

August 13th, 2023 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

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"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'"

Matthew 14:22-31
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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran
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Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpock
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Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

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 14 – August 20, 2023

Monday: + Joseph Suder (*Harold Rick*)
Tuesday: **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Parishioners' Intentions
Wednesday: + Alice Godown (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Thursday: + Robert Bell (*Families of Lea Becker & Vickie White*)
Friday: Intentions of Kim Zampirri (*Jim & Joan Black*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Steve Murphy (*Mary Kosmin*)
Sunday 8am: + Joseph Suder (*Jackie Ryan & Family*)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions



**THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
is a Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, August 15th
Mass at 9AM & 7PM**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9am – 5pm

The Parish Office is closed on Tuesday, 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 6 th :	Envelopes	\$3,656
	E-Giving	\$1,761

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Aug 14 Prayer Shawl – Marian Room – 7:00pm
Wed. Aug 16: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Thu. Aug 17: SJB Book Club – St. Augustine Rm – 7:00pm
Sat. Aug 19: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

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

In the first reading, we notice that Elijah feels angry because the people of Israel have broken the right relationship with God by destroying the altars and killing the prophets. This makes him feel pain and anguish because they have rejected the Lord. God tells him to go and stand on Mount Sinai, and he does accordingly. He discovers God's presence in silence and responds to Him.

In the second reading, the grief Paul feels is not for those who have died but rather for those who have rejected the Messiah, who is from Israel's own race and the covenant with God, just as Israel rejected their God on Mount Sinai. In the Gospel reading, we find God's revelation through Jesus Christ, who calms the storm of the sea through his Divine power. Seeing this miraculous act, the faith of the disciples has increased.

All the readings together paint a picture of deep and inconsolable grief coexisting with joy and celebration. The many-layered texture of the Christian experience has room for both pain and joy. Pain and suffering also give us a new lesson to learn how to live our life meaningfully. Through different layers of life, we grow in Christian maturity; we experience the divine in faith and are transformed. Finally, our personalities become more like Christ's.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



Leave a Legacy

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 at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, contact:

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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

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.



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!



**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 held on
Sunday, September 24th
after the 10:30 Mass.
Please save the date!
We look forward to seeing you there.

Abound in Hope!



Enjoy a One Day Retreat

with **Kathleen McCarthy**
and special guest speakers
Susan and Brian Middleton
Parents of Maria Middleton

Mass Celebrated By

Fr. Timothy Tarnaeki
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

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

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION
610-644-0400

www.malvernretreat.com

Cost: \$70
Continental Breakfast and
Full Lunch Included

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!



This 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.

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.

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.

Returning Students may register by mail or in-person.

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

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Gym Teacher (Part-Time)

Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of School, tkoerber@rasjb.org - 610-847-5

AUGUST 13TH, 2023 – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAVE THE DATE

The Knights of Columbus Council 4545

PENNY PARTY

Join us for a night of fun

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

Doors Open 5:00 pm

Cost of admission ticket \$5.00 includes a coffee & dessert

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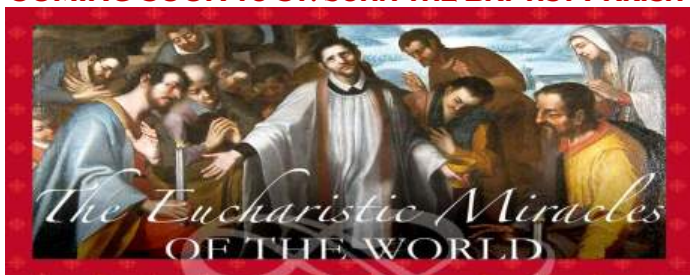


Join the
Cleaning Team!

Wk. of August 13th
TEAM 4

This is a once per month commitment.

COMING SOON TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH



We are going to host the **EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD** created by Blessed Carlo Acutis at St. John the Baptist Church from Saturday, September 9th thru Sunday, September 17th.

The Eucharistic Miracles Display is a traveling museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).

Blessed Carlo was a teenager from Italy who developed a website dedicated to the documented and scientifically scrutinized occasions when the Holy Eucharist changed in its physical appearance, reminding us that the bread and wine of the Mass truly become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.



2023 Eucharistic Congress

The Gift of Finest Wheat:
This is My Body Given Up for You

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

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A better marriage is waiting for you!



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August 19th & 20th, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Lynn Gammello Weez Roney	Helene Bell	Rita Elsner Alice Elsner Martin Elsner	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Claire Froman Renee Moyer	Need 1 Volunteer	Alaine Butler Brigid Froman Need 1 Volunteer	
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Laura Gumprecht	Need 1 Volunteer	Melissa Demusz Khloe Demusz Jean Furmaniak	Ordinary Time



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 Fachet, 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 Klenges, 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:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony James Fleck, Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Michael Griffin, Matthew Gumprecht, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, Aileen Lauer, Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Dan O'Connor, McKenna Pason, Dusty Rhodes, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, 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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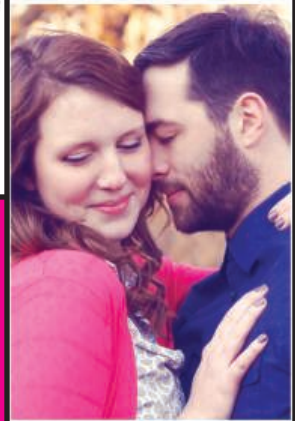
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