

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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# PEACE

## be with you



*THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.  
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### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
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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 of 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



following at 11:45am. 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 15<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Monday: † Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Jim & Joan Black*)  
Tuesday: Intentions of Cathy Leidtke (*Jim & Joan Black*)  
Wednesday: Intentions of Dan & Maryann Hauber  
(*Dan & Maryann Hauber*)  
Thursday: Intentions of Dolly Kovacs (*Jim & Joan Black*)  
Friday: † Elaine Jocelyn (*Jim & Joan Black*)

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Inez Becker (*John Becker*)  
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions  
Sunday 10:30am: † Hank Tancredi (*Loving Wife Arlene*)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

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

### WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

March 31<sup>st</sup> Envelopes \$5,111 \* E-Giving \$1,922  
\* Easter \$8,800 \*  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$3,670 \* E-Giving \$1,756  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Apr. 14: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm  
Wed. Apr 17: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm

### 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!

## Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of *Helene Bell*



## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today we have another account of Jesus appearing to his disciples. The gospel begins with the story of the two disciples who had the experience of walking with Jesus and their recognition of the Lord, in the breaking of bread.

Jesus remaining close to them, drives away all their doubts and unbelief by giving them the gift of peace. He asks the disciples to touch and feel him and experience his real presence among them. He remains as the real friend in their lives, and helps them to get back their confidence.

The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest miracle that took place during his earthly stay. It is the foundation and the cornerstone of our Christian religion. The death of Jesus on Calvary proved that he was truly human. His resurrection showed that he was divine. During his public life, Jesus announced that he was Son of God and spoke of his mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Through his resurrection Jesus won the victory over death to win for us the eternal life.

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to his disciples and each of his appearances was to confirm the belief that he had indeed been raised from the dead. His task was to lead the disciples from fear and doubt, into a situation of worship and acceptance.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish

## 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 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 quarreling 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.

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## CONFIRMATION MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 5PM



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY  
FOR OUR 2024 CONFIRMANDI

Evangelyne **Rose of Lima** Alameda-Morales

Anthony Stanley **Joseph** Campbell

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Alice Grace **Cecilia** Elsner

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Hello there,

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to the parishioners who assisted the Student Council with the Easter flower sale. Thanks to your support, we were able to deliver beautiful flowers to the homebound members of the parish, and they were overjoyed.

The solar eclipse was an incredible sight to see, and the students were excited to watch it from our viewing location.

Our students are preparing for the Iowa testing, and we kindly ask for your prayers and support during this time.

Lastly, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in experiencing Classical education at its best to stop by our school. Our doors are always open, and we welcome you to visit us anytime. Please feel free to reach out to the office to schedule a visit.

God Bless,

*Tami Koerber*, Head of School



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.*



**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic school, or at-home secular learning experiences, is provided at St. John the Baptist on Monday evenings from September through May.

Any family not yet registered should contact the Director of Religious Education at 610-847-5521 or [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)

**LIFE IS A PRECIOUS ISSUE**

In PA, protections for the unborn are under attack. JOIN US to learn how to protect the rights of the unborn.

Featuring:

Chuck Derns, PhD: "The Problem with Personhood" and vital points regarding the IVF ruling in Alabama.

Det. James Wood: Shares his experiences with the Gosnell case and why this case is still important.

Judge Cheryl Allen: Informs on proposed PA legislation that undermines human rights of the unborn.

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – noon**

**Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish  
856 Euclid Ave, Warrington, PA**

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**PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND!  
PLEASE STOP BY!**

This weekend we'll have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family. Hope to see you!

**Wedding Anniversary Mass**

**Saturday May 4, 2024-Cathedral Basilica 5 PM**

The annual Wedding Anniversary mass is celebrated with couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years, and 50 years. We are observing the mass on May 4, 2024 this year. You can RSVP through the link provided here: <https://form.jotform.com/230443950527152>

*April* is **Abortion Recovery Awareness Month**

Are you or someone you love suffering from a traumatic pregnancy loss and experiencing:

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*Wedding Anniversary Mass*

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*Saturday, May 4, 2024*  
*5:15 pm Anticipated Mass*

Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul

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**RSVP**

To RSVP, click the link above or call 215-587-0500  
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Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30pm.

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**Catholic Support for Mental Health Website**  
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Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment & flourishing.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the **BE ENCOURAGED** website at [archphila.org/support](http://archphila.org/support).



**PRAYERS TO ST. PEREGRINE**

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

*Please join us in praying or all who are suffering.*

**NOVENA TO PADRE PIO FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**Tuesday, April 23 to Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

To spiritually prepare for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatification of Padre Pio, please join us in lifting our hearts to God in intercessory prayer for the children of the world. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc](http://www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc) or YouTube at <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>. Our Novena opens with Mass on Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 PM. All are invited to attend, especially families with children of all ages.

**Sign up for the novena**

**at: <https://www.padrepio.org/pray/children/>**

**Location:** National Centre for Padre Pio - 111 Barto Road - Barto, PA

**More Information:** Contact: [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org)



**Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound**

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

**We will make arrangements to bring the Lord to you.**

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APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Joel Roney Dave Slifer	Kim Zampirri	Brady Mattle Jacob Roney Joshua Roney	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler <b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Ward Van Haute	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	SJB Choir Sue Rogers

 PLEASE PRAY FOR... 

**OUR SICK:**

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Joe Fekete, Melanie Fioretta, Betty Fleck, Tom Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Stephen Holznagel, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, **Joyce Melchiorre**, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Helen Pepkowski, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Barbara Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Don Stahley, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer

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

**OUR TROOPS:**

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***May God protect and watch over our troops.***



**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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