

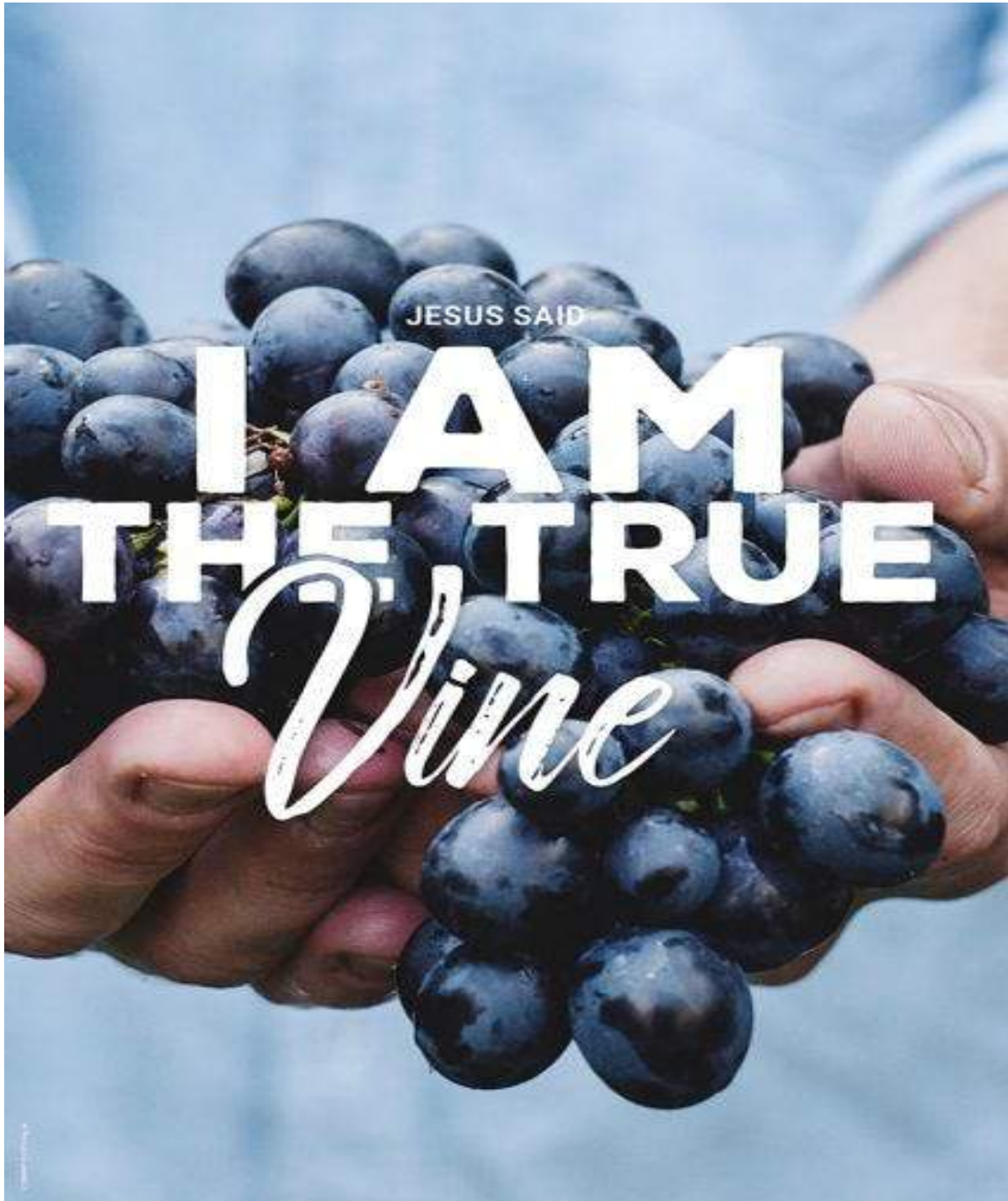
April 28th, 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.
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PARISH STAFF

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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 29th – May 5th, 2024

Monday: Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Moreni
(Jim & Joan Black)
Tuesday: Intentions of Sharon Glick (Jim & Joan Black)
Wednesday: † Ronald & Elaine Weaver (Ed Weaver)
Thursday: † Robert Benton (Patty Benton)
Friday: † Marie Louzon (Georgina Puente)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Intentions of Marvin & Arlene Eichlin
(56th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: Intentions of the First Holy Communion Class of 2024

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 21st Envelopes \$4,710 * E-Giving \$1,639
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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Apr. 28: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm
Tue. Apr 30: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm
Wed. May 01: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Sun. May 05: Ministry Meeting –Marian Room – 9:15am

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

St. Athanasius was a great theologian and Church Father. He is known as the chief defender of Trinitarianism against Arianism which advocated that the Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, is a distinct substance from the Father.

Athanasius, the Pillar of the Church protected it from such heretical teachings. He held that not only was the Son of God consubstantial with the Father but was the Holy Spirit, which had a great deal of influence in the development of doctrines regarding the Trinity.

The Gospel reading beautifully explains our relationship with God, the source of our life. We glorify him through Jesus Christ who is always with us. He says, "I am the true vine." As children of God, we see Jesus as our master and guide. Apart from him, we cannot bear the fruits of success and happiness. The moment we break our relationship with him, we lose our identity and dignity of life.

We become homeless with no security and peace of mind. If we abide in him we experience love and joy because he blesses us with inner tranquility of peace and prosperity. It is accompanied by a happy family, lovable friends, supportive relatives and decent works. This is a unique experience of being in union with God. He assures us to provide with all things we need to grow in our life.

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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Moreover, The Academy is always open to showcasing our classical curriculum to any visitors who are interested in taking a closer look.

Enjoy this beautiful spring weather and have a blessed week.

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.

PREP

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

NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB

Mother's Day Event

"MAKE & TAKE" Fresh Flower Arrangement

May 8th, 7:00 pm, \$20.00

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**1st Friday Adoration begins
May 3rd after the 9am Mass and
concludes Saturday morning
at 9am Benediction & Mass**



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For more information please call the Parish Office.

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



**THE SJB EVANGELIZATION TEAM IS HAVING
A BAKE SALE FOR MOTHER'S DAY! WE
NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BAKE YUMMY TREATS
FOR US (EX. COOKIES, BROWNIES,
CUPCAKES, RICE KRISPIES TREATS, ETC.).
PLEASE WRAP OR BAG YOUR ITEMS FOR
EASY SALE. NO REFRIGERATED ITEMS,
PLEASE!**

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR YUMMY TREATS ON
SATURDAY MAY 11TH AT 4PM IN THE
NARTHEX.**

Any questions: Laura Gumprecht
at sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.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:
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MAY 4TH & 5TH, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Lisa Saxton	Kim Zampirri	Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	SJB Choir Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Bea Romaszewski	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Fatu & Elia Logaivau Olivia Luna	Echoes of Christ



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, **Wanda Bickel**, 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:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony James 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



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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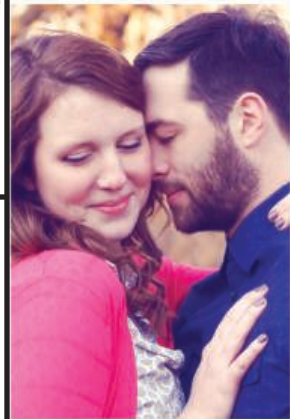
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