

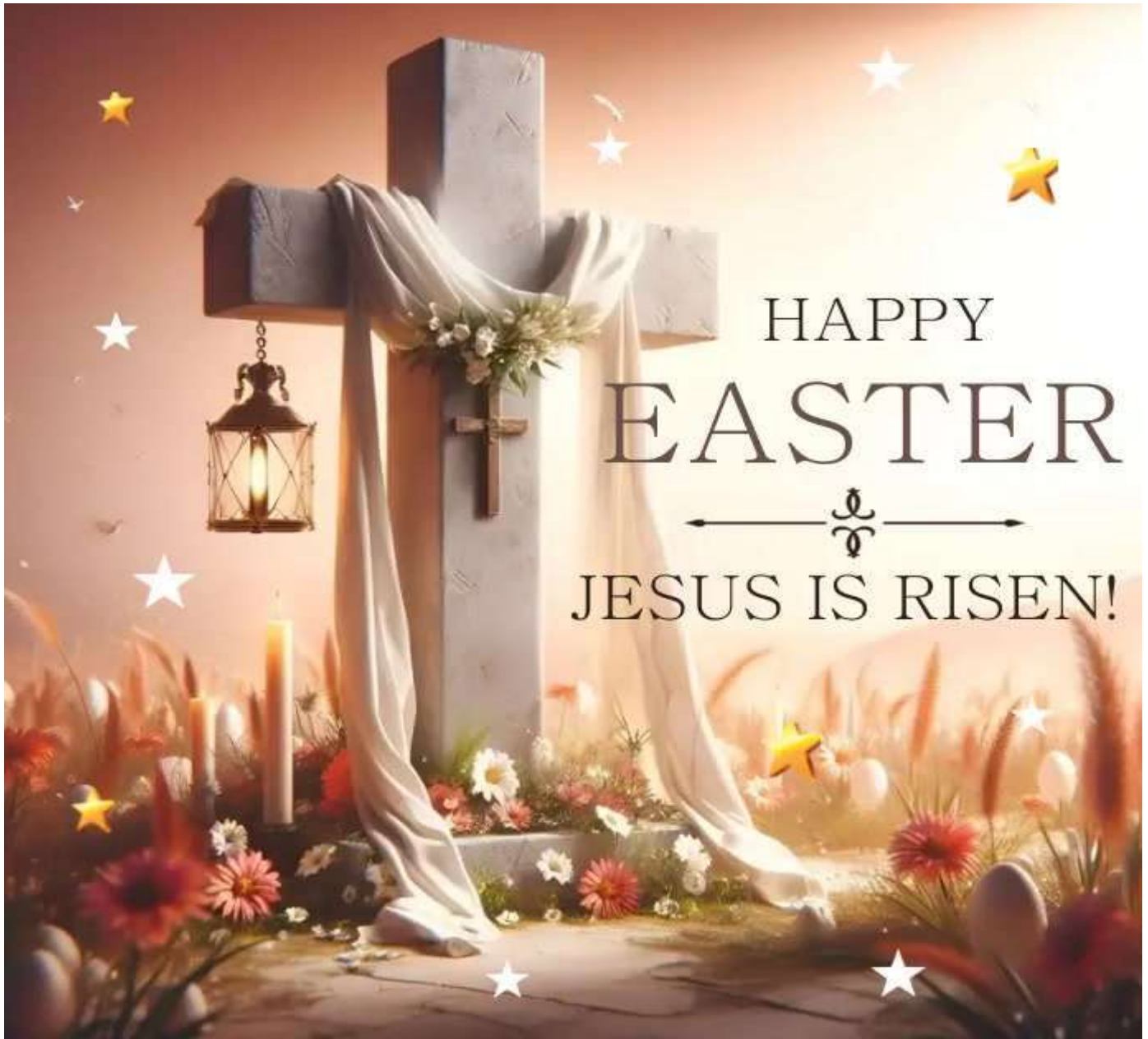
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# *Happy Easter*

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

## APRIL 20TH, 2025 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
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Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Monday: † Hank Tancredi (*Arlene Tancredi*)

Tuesday: † Freeh-Johnson Family  
(*David & Mary Grace Tillotson*)

Wednesday: † Hank Tancredi (*Arlene Tancredi*)

Thursday: † Anna Feneck (*Mike & Cathy Moreni*)

Friday: Intentions of the Koerber Family  
(*Marion Passman*)

### Easter Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)  
Sunday 8am: Intentions of Pat Young (*Nina Carlineo*)  
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

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

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
EASTER MONDAY.**

**NO PREP ON MONDAY. APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

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

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### WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

April 13<sup>th</sup> – **Not Available**

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### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Apr 22: Viewing of *The Chosen* - Marian Rm – 6:15pm

Tue. Apr 22: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm

Wed. Apr 23: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am

Wed. Apr 23: Prayers of Petition\* - Chapel & Zoom - 6:30pm

\* **EMAIL LAURA AT [sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org) TO  
JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

Thu. Apr 24: Garden Club Mtg –St Augustine Rm- 6pm

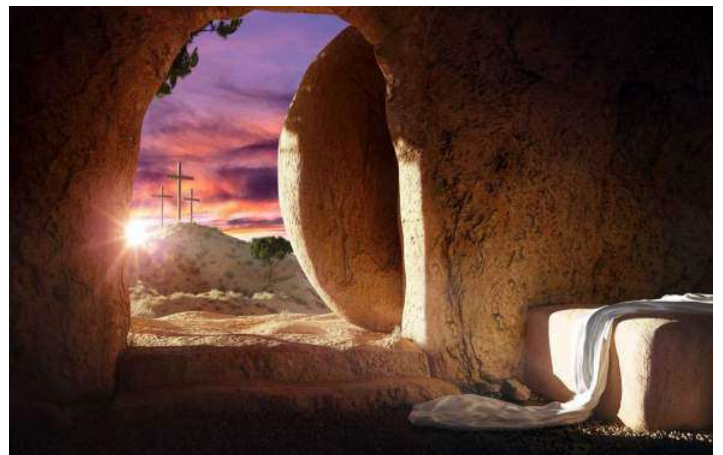
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### A PRAYER FOR PEACE

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!**



## From your Pastor

Easter is the most important feast in the Church because the resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian faith. Resurrection of Jesus gives new meaning and direction to every Christian or the one who believes in him and follows his teachings. Experience of the risen Christ gives us the lasting peace and joy. Thus, everyday must be the day of Easter for true Christians.

Bearing witness to the risen Christ and proclaiming his Gospel to the world are the main theme of today's readings. Resurrection of Jesus is not about believing but rather living the words of Jesus. It is right time to question oneself what does resurrection mean to me? Is it life after death or transformation of self within this life? Resurrection should influence our thoughts and actions positively, infuse us with unsurpassable hope and thus enable us to live a new life of joy that manifests resolute courage. Resurrection experience is our strength.

This is what we see in the life of the apostles, the early Christians and martyrs and saints of the Church. Fear could not frighten them, death could not stop them, worldly pleasure could not attract or satisfy them, to live and profess their faith. In the world of pain, sorrow and tears Easter reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the real presence of the risen Jesus in our soul in our day today life.

Lord, break open our sealed tomb of hopelessness and doubt, give us the eye of faith to know you. Open our hearts to receive the gifts of hope in and through the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

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 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 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



### 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

**RYAN PATRICK KELLY**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Jonathan Santoflor



## Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



During April, would you please consider donating:

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- **Sweet Potatoes**

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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.*

## The Little Lambs Club



*Everywhere that Jesus went, the little lambs were sure to go....*

The Pastoral Council is reaching out to our parishioners to see if there is interest in bringing back "The Little Lambs

Club". This was brought to our attention by a few of the focus groups last year. This club was active several years ago for children from ages 3 to 1<sup>st</sup> grade. The children should be present at the beginning of the Mass until the end of the Introductory Rites, when the priest invites them to leave for their own celebration. The children are brought back to their parents immediately after the Prayers of the Faithful by a member of the liturgy team. The children are introduced to the Gospel message and Eucharistic celebration at their own level.

We are seeking two registered parishioners to take on the leadership role for each Mass (8AM & 10:30AM) on Sunday mornings. They can be young adults, parents, or older parishioners. All adult volunteers must obtain Archdiocesan clearances prior to beginning service and be willing to complete training. There will be two signup sheets in the Narthex. One will be for anyone interested in having their children enrolled. The other will be for anyone willing to volunteer as a Little Lambs Club leader.

## 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.

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.

## 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](http://trustandhope.org).

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



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ACTIVITIES. PLEASE DROP OFF BAKED  
GOODS IN THE NARTHEX BY 3:30PM ON  
SATURDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>.

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Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or  
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6:15PM-7:30PM. Parents of New Students (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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APRIL 27 <sup>TH</sup> , 2025		2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Dorothy Cegielski Lynn Gammello Peg Glancey	Kim Zampirri	Gretchen Meyers <b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>	Ordinary Time
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Jim McHugh	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Blake & Max Nowicki	Maggie Hooven Liz Katra
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Joan Beebe Samantha Campbell Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna	Cantor & Musician Needed



### 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 Klinges, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, 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](mailto: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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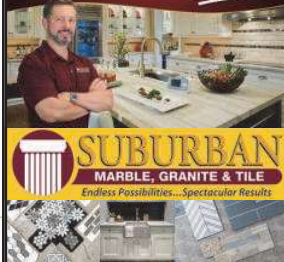
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