AUGUST 9TH, 2026 – THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
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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 August 10th – 16th, 2026

Monday: ✝ Rodney Jocelyn *(Steve & Liz Katra)*
Tuesday: ✝ Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Wednesday: ✝ Helen Pepkowski (*Family*)
Thursday: ✝ Chris Leahy *(Family)*
Friday: Intentions of Sharon Glick (*Jim & Joan Black*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: ✝ Mary Ann Swartz *(Marie Hanna)*
Sunday 10:30am: ✝ Father Tony Ripp, MSC
(Bernadette Strzelecki)

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 26th - Envelopes $4,967 (revised)
August 2nd - Envelopes $4,288 - E-Giving $1,509
Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Aug 10: Prayer Shawl - Marian Rm – 6:30pm
Wed. Aug 12: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Aug 12: Walking Club - 6:45pm
Canal Trail at Tinicum Park - River Rd (Rte. 32) - Entrance next to Erwin-Stover House; drive all the way to end for parking for Canal Trail
Sat. Aug 15: Walking Club - 9:30am
Lake Nockamixon at Marina

PARISH SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND PLEASE STOP BY!

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

We will be selling and taking orders for gift cards after all the Masses. Please visit us in the Narthex to get your order form and sign-up for program benefits! **Hope to see you all!**

This weekend's Social is sponsored by:
The Hospitality Ministry

FROM YOUR PASTOR -

When we watch news on television or read newspapers, the number of bad news reports sometimes overwhelms us. There are so many countries torn apart by civil wars. Many are suffering because of years of famine; many more are dying daily because of random acts of terrorism. Given the current reality of our world today, we have every reason to be anxious, worried and even more than a little afraid.

In the Gospel today, the disciples find themselves in a small boat caught in a big storm. They had every reason to be anxious, worried and afraid. However, they are not alone. Out of the darkness comes the person of Jesus walking on the water towards them. Initially, this makes them even more frightened. They thought it was a ghost.

Nevertheless, Jesus, knowing how they feel, encourages them with the great phrase from the scripture, 'Do not be afraid'. Tradition says that this phrase is used three hundred and sixty-five times in the Bible. Each of us in our daily lives experience pain, difficulties and setbacks.

We might call these experiences 'stormy moments'. They are part of our daily lives and there is no way of ignoring or avoiding them. The question we need to ask ourselves is whether we are alone in the storm or with Jesus by our side in the storm.

Let us pray for the grace that we put all our trust in the Lord during this time of suffering and death.

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!
Jesus, I trust in You!

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of

FRANCIS "FRANK" SAUPP

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

Our next Fatima House retreat will be:
PRAYING WITH SAINT MONICA
NEVER GIVE UP HOPE.
Saturday August 22nd at 10:00 AM.
Call Joan to reserve your place.
Please join us!

On Mondays at 7 PM and Wednesdays at 10 AM we have an Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We pray the "Liturgy of the Hours", the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. No experience necessary!

DAILY AND OVERNIGHT RETREATS

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS & INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL JOAN BLACK AT 215-795-2947.

WORKS OF MERCY

Let's continue the celebration! America turned 250 years old, and as part of the consecration of the US to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the USCCB has asked that we commit 250 Works of Mercy. These could include praying for a loved one, visiting or bringing Eucharist to a shut-in, or helping a neighbor with yard work. The works of mercy are endless!

See the poster in the Narthex for more information.
Add your Works of Mercy to our list!

Join the Cleaning Team!

Wk. of August 9th
TEAM 5

This is a once per month commitment.

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

Would you please consider donating these items:

Chunky soups * cream of mushroom soup
coffee * snacks * egg noodles
ramen noodles * whole tomatoes
laundry detergent * shampoo
condiments (ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, mayo)

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

SJB GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Our team is looking for someone in our parish who is very skilled at HARDSCAPING and who has the availability to assist us with some issues in our water fountain area garden. Please reach out to Jan Meiser at 215-534-0064 and/or if you see a garden member.

Gardening with friends
grounds your soul.
Looking forward to seeing you all!

PREP

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

P.R.E.P. NEWS

Religion Classes for the 2026-27 year for children who attend public school or non-Catholic private school will begin on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th**. Classes will meet from 6:15 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. every Monday. Registration Forms and Calendar are being mailed this week to families with returning students.

New families and families with a new student should contact the Parish Religious Education Office by email: prep@stjohnsottsville.org

OCIA, 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 in September.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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.

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

We're looking for a dependable and skilled handyman to help maintain our small school campus! If you're able to handle a variety of tasks like minor repairs, basic plumbing, furniture assembly, painting, and general upkeep, we'd love to hear from you. If you're friendly, hardworking, and take pride in your work, you could be a wonderful addition to our team. We offer flexible hours that work on an as-needed basis. Feel free to reach out to Claire Froman at 215-778-5310 or Office@rasjb.org if you're interested. Thank you for considering becoming a valued part of our school community!

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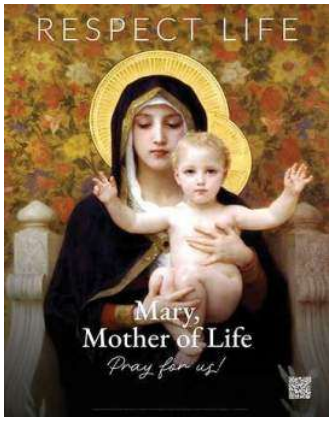


Lauren, Aaron and Levi will be "mixing it up" and going to different Masses so that we may all get to know them. Keep an eye out for them and say hi!

Week 27 at a Glance:

The baby can hear you; as baby's lungs continue to develop, chances of hiccups increase and our little gymnast has started to develop muscle tone from all that kicking, rolling, and punching going on.

We're excited to share that another one of our pregnant moms is willing to share her pregnancy with all of us. Anne Antonelli is expecting, and the baby is due in January. At 15 weeks Baby Antonelli's features are taking shape, and their little skeleton is visible now in an x-ray.

This is an exciting time! Please continue to keep Lauren, Anne, their babies and all our pregnant moms in your prayers.

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Protectress of the Unborn,
Pray for us!

40TH ANNUAL MSC GOLF BENEFIT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

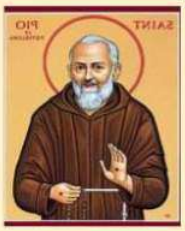
At Whitetail Golf Club in Bath, PA - 10:00 AM Shotgun Start

Saturday, September 19th

AbbeyFest 2026 is coming!

This year, we are welcoming these amazing artists: Our headliner Danny Gokey, along with Seph Schlueter, Sarah Kroger, Brother Isaiah, Lost and Found, Joe Melendrez, Jesus Youth Philly Band, and our *Mark Christmyer Emerging Artist*, Gio Morales. The day includes the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with principal celebrant Archbishop Perez; Confessions, our Vendor Village, food trucks, Kids' Zone, candlelight Eucharistic Procession and Adoration, and so much more! Family pack and group rates are only available until September 18th.

Gates open at noon, music begins at 12:30pm, Mass at 3:35pm.
Location: The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa,
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901
Tickets & More Information: Visit theabbeyfest.com



SAVE THE DATE!

11th Annual Padre Pio Festival

St. Bede the Venerable Parish
1071 Holland Road, Holland, PA
(Southampton, PA)

Saturday, and Sunday, September 26 & 27, 2026

All Weekend:
Display and Veneration of Holy Relics of Padre Pio
Music, Games, Amusements for Children, Craft Vendors, Food Trucks
Picnic Areas Available
Saturday Sept. 26:
All-American Family Picnic (tickets can be purchased on-site)
Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm (includes blessing with holy relics)
FREE Evening Concert: "The Jersey Tenors"
Sunday Sept. 27:
Festival Mass at 11:30am
(Celebrant/Homilist Most Rev. Keith Chylinski)
Street Procession accompanied by the Verdi Band of Norristown
Confessions and Healing Service with holy relics follow
Visit **padrepiofestival.org** for more details. Groups are welcome!
Please call **215-357- 5720**.

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October 11

LIKE TO WALK?

SJB has started a Walking Club that meets every Wednesday at 6:45pm through November! We will be walking at 4 different parks on a rotating basis. **We have added morning walks every Saturday at the Marina at Lake Nockamixon starting at 9:30am.** See the **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS** on Pg.1 for this week's location. **PLEASE JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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

August 15th & 16th, 2026 | The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 4:30PM	Adam & Christina Crews Kim Zampirri	Liz Torgerson	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Jim McHugh Renee Moyer	Marie Burke	3 Volunteers Needed	Martin Elsner
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Anne Luna 1 Volunteer Needed	Tony Luna	Nicholas Antonelli Joan Beebe John Minster	Katie Minster Karen Parash

OUR SICK: PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Jessie Alfaro, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camilleri, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Caleb Cerino, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Robert Ferrari, Marilyn Fitz, Betty Fleck, Barney Fontenot, Thomas Frankson, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Emilio J. Gonzales, Kathy Hancharik, Sylvia Holznagel, Doreen Illis, Baby Isla Johnston, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Kimberly Markulec, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, Ethan Meyers, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, 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, Joanne Stoney, Bernadette Strzelecki, Riley Telesco, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Thomas Wardle, Danielle Watson, Addie Lou Willis, 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:

Gianna Gammello, Reese Kucher, 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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