

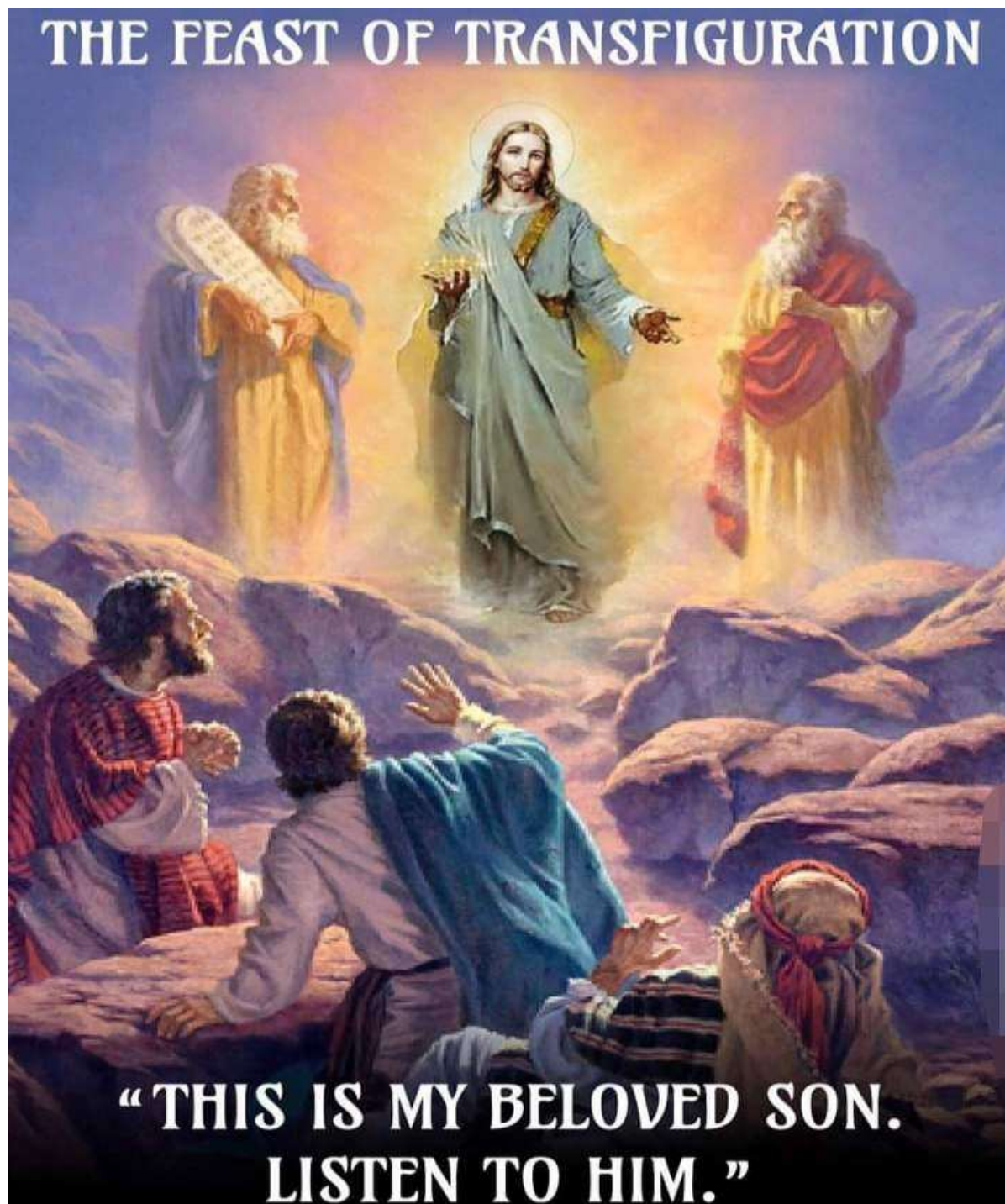
August 6th, 2023 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
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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 August 7 – August 13, 2023

Monday: Intentions of Peg Glancey (*A Friend*)
Tuesday: † Dominic Testani (*Regina Skurnowicz*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Chris Zdanowicz (*A Friend*)
Thursday: † James Edward Taylor (*Sue & Tom Rogers*)
Friday: † Jackie Litzenberger (*Janet Reidler & Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Husband*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Robert Galdo (*Liz Torgerson*)

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 30th: Envelopes \$4,566
 E-Giving \$1,666

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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Aug 07: Knights of Columbus – 7:30pm
Wed. Aug 09: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Thu. Aug 10: SJB Book Club – St. Augustine Rm – 7:00pm
Sat. Aug 12: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

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.

A Prayer for the People of the Ukraine

We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed.
O most glorious ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of you, He enlighten and save our souls.



From your Pastor

The feast of transfiguration of the Lord is a revelation of God as well as an encounter with God. Today's readings are the testimonies to God's revelation in the lives of the people, beginning from the disciples.

They invite us to encounter, experience and witness God. Daniel describes the coming of the Son of Man who would usher in a new era of peace and restore the fortunes of Israel. The Gospel today compliments the message of Daniel. Jesus transfigures and reveals as the true fulfillment of the law and prophets.

"This is my Beloved Son, listen to him". These words can be an invitation to follow Jesus in his suffering, passion and death. The transfiguration is meant to empower the apostles to be more faithful and persevering. It is meant to give them new courage to walk the journey of Christian discipleship.

God permeates in every sphere of human life in a unique way. Nature endlessly reveals the glory of God. "Spiritually matured person sees God in everything and experiences God everywhere." We all are created in the image and likeness of God. So, let us experience God in the people we meet every day, the Word of God that we read, in the sacraments that we receive and in the creation of God.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



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.



Knights of Columbus

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

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First Saturday of each Month 10am Rosary, confession, Mass and luncheon (free of charge). Come join us in fulfilling Our Lady of Fatima's request.

For directions, reservations, more info, please call:

Joan Black at 215-795-2947

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 doing the Prayers to St. Peregrine.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart USA Province

Save the date for the MSC 37th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 15th at the Whitetail Golf Club.

For more information please see or call Peg Glancey at 610-847-5217 or visit the St. John the Baptist Parish website 'News & Events' to download the brochure and Entry Form.



Our upcoming Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 24th. Each year we have a sponsor for the hamburgers & hot dogs and the rest of the parish family provides the side dishes, drinks & desserts. If your business, group or family would be

interested in sponsoring this year's picnic (~\$400) or if you have any questions, please contact Mary at 215-896-4034. Your business, group or family will be recognized at the picnic and at church as this year's sponsor. Thank you & God bless!

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May you Abound in Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit

Enjoy a One Day Retreat
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Parents of Maria Middleton

Mass Celebrated By
Fr. Timothy Tarnacki
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Music By
Mark Griswold

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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This one day retreat will be led by Kathleen McCarthy and will cover the life of Maria Middleton. Susan and Brian Middleton (Maria's Parents) will also be presenting at the event. The impact of her life was her quiet ability to lead, unite, and inspire people to become better versions of themselves while fostering the love of God. Her spirit has affected the lives of many around the world and will continue to do so. Our loss is heaven's gain.

PARISH SOCIAL After Mass August 12th & 13th

Next weekend we will have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality and get to know your church family.

PLEASE STOP BY! Hope to see you!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic schools or at-home secular learning experiences, is provided at St. John the Baptist on Monday evenings, from September through May. New Student Registration is available on Tuesdays in June and July, from 2:00PM to 7:00PM at the Parish Office. New Students are those children who are entering first grade, or students of older grades who have never attended Religious Education Classes at St. John the Baptist Parish.

To register, New Students will need:

- *Birth Certificate
- *Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. John the Baptist)
- *New Student Form (available on website)
- *Registration Fee (\$200. for one child; \$325. for two children of same family; \$450. for three or more children of one family)

New Students must register in person.

Returning Students may register by mail or in-person.

Classes for 2023-24 will begin on Monday, September 18th.

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Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of School, tkoerber@rasjb.org - 610-847-5523.



The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart

as given to St Margaret Mary Alacoque

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.



We have been blessed with students and adults who responded to be an Altar Server. We are, however, still in need of children & adults. Please call the Parish Office if interested. God Bless you!



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

**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of August 6th
TEAM 3**

This is a once per month commitment.

2023 Eucharistic Congress

**The Gift of Finest Wheat:
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The United States Catholic Bishops have designated this year as a time of renewal and revival of our belief and gratitude for the Gift of The Eucharist in our lives. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has planned a special day for **ALL** of the **FAITHFUL** to participate in this **REVIVAL**:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

at the **NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**. Parishioners of Saint John the Baptist are invited and encouraged to share in this special day and to register at: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress



There will be talks on the Mystery of the Eucharist by compelling speakers including: Bishop Michael Burbidge, Mrs. Antonia Acutis (mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis), Dr. Edward Sri, Rev. Dennis Gill. A teen track (ages 14-17) and kids track (ages 6-13) are also planned.

Holy Mass at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez begins the day. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM concludes the day. There will be opportunities for Adoration, Confession and other Devotions. Please bring your own lunch and there is plenty of parking available.

Adults \$25.00 per person, no charge for youth under age 18.

Details/Registration: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress



The *Retrouvaille Marriage Program* is designed to address the hurts in your marriage – both large and small.

The next Retrouvaille program in the Delaware Valley begins Aug. 18-20 at the Family Life Center at Malvern.

For more information, call: 215-766-3944

Or email: 3037@HelpOurMarriage.org

All calls are kept strictly confidential.

A better marriage is waiting for you!

August 12th & 13th, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Helene Bell	Alyssa Byers Julia Byers Christine Wimpenny	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Megan Gilbert	Alexander Nice Need 2 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer Leona Russell	Patti Keyser	Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau Need 1 Volunteer	Rob Galdo SJB Choir



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, **Ethel Facht**, Melanie Fioretta, **Betty Fleck**, Tom Fleck, Gabriella Froehlich, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Stephen Holznagel, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klings, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Michael Moreni, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, 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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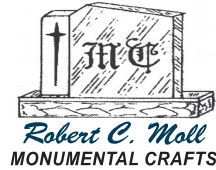
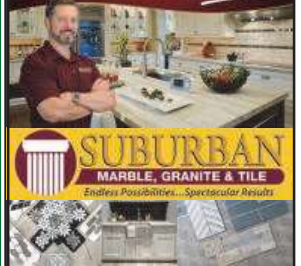
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