PEREGRINE

Every Tuesday morning, following the 9am Mass, we will be praying to St. Peregrine for those who are suffering from cancer and other diseases.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.

Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



Are you or a family member unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion? If you'd like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521.

We will make arrangements to bring the Lord to you.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
MARYANNE COMLY



FEAST DAY HIGHLIGHT FOR APRIL

Easter Triduum



The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

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The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



During April, would you please consider donating:

- **Cake Mix & Frosting**
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- **Sweet Potatoes**

to benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staples. We believe that with God's blessings and the help of our community, we can show our support for those most in need. Thank you for your loving generosity! **God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers**



Please consider a leaving a legacy to St. John the Baptist Parish. A gift to SJB in your will enables you to support the Church and makes a difference in the lives of future generations. Thank you. God bless.



Our Lenten Bible study this year is the document **'Hope Does Not Disappoint'** by Pope Francis. This is the Pope's proclamation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Come join us on **Sundays at 9:15am**. Sign up in the Narthex.



PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND! PLEASE STOP BY!

There is a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family. Hope to see you!

We will be selling and taking orders for gift cards after all the Masses this weekend.

Please visit us in the Narthex to get your order form and sign-up for program benefits! Thank you.



All are Welcome to our Parish's **Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent** at **6pm** in the Narthex. We will serve soup, crackers, bread & desserts.

Afterwards, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for those who can help set up at 5:30 and for anyone who can bring soup & desserts for dinner. **For information, please call Mary at 215-896-4034.**

An Invitation from Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

*Brothers and Sisters, Please join me and sign up for a conversation about our Church. Your voice and presence are essential as we plan a **new way forward together** as the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. Join an Info Session to Share Your Thoughts.*

+ Nelson J. Pérez

Archbishop Pérez recently released a pastoral letter, at the core of which is a call to a pastoral change of heart, a conversion to the lifestyle and mindset of a missionary disciple. The letter shares with us the Archbishop's vision for the future of the Church of Philadelphia through an introduction to the initiative known as "The Fourth Way". It also inaugurates a period of consultation regarding this initiative. All Catholics of the Archdiocese are invited to attend a consultation session to learn more about this plan and offer your input. The Archbishop's letter, video and registration information can be found at trustandhope.org.

The closest session is at: **Our Lady of Guadalupe Doylestown, PA – Thursday, April 24th - 6:30 – 8:30pm**



A Big Thank You to everyone who helped make our Student Council's Easter Flower Sale a success! There's

just something about the lovely scent of Hyacinths that adds magic to the Easter season, and your support truly made a difference. Because of your enthusiasm and participation, we raised funds that will enhance our school community and support various student initiatives. Plus, we're excited to bring some joy to the shut-ins in our parish with flowers and smiles! Thank you for helping us spread happiness this season with beautiful blooms and for being such an important part of our school spirit!

Blessings, Tami Koerber Head of school



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12PM-1PM. ST. Joseph's Chapel (large chapel, name on front of the building)

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH:

BEGINS AT 10AM Mass, Rosary, Confession and Luncheon (free).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.

To schedule your retreat and for additional information please call Joan Black at 215-795-2947

PREP PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish from 6:15PM-7:30PM. Parents of New Students (1st graders or students who have never attended Religious Education at SJB) should contact the Religious Education Office at 610-847-5521 or prep@stjohnsottsville.org to arrange an appt. to register. To register a New Student, parents need the child's Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at SJB), Fee of \$200 for one child for PREP for year.



THE EVANGELIZATION TEAM WILL BE HAVING A BAKE SALE ON MAY 17TH & 18TH. ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT OUR ACTIVITIES. PLEASE

DROP OFF BAKED GOODS IN THE NARTHEX BY 3:30PM ON SATURDAY MAY 17TH.

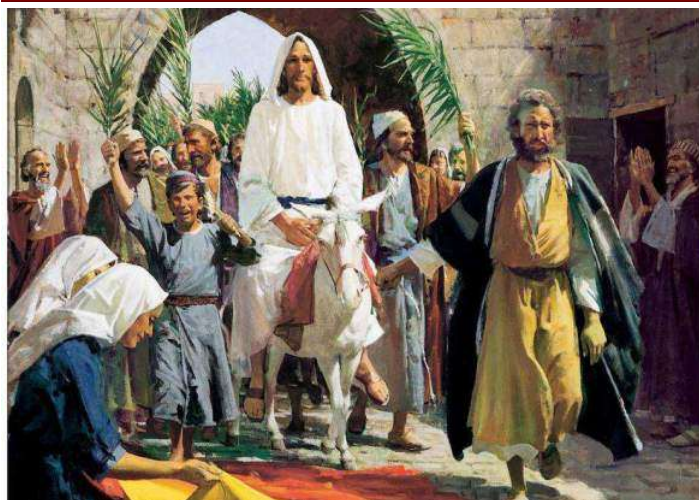
QUESTIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO LAURA AT SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG.

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**APRIL 17TH & 18TH, 2024
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**HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
HOLY THURSDAY 7PM	Frank Balbirer Jim McHugh Patty Salva	Patti Keyser	Alaina Butler Julia & Alyssa Byers Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Echoes of Christ
GOOD FRIDAY 3PM	Joan Beebe Joan Black Leona Russell	Christina Crews Kim Zampirri	Julia & Alyssa Byers Siobhan & Amalia Crews	Sue Rogers Patty Leidner
EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 8PM	Frank Balbirer Adam Crews Anne Luna	Christina Crews Tony Luna Kim Zampirri	Martin, Alice & Rita Elsner Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Sue Rogers SJB Choir
EASTER SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nancy Kaczinski Renee Moyer	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Alexander & Justin Nice	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
EASTER SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Wendy DeGroot Melissa Demusz	Leona Russell	Elia, Fatu & Siri Logaivau	Echoes of Christ



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Lou Bucci, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camillier, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klings, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchior, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, Judy Woodroffe

**If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone you know,
please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 or email tojo@epix.net.**

If someone no longer needs prayers, please advise the Parish Office so that we may keep the list up to date.

OUR TROOPS:



May God protect and watch over our troops



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony J. Fleck, Joseph V. Fleck, Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Michael Griffin, Matthew Gumprecht, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, Aileen Lauer, Stephen Lindmeier, Dan O'Connor, McKenna Pason, Dusty Rhodes, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, Steven Siegert, Kendall Smith

A Prayer for OUR FIRST RESPONDERS:

Lord, please watch over all the men & women who work as first responders. We pray for their safety and that they return to their families at the end of each shift. We give thanks for their selfless service, compassion and care for everyone. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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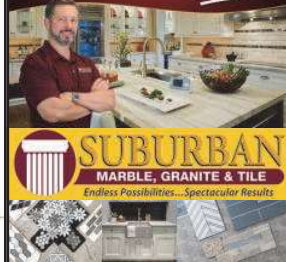
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