

August 27th, 2023 – **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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**You are the Christ,
the Son of
the living God.**

Matthew 16:16



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 28 – September 03, 2023

Monday: + Denise Rome (Family Member)
Tuesday: + Jack Glancey (Mike & Colette Kirk)
Wednesday: + Wanda Muth (Diane Brenner)
Thursday: + Harold Myers (Julianne Fisher & Family)
Friday: + Aunt Josephine Tancredi (Family Member)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Bill Saxton (Harold Rick)
Sunday 8am: + Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tancredi (Family Member)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

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 20th: Envelopes \$5,000
E-Giving \$2,036

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Aug 30: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Sat. Sep 02: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

THE MINISTRY MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH. IT IS OPEN TO ANYONE IN NON-SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES.

1st Friday Adoration begins September 1st after the 9am Mass and concludes Saturday morning at 9am Benediction & Mass



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Father Stommel Council # 4545 meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm. For information or to join, contact: **Grand Knight Frank Balbirer** or email KofC4545@aol.com.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In the Gospel of today, Jesus asks two questions to Peter. Both questions were personal. Peter's answers were very significant because his answers were based on his personal experience. Messiah means the anointed one. Jesus was well pleased with Peter's response and gave authority to Him. Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my Church. The rock refers to the foundational belief on which the Church is built. The rock is Peter's faith. Showing Peter's faith, Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us how the keys of authority were taken away from the Shebna, the unfaithful and proud "master of the royal palace", and given to the humble and faithful Eliakim. Humility and faithfulness are the great qualities of a human being. These qualities of people make life unique.

When we see the life of Jesus we find that He was humble before His Father. He surrendered everything to God the Father and chose to become poor. Jesus teaches us to be humble before everyone because it is a sign of strength, but we think that humility is a sign of weakness. On the other side, Jesus was faithful to His Father unto death. As Christians, we are called to be faithful to the Lord and have strong faith in Jesus, like Peter, to enter Heavenly bliss.

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.



Please Take a \$25.00
Chance for Life



The 2023 Pro-Life Summer Raffle offers a maximum of 2,500 Tickets at \$25.00 each on ten prizes totaling \$7,500.00.

One 1 st prize	\$5,000.00
One 2 nd prize	\$1,000.00
One 3 rd prize	\$500.00
Two 4 th prizes	\$250.00
Five 5 th prizes	\$100.00



Drawing will be on Saturday, September 23, 2023 and the proceeds benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund for Southeast Pennsylvania

To Get your Ticket

See Mike Moreni in the Narthex after each weekend Mass
August 19th - September 17th

"The Incarnation reveals to us, with intense light and in a surprising way, that every human life has a very lofty and incomparable dignity."
Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Vigil for All Nascent Human Life, Nov. 27, 2010



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.



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.



The MSC 37th Annual Golf Tournament is 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
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 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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5th Grade Classroom Teacher (Full-Time)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Catechist (Part-Time)

Gym Teacher (Part-Time)

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



We at St. John the Baptist have planned the following...

1. September 9 - September 17: Blessed Carlo Acutis "Eucharistic Miracles" poster display
2. SJB Book Club: currently reading "This Is My Body" by Bishop Barron- all are welcome to join us now on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
3. Advent Bible Study: "The Eucharist" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa
4. Lenten Bible Study : "Jesus and the Jewish Roots" by Brant Pitre
5. April 13 -April 14, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- "Live the Mass"

*Please mark your calendars to sign up for these events and learn more about this essential Sacrament!

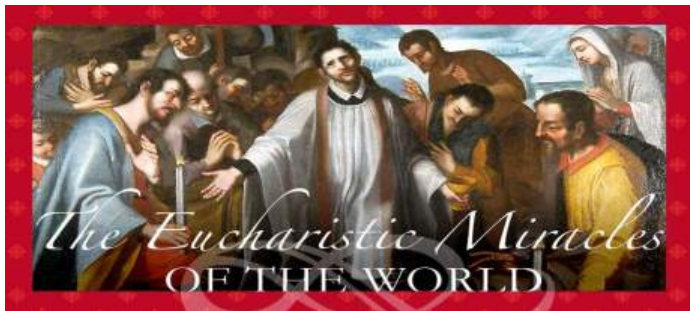


**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of August 27th
TEAM 1**

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

Did you know we're in Year 2 of the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival?

In response to the USCCB's call, the Archdiocese has planned the Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, Sept 30th.

"THE GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT: THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN UP FOR YOU"

Although the **in-person event is sold out**, you can participate virtually in the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress by registering to access the livestream. Virtual participation is \$20 per household.

Please note: Only the events/talks for the Adult English Track will be live-streamed.

Register for **VIRTUAL** participation at
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v>



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.



September 16, 2023
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Tickets @
www.TheAbbeyfest.com



St. Bede the Venerable Parish
and Knights of Columbus Council 15478 present
**The 8th Annual
PADRE PIO FESTIVAL**

Saturday & Sunday, September 16-17, 2023
1071 Holland Rd. * Holland PA (Southampton on GPS)
www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com

Saint Bede the Venerable Church welcomes all to its 8th Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio." The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

The Sunday **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia**. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

September 2nd & 3rd, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Helene Bell Joel Roney	Jane Ferry	Jean Furmaniak Brady Mattle Jacob Roney	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter Renee Moyer	Megan Gilbert	Alaina Butler Gretchen Meyers Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Jim Black	Ward Van Haute	Max Van Haute Hezekiah Van Haute Audrey Van Haute	-



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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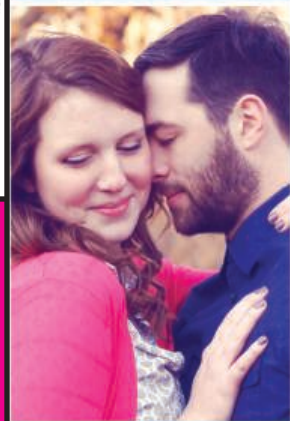
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