

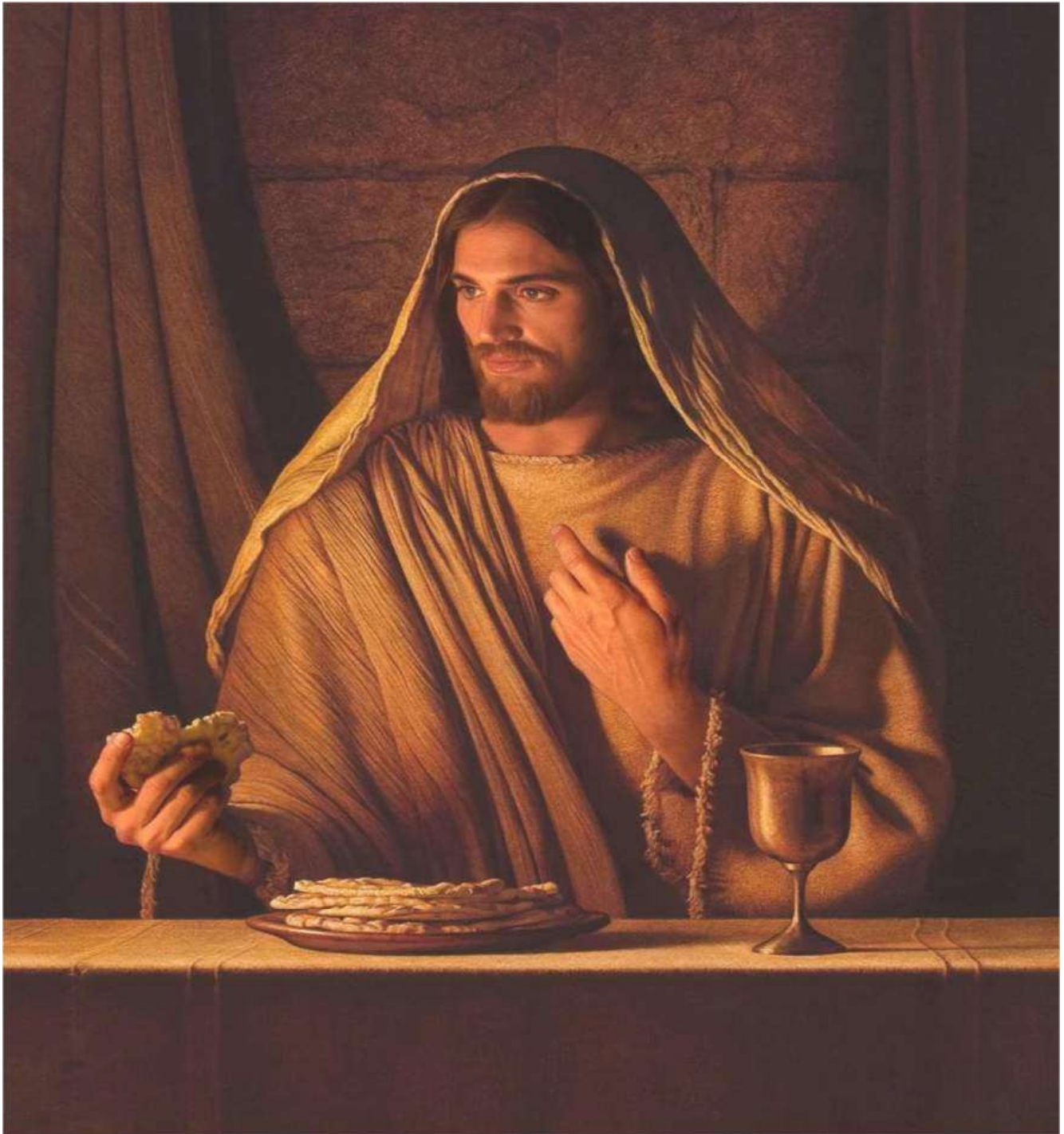
August 4th, 2024 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 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 August 5th – August 11th, 2024

Monday: + Bill Saxton (*A Friend*)
Tuesday: + Mark & Betty Koch (*Your Children*)
Wednesday: + Helene Bell (*Janet Reidler & Family*)
Thursday: + Bob & Helene Bell (*Liz Torgerson*)
Friday: + Sister Rita (*Elizabeth Reighn*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Helene Bell (*Prayer Shawl*)
Sunday 8am: + Helene Bell (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

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

July 28th Envelopes \$3,498 - E-Giving \$1,599

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. August 06: SJB Choir Practice – 7:00pm
Tue. August 06: K of C – Penny Party Mtg – 7:00pm

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ALICE LOUISE STROH



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today's readings invite us to have complete trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the bread of life, found in the Eucharist, which is the sacrament of sacraments. He advises us not to excessively work and worry about the food that perishes, but instead about the food that endures for eternal life. The food that perishes will have a limited effect, whereas the food that endures for eternal life will have lifelong and unlimited effects.

As humans, we are merely worried about our earthly sustenance and survival. Like Israelites, we too complain about things when they don't go in our favor. We become limited in our approach towards realities. Thus, we step into darkness. To come out of this darkness we need the help of Christ.

Christ is the ultimate light who helps us to clothe ourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Christ removed the darkness completely from our lives through His suffering and death on the Cross. Today as we reflect on the readings, it is a call for us not to live according to the body, but instead live life in praising and revering God.

Lord, grant us the grace always to experience your unconditional love in our lives. Help us, Lord, to overcome darkness in our lives by making you the ultimate light of our lives. Thus, we may glorify you through all our words and actions.

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 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 for those who are suffering from cancer and other diseases. We will be saying Prayers to St. Peregrine.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.



Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound

Are you or your family member(s) 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.

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

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, from September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish. (6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.) Parents of New Students (first graders or students who have never attended Religious Education classes at St. John the Baptist) should contact the Religious Education Office by email: prep@stjohnsottsville.org or by phone: 610-847-5521 to arrange an appointment to register.

To register a New Student, parents need for child:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at St. John's)
- Fee of \$200, for one child for P.R.E.P. for year

Please call by August 12th.

Classes begin Monday, September 16th.

The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church on
Saturday, March 15th, 2025, during the Vigil Mass.

Adults and Youth 7th grade or older, who are baptized practicing Catholics, who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025, and who are not presently enrolled in PREP, are asked to call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 to declare intention to receive the Sacrament by September 1st or email: prep@stjohnsottsville.org



RCIA, the process in which adults become full participating members of the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, will be starting back up in September.

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Saturday, October 19, 2024
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To receive a group discount, please register in the narthex **NO LATER THAN Monday August 19, 2024.** Payment must be received in advance to be registered.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO LAURA
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Join the
Cleaning Team!

Wk. of August 4th
TEAM 5

This is a once per month commitment.



SAVE THE DATE!
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OUTING

Friday, September 13th, 2024

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH 12PM-1PM. ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL (large chapel, name on front of the building)

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINS AT 10AM MASS, ROSARY, CONFESSION and LUNCHEON (free).

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.**

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



Dear Parish Family- **Lydia Tubiello** is a member of our parish who recently turned 104 years old. She is no longer able to attend Mass, but she is probably the oldest living member of our parish. If anyone knows her and would like to visit, she would love that. She is still in her home on Laurel Drive and has excellent memory. Her hearing and vision are just a little more difficult, but she can carry on a conversation. She eats on her own and moves about with a walker. Anyone interested in visiting her, she would love it.

Contact Liz Torgerson for more information at 610-551-2385 (text or phone).



MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Homemade or re-gifted items needed. Tables will be set up in the Narthex during the month of

December. All proceeds will be used for the maintenance of SJB. Thank you!

Please contact Kim Zampirri @215-260-7592.

Online Contributing Made Easy – Please consider joining many of your fellow parishioners!



Please visit our website www.stjohnsottsville.org and click on the above link. Follow the prompts to join our **e-giving program**. For information, please call the Parish Office.

People of God... Are you ready for AbbeyFest 2024?



September 14, 2024

While we are finalizing our lineup of amazing artists to entertain you, our delicious food trucks to feed you, our beautiful vendors to support you, our volunteers to assist you and Archbishop Perez to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, why not reserve your tickets today?! Tickets are on sale now and we have new group rates so you can bring all your friends!!

Buy tickets at <https://theabbeyfest.com/>

**NEXT WEEKEND!
PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS
PLEASE STOP BY!**



Next weekend we'll have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family. Hope to see you!

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

AUGUST 10TH & 11TH, 2024

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Patti Keyser	Martin & Rita Elsner Need 1 Volunteer	Gail Kluskiewicz
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Tom Keller	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Laura Gumprecht	Need 1 Volunteer	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	SJB Choir Karen Parash



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, Lou Cooper, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Joe Fekete, Melanie Fioretta, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Stephen Holznagel, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, **Steve Kutra**, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchior, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jimmy O'Hanlon, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, cSimon 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:

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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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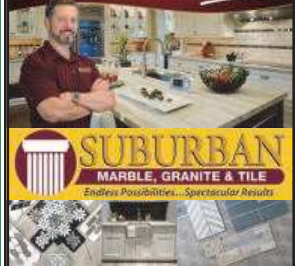
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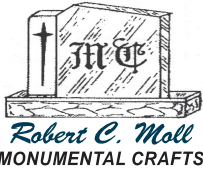
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