

August 20th, 2023 – 20th 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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“*Woman,
great is your faith!
Let it be done
for you
as you wish.*”

Matthew 15:28, NRSV



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

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 21 – August 27, 2023

Monday: † Bill Saxton (Jim & Joan Black)
Tuesday: † Joseph & Yolanda Astarita (Jerry & Joan Peters)
Wednesday: † Robert Bell (Dot Cegielski)
Thursday: † Alice Godown (Janet Reidler)
Friday: † Bill Saxton (Harold Rick)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Bill Saxton (Dot Cegielski)
Sunday 8am: † Alice Godown (Debbie & Jerome Smith)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions



**PLEASE
PRAY FOR
THE
REPOSE OF
THE SOUL
OF
ETHEL
FACHET**

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

August 13th: Envelopes \$3,675
E-Giving \$1,869

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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Aug 23: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Thu. Aug 24: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – 7:00pm
Sat. Aug 26: 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

Today's reading bring out a beautiful contrast between the Israelites' lack of faith and the Canaanite woman's faith. The Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and pleads him to cure her daughter but Jesus initially ignores her. The woman prays again, saying "Lord, help me."

Jesus turns and acknowledges her and reminds her that he has come only for the lost sheep of the Israelites. Though the woman holds different beliefs and customs, and yet she comes to Jesus, begging for help. She humbles herself and places her daughter's fate and her pride in the hands of Jesus. When she opens her eyes and opens herself entirely to the Lord, the Lord opens all doors of her heart and she experiences the mercy of God. When we surrender ourselves before the Lord with all humility and openness, we will be able to receive the boundless kindness and mercy of God. And then we will also become instruments of God's mercy to others.

Today's liturgy invites us to accept all as our brothers and sisters. It brings to our minds that God's salvation is for all. As the woman humbled and opened her heart to the Lord. The Lord helped her to grow in her faith. We have to be humble and open ourselves to the Lord to help us grow in our faith. And through our faith, we proclaim the salvation of God to all without any distinction.

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 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 Tarnacki
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
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Cost: \$70
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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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic school, or at-home secular learning experiences, is provided at St. John the Baptist on Monday evenings, from September through May.

REGISTRATION for NEW STUDENTS will take place on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. in the AUGUSTINE ROOM** (one of the side rooms of the Church). 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 need:

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

NEW STUDENTS MUST REGISTER IN-PERSON.

RETURNING STUDENTS may register by mail or in-person on this date.

Religious Education 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@rasib.org - 610-847-5



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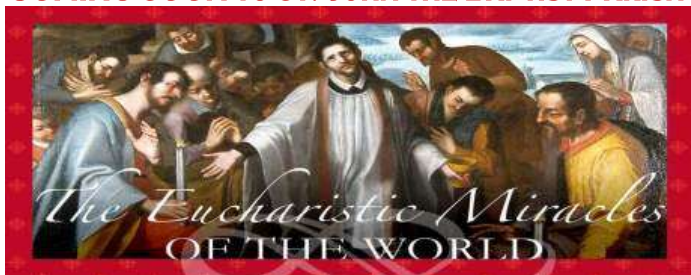


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TEAM 5

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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:
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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



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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 contact Tom & Jeanne Keller

at sjbrcia@stjohnsottsville.org,

or call the Parish Office for more information.



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.

August 26th & 27th, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam Crews Christina Crews	Kim Zampirri	Siobhan Crews Amalia Crews Need 1 Volunteer	Laura Fleck Rob Galdo
SUNDAY 8AM	Jim McHugh Bea Romaszewski	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau Olivia Luna	Katie Minster Karen Parash



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, 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 Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Michael Moreni, **Kay Mule**, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabath, 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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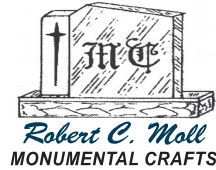
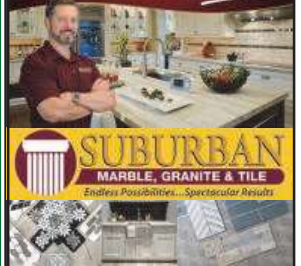
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