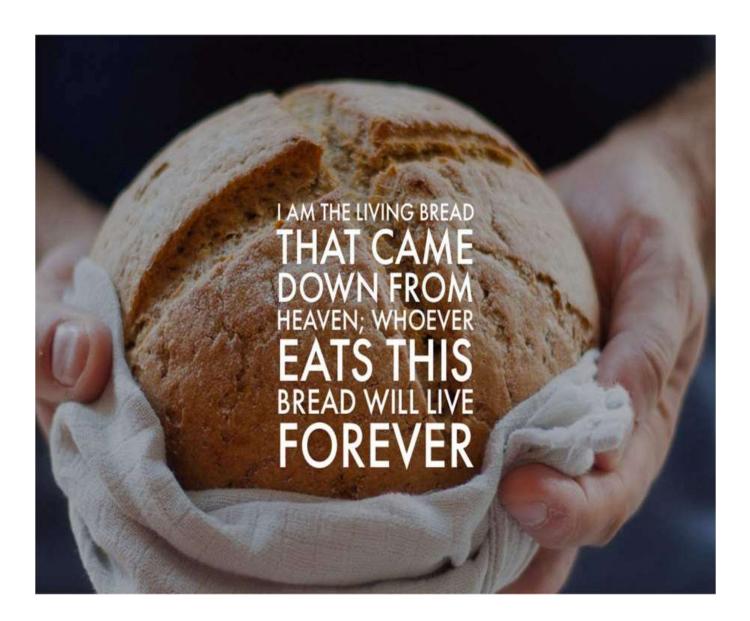
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AUGUST 11TH, 2024 – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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)

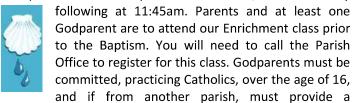
Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm

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



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 12th - August 18th, 2024

Monday: ** Tom Fleck (Janet Reidler & Family) Tuesday: Intentions of Frederick Reighn, Sr.

(Elizabeth Reighn)

Wednesday: Intentions Gerri Belsito

(Jim & Joan Black)

Thursday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parishioners' Intentions

Friday: + Helene Bell (Jim & Joan Black)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions Sunday 8am: + Helene Bell (The Browne Family) Sunday 10:30am: + Elizabeth M. Lanza (Deborah & Martin Glang)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday, August 15th

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

August 4th Envelopes \$3,560 - E-Giving \$1,599 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. August 12: Prayer Shawl – Marian Room – 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!



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Thursday, August 15th 9am Mass in the Old Church 6pm Mass in the New Church

PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS

PLEASE STOP BY!

All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family. Hope to see you!

FROM YOUR PASTOR

We all know the importance of bread and food for our physical sustenance. We find a glimpse of it in the first reading, where Elijah, on his flee to Horeb, is exhausted and asks the Lord to take away his life. But God sends his angel and feeds Elijah.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of "living bread" to refer to Himself. Thus, Jesus tells us the fundamental nature of His role in providing spiritual sustenance. His declaration that this bread came down from heaven highlights spiritual truths about His identity and mission. The act of eating, which is a personal and intimate experience, is used figuratively to represent a deep communion with Christ. This communion is not merely a physical consumption but a spiritual absorption of His teachings, grace, and redemptive sacrifice.

The statement, "This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world," gives us a glimpse of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. His willingness to offer himself signifies a selfless act of redeeming love and atonement for humanity's sins.

As we reflect on the depth of our relationship with Jesus, let us examine whether our encounter with the Lord in the breaking of the Word and Bread makes us another Christ in the world. Does it foster qualities such as love, understanding, and forgiveness resembling the way Christ preached and practiced these virtues?

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 saving 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



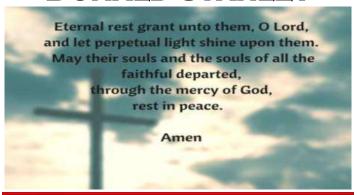


MSC GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 13th, 2024

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

PAUL J. BURLAGA & DONALD STAHLEY



Thank you for your support!

To Members of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church,

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating 897.6 pounds of food to The Lord's Pantry from January to March – we truly appreciate it! We are so thankful for all your donations, support and assistance.

Your continuing support and generous gifts help the pantry serve over 500 low-income families each month from the Palisades community and Plumsteadville.

The contributions you make help our neighbors in need and make a real difference in the lives of hungry families.

Again, many thanks – we couldn't do it without you!

God Bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

An Additional Note....

Dear Friends-



A new school year is about to begin, and we hope you might consider donating some healthy snacks and juice packs for the children's lunchboxes. These goods will benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staple food items, especially the children. 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 generosity and for bringing smiles to the children as they head back to school.



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.

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Welcome!

The Catholic Women's Conference is a unique event designed for all Catholic women – married.

single, and consecrated. The mission of the conference is three-fold: to invite women into a personal and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, to form women in the truth about their feminine genius, and to equip women to be a leaven for the world, living their feminine gifts in service to the family, the Church and all aspects of society.

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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 AT SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSVILLE.ORG

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FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINS AT 10AM Mass, Rosary, Confession and Luncheon (free).

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

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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.



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.

Please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 for more information.



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!

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AUGUST 15[™], 2024 AUGUST 17TH & 18TH, 2024

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
ASSUMPTION THURSDAY OLD CHURCH 9AM	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	-
ASSUMPTION THURSDAY NEW CHURCH 7PM	Nina Carlineo Claire Froman	Need 1 Volunteer	Need 3 Volunteers	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SATURDAY 5PM	Lynn Gammello Weez Roney	Jane Ferry	Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Alexander & Justin Nice Need 1 Volunteer	Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim & Joan Black	Ward Van Haute	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	Ordinary Time



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 Katra, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, 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, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, **Judy Woodroffe**

If you would like a prayer showl 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:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony J. Fleck, Joseph V. 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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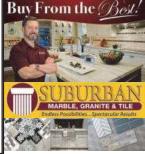
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