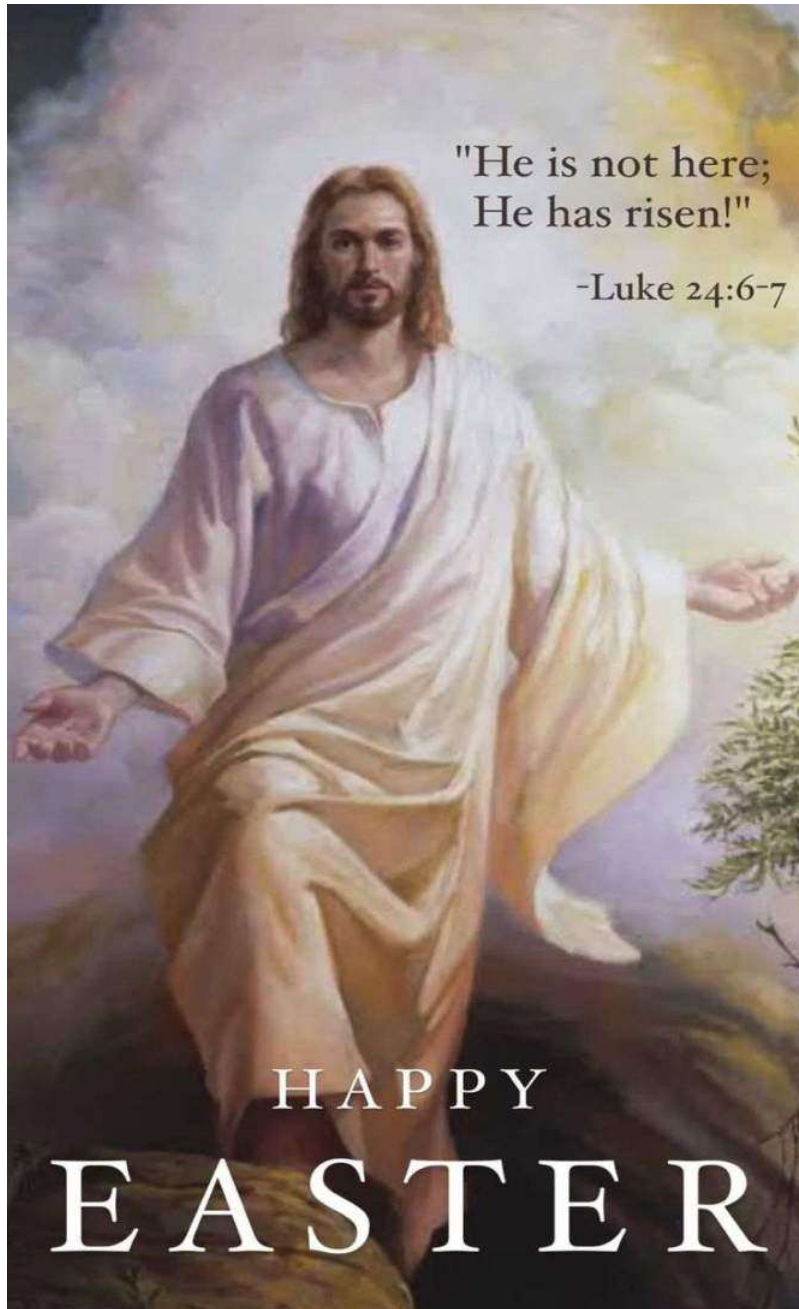


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Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!

**Fr. Lucas and the parish family of St. John the Baptist
would like to welcome all our visitors and new members.**

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PARISH STAFF

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Mon- Fri: 9:00am (Thursday at old St. John's Church)
Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm
CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:20pm or by appt.

Register in the Parish Please contact the Parish Office to register when you move into our parish.

Certificates of Eligibility to act as Godparent or Sponsor may be issued only to registered parishioners who have been registered here at St. John the Baptist Parish at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their faith in our parish. If married, your marriage must have been witnessed and blessed by a Catholic Priest or have special permission approved by the Archbishop. A person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason is not eligible to be a sponsor and, therefore, we cannot issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

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 6th – April 12th, 2026

Monday: † Mark C. Lapsley (*Leonora Lapsley*)
Tuesday: † Alphee Cormier (*Daughter Rachel*)
Wednesday: † Maryanne Comly (*Mary Miller*)
Thursday: † Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Friday: † Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm: † Joseph Sabaliauskas (*Peg Glancey*)
Sunday 8am: † Alice Godown (*David Godown*)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm
**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
EASTER MONDAY.**

No PREP ON MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

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

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

March 29th - **Not Available**

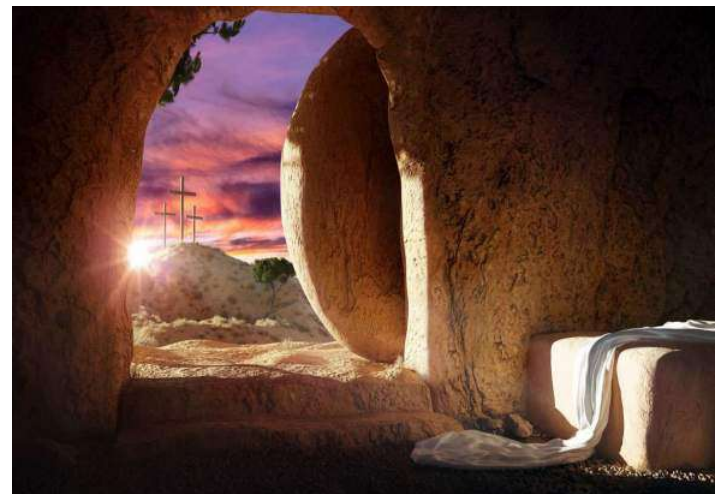
WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Apr 07: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Apr 08: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Apr 08: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 7:00pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**



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-



What a tragic experience that must have been when Mary and the other disciples went to the tomb early in the morning to pay tribute to our Lord's Sacred Body and could not find Him there! Initially they might have had the feelings of sadness, pain and doubt which might have changed into joy and excitement after encountering the resurrected Christ. All the three readings of the day have their focus on the Lord's resurrection and its effects.

Easter becomes the greatest and the most important feast for us in the Church. If had Jesus Christ not risen from the dead, the Church would not be existing today. Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would have remembered some of his teachings, and a handful of people might have tried to live according to them. But Jesus did rise from the dead and all the words that He spoke, deeds He performed and promises He made to us is true!

The Resurrection of Christ is not simply an event that took place long ago. It's an event that continues to take place when we patiently walk with the Lord through the trials and sufferings of life with hope and trust in His power to do all good things. Evil always loses when we remain steadfast in our hope in Him.

O Lord, our hope is in you. You bring forth new life to all who remain in you. Breathe into us the gift of new life and strengthen us to begin anew.

**Yours in Jesus Christ,
Rev. S. Lucas, MSC
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish**



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.

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!

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canned chicken/ham * whole tomatoes * shampoo
snacks * laundry detergent * scalloped potatoes

Giant or dollar store gift cards are also appreciated!

You will 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

Join the Cleaning Team!
Wk. of April 5th
TEAM 2
This is a once per month commitment.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets every 3rd Monday at 7:30pm. For information or to join, Contact Grand Knight Mark Janik KofC4545@aol.com

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A Message from The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Greetings from across campus,

As we emerge from the solemn beauty of Holy Week into the radiant joy of Easter morning, we are reminded of Christ's invitation in the Gospel: "Let the children come to me." This simple yet profound call captures the heart of what we strive to live each day at the Academy.

Throughout Holy Week, our students walked with Christ in age-appropriate, heartfelt ways, through prayer, reflection, and quiet moments of wonder. And now, in the light of Easter, we rejoice with them in the truth that Jesus is risen and that His love is alive in their hearts.

At the Academy, children are warmly introduced to Christ not only during religion lessons, but in every part of their day. Whether they are reading great literature, solving a math problem, or playing at recess, Christ remains at the center of all we do. Our teachers nurture a learning environment where every child is known, loved, and guided in faith; where curiosity is encouraged, kindness is practiced, and truth and goodness are joyfully pursued.

This Easter season reminds us that each child carries the light of the Risen Christ. By helping them grow in virtue, confidence, and clarity of mind, we hope to form young people who walk boldly in His light and recognize their unique dignity as beloved sons and daughters of God.

Thank you for taking the time each week to learn more about our Academy. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please contact our office at Office@rasjb.org to join our mailing list.

May the joy of the Resurrection fill your homes and your hearts this Easter.

God bless, Brian Oulin, President
Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

SJB Nitty Gritty Garden Club



SJB Garden Club would like to thank all the parishioners who attended our Speaker Event presented by the Garden Girl. 🌸 🌸

It was educational, fun and an amazing opportunity to connect with our community.

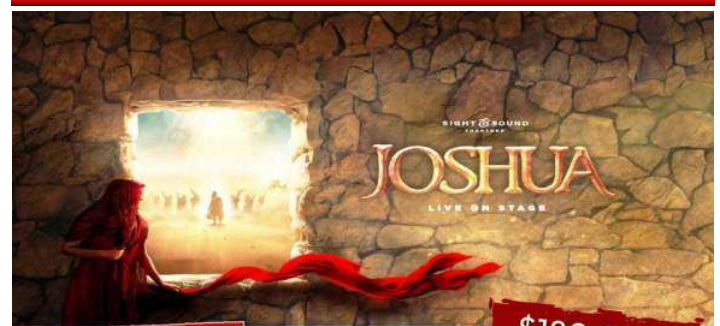
Thank You for making this a success!!! 😊 🦋

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

National Day of Prayer
Thursday May 7th at 7 pm
At St. John the Baptist Church

Mark your calendar, and don't miss this opportunity to come together with our fellow Christians from neighboring churches! St John the Baptist will host a joint prayer service to glorify God, praying specifically for unity and protection from evil in our country, and for peace on all levels: personal, national, and global.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual, nonpartisan observance held on the first Thursday of May—falling on **May 7, 2026**—inviting people of all faiths to pray for the United States, its leaders, and its citizens. Established in 1952 by Congress and signed by President Truman, it was later permanently set to this date by President Reagan in 1988. It encourages public prayer and meditation.



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April 11th & 12th, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 4:30PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey Weez Roney	Patti Keyser	Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Renee Moyer	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler 2 Volunteers Needed	Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer Joan Beebe Patty Salva	Ward Van Haute	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Hezekiah Van Haute	Ordinary Time

OUR SICK:



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Jessie Alfaro, Caleb Cerino, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., Robert Balbirer, John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camilleri, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Robert Ferrari, Betty Fleck, Barney Fontenot, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Emilio J. Gonzales, Kathy Hancharik, Dan Hauber, Sylvia Holznagel, Doreen Illis, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Kimberly Markulec, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Ethan Meyers, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Mike Palmer, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Mary Pucci, Janet Reidler, Thomas Rimmer, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Lisa Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Riley Telesco, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Thomas Wardle, Danielle Watson, Ed Wismer

If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone you know, please call the Parish Office 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, Lane Charles Frankenfield, 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, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Jared Scott, 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

A Prayer for OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

James Gammello, Gianna Gammello, Michael Kosmin, Natalie Nice, Violet Williams

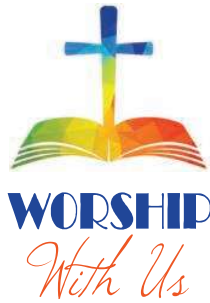
Heavenly Father, we lift up all college students to You today. We ask that You surround them with Your protection, keep them safe, guard their health and keep them strong and well. Protect their spiritual and emotional well-being as well. Keep them from negative influences and temptation, and ground them in faith, wisdom, and Your word. Grant them the discernment to make wise choices and the courage to flee evil. Please go where we cannot, give strength where we are weak, and bring them safely home. May they feel Your presence and know Your love surrounding them each and every day. We trust in Your power to protect and guide them. Amen.



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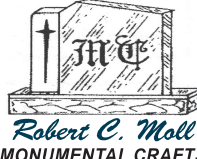


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