

April 21st, 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 22nd – April 28th, 2024

Monday: Intentions of Joan Beebe (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Tuesday: † Hank Tancredi (*Loving Wife Arlene*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Maxine Vogan (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Thursday: † Helene Bell (*Your Loving Friend*)
Friday: † Nancy Watts (*The Holmes Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Jerry Petritsch (*Harold Rick*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Ethel & John Facht (*Betty Fleck*)

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

April 14th Envelopes \$6,108 * E-Giving \$1,465
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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Apr 23: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm
Wed. Apr 24: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Thu. Apr 25: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – 6:00pm Work – 7:00pm Mtg

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!



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.

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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Gospel of John is a unique Gospel where he presents himself as a beloved disciple. St John understood Jesus closely; he understood Jesus' mission on earth to love one another. Why did He love us? We read in 1 John 3:8 that, 'God is love'. God is love and so Jesus loves everyone to save us all from sins. He took up the cross to redeem us from our sinful ways.

'No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father' (Jn. 10:18). Jesus's whole life was an act of obedience to his Father and His commandments. Jesus chose to surrender Himself to the will of the Father and cross was a consequence of that total surrender.

It is told that in the First World War, there was a young French soldier who was seriously wounded. His arm was so badly smashed that it had to be amputated. The surgeon was grieved that the soldier must go through life maimed. So, he waited beside his bedside to tell him the bad news about his arm. When he recovered his consciousness and opened his eyes the surgeon told him that he was not be able to save his arm but to the surgeon's surprise, the soldier replied, 'I give it up for France'. Jesus did not lose his life, but He gave it up. The cross was not forced upon Him, He willingly accepted it for us.

Let us pray that we may also learn to take up crosses that come along the way of loving our family members, friends and neighbors.

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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Mary Rose Rita of Cascia Fauerbach

Emilie Therese Joan of Arc Fetter

Dallas Paige Anastasia Ficzko

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Katelyn Anne Katherine Kreider

Margaret Grace Gianna Molla Luna

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Shane Timothy Sebastian Schuback

Zoe Noel Agnes Shea

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.



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We are also excited to announce that Regina Academy will be hosting our annual Art Show and open house on May 22nd at 4 p.m. The event will feature various art displays from our talented students and informative information about our Classical education school and other hallmarks of the Academy. We warmly invite you to join us for these events to see firsthand how Regina Academy is impacting God's children and preparing them for their futures.

Enrollment for the upcoming academic year is currently open, and we have openings in some of our classes. Please get in touch with the office to plan your tour soon.

Thank you for your interest in Regina Academy. 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

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 27th 9:30 – noon

**Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
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Your continuing support and generous gifts help the pantry serve over 500 low-income families each month from the Palisades community and Plumsteadville.

The contributions you make help our neighbors in need, and make a real difference in the lives of hungry families.

Again, many thanks – we couldn't do it without you!

God Bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, contact

Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email KofC4545@aol.com

NOVENA TO PADRE PIO FOR OUR CHILDREN

Tuesday, April 23 to Wednesday, May 1, 2024

To spiritually prepare for the 25th 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 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

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>



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APRIL 27TH & 28TH, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Christina Crews Adam Crews	Kim Zampirri	Siobhan Crews Amalia Crews Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Justin Nice Alexander Nice Need 1 Volunteer	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Sean Lynch	Khloe Demusz Melissa Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci

 **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 Melchiore, 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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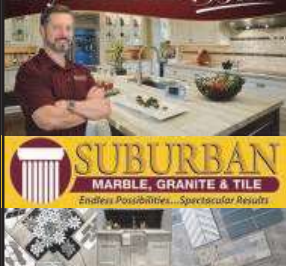

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