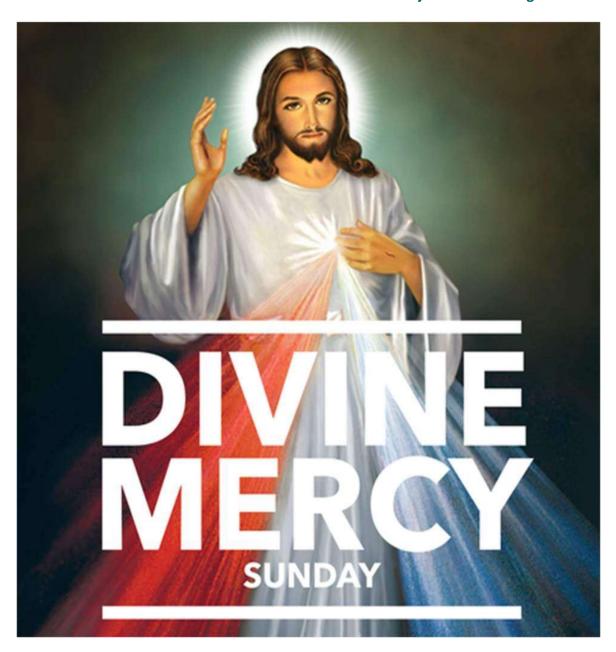
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MASS TIMES

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.

<u>Register in the Parish</u>: Please contact the Parish Office

to register when you move into our parish.

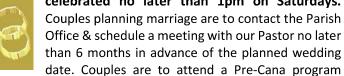
<u>Certificates of Eligibility</u>: May be issued only to registered parishioners who currently reside within our parish boundaries, who have been registered parishioners at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, who have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their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



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

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

<u>Mass Intentions</u> <u>Week of April 28th – May 4th, 2025</u>

Monday: † Dorothy Fleck (James Fleck Family)
Tuesday: † Valerie Fidler (Gina Giarratana)

Wednesday: * Beulah McDonald

(Regina Academy Faculty & Staff)

Thursday: † Bill Saxton (Georgina Puente)

Friday: † Robert Benton (Loving Wife)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: † Elaine & Ronald Weaver (Brother Ed)
Sunday 10:30am: Intentions of the...
2025 First Holy Communion Class

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 13th – Envelopes \$4,879 - E-Giving \$1,677 April 20th – Envelopes \$2,223 - E-Giving \$1,692 Easter - \$8,408

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Apr 29: Viewing of The Chosen - Marian Rm - 6:15pm

Tue. Apr 29: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm **Wed. Apr 30:** Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am

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

* EMAIL LAURA AT <u>sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org</u> 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!



1st Friday Adoration begins May 2nd after the 9am Mass and concludes Saturday morning at 9am Benediction & Mass.



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.

From your Pastor

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10:00 AM, on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Saint John Paul II said, "Believing in the love of God means believing in His mercy." Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son.

During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.

At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." "The Lord of Divine Mercy," a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white.

The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!". The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the Baptismal water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.

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.

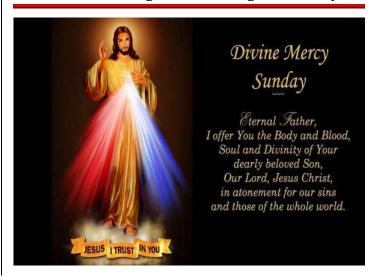
Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.

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.





STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ REGARDING THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Along with the people of the Church of Philadelphia and the entire Universal Church, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pope Francis today.

In the midst of great sorrow, we also reflect on the gifts of the Holy Father's life and ministry with deep gratitude. He tirelessly served the Church for 56 years with great fidelity and zeal. As a Jesuit priest, university professor, local provincial superior, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, a member of the College of Cardinals, and Supreme Pontiff he exhibited selfless dedication on behalf of the souls entrusted to his care.

A man of prayer and intellect with a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother, Pope Francis entrusted the faithful to the mercy of Almighty God. He encouraged everyone to be an instrument of Christ's compassionate love by extending a kind and merciful hand to the marginalized and those most in need.

He challenged the Catholic Church throughout the world to respond to increasingly troubled times through genuine Christian encounter with the spirit of Missionary Discipleship. As a proponent of the synodal process, Pope Francis urged all Catholics to walk with one another on their faith journey with minds and hearts open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. His rich pastoral legacy is a blessing that leaves an indelible and profoundly positive mark on the life of the Church around the world.

Pope Francis will always hold a special place in the heart of the Philadelphia region. His visit to our city almost a decade ago for the World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia 2015 brought us immeasurable joy. That moment in time remains a precious gift that will not be forgotten.

From his many apostolic visits around the globe to be among his flock, to his inspiring teachings, to his consistent call for peace and social justice, Pope Francis invited all people to encounter the person of Jesus Christ fully and to serve their brothers and sisters with love and humility as instruments of grace. The life and Petrine Ministry of Pope Francis was a true blessing to the world. May his example bring us to embrace God's plan for each of us to serve Christ's Church on earth as Missionary Disciples.

I ask the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to join me in offering prayers for the happy repose of Pope Francis' soul. May God grant him the gift of eternal life and bring comfort to a Church in mourning.





FEAST DAY HIGHLIGHT FOR APRIL

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.

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*





THE EVANGELIZATION TEAM WILL BE HAVING A BAKE SALE ON MAY 17TH & 18TH.

PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT **OUR** ACTIVITIES. PLEASE DROP OFF BAKED GOODS IN THE NARTHEX BY 3:30PM ON SATURDAY MAY 17TH.

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

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



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.

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Giving link above. Follow the prompts to join our e-giving program. For information, please call the Parish Office.

JUNE 23-26, 2025 EVENT: QUO VADIS DAYS

The Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will once again host the annual Quo Vadis Days camp for all high school young men! Quo Vadis is an inspiring 4-day, 3-night camp including dynamic talks, prayer, engaging activities, fellowship with the Philadelphia seminarians, and much more! This camp centers around the concept of "Lord, where are you going?", to ask the Lord his plan for your life and learn more about the person of Jesus Christ, This year the theme will be "Anchor of the Soul" where we will hear dynamic talks about Christ as our hope and what it means to be anchored to Jesus throughout the journey of life, Come to learn how Christ is speaking in your life and how to respond to his call!

> Location: Black Rock Retreat Center (1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566) More Info Please Visit: HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis

MAY 4TH. 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry	
SATURDAY 5PM	Ted Fahy Laura Gumprecht Lisa Saxton	Kim Zampirri	Julia & Alyssa Byers Christine Wimpenny	Needed	
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Renee Moyer	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler Blake & Max Nowicki	Needed	
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Wendy DeGroot Ward Van Haute	Needed	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	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 Klinges, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, 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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