

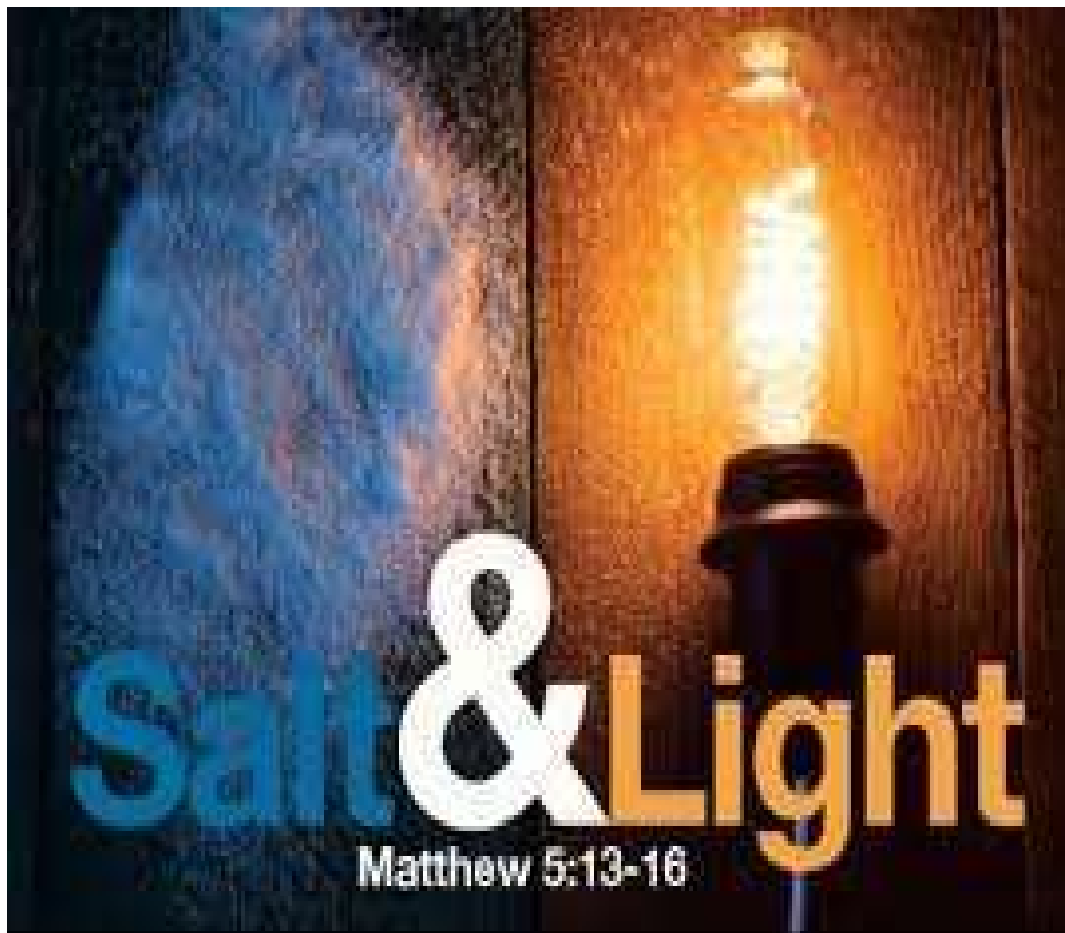
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026 – THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran
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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 February 9th – February 15th, 2026

Monday: † Billy Mann (*Janet Reidler & Family*)
Tuesday: † Elizabeth & Jerry Petritsch (*Loving Family*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Joan Beebe
(*Bernadette Strzelecki*)
Thursday: Intentions of Becky Tirpok (*Joan Black*)
Friday: † Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC (*Jim & Joan Black*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm: † Lou Cooper, Sr. (*Dorothy & Bonnie*)
Sunday 8am: † Helen Pepkowski (*Family*)
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

February 1st - Envelopes \$9,950 - E-Giving \$1,549

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Feb 10: Viewing of “The Chosen” – Marian Rm - 6pm
Tue. Feb 10: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Feb 11: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Feb 11: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 7:00pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

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!



**MINISTRY
FAIR
THIS
WEEKEND!**

Please plan to stop at the Ministry tables in the Narthex after all Masses. We have many ministries in our Parish that you may not be aware of! There will be someone at each table who can explain their ministry to you.

Thank you for supporting our Parish ministries!!

From Your Pastor-



The readings today remind us that a genuine Christian living is justified by simple, and compassionate deeds, not merely by words. In the first reading Prophet Isaiah tells us that feeding the hungry, consoling the afflicted, helping the poor and standing by the neglected are some of the acts that please God. Our lives shine with God’s light when we choose kindness over selfishness. It is love that we show to others that brightens our lives.

In the second reading St. Paul says that, while preaching the gospel, he did not rely on human wisdom or preach in lofty words; rather he trusted in the power of God. It means even the small, modest act done with faith can touch the hearts of others. To serve God, we do not need to be talented or powerful. A life of humility and integrity itself becomes a powerful witness.

Jesus calls us the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world”. Salt gives taste to food and light shows the way. In the same way, our lives should bring light, hope, and truth wherever we go. As Christians, if we fail to do so we become like salt that loses its saltiness. Jesus invites us to live our faith not for recognition but for the service of others.

Lord, make us instruments of your light, bringing hope to the despairing, and reflecting your love through kindness, courage, honesty, and compassion.

**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.



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

Attention: Parents of **New Students** of any grade level should contact the Parish Office at: 610-847-5521 or prep@stjohnsottsville.org.

Attention: Parents/Guardians of **7th grade students** who are parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church, who are attending Catholic School and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Church in 2026, should contact the Director of Religious Education.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



THIS WEEKEND

Captain Chucky's Crab Cake Sale

The Knights will be accepting orders after Mass on **February 7th/8th & 14th/15th**.

THIS WEEKEND - PLEASE STOP BY! PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS



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 this weekend. Please visit us in the Narthex to get your order form and sign-up for program benefits!

Thank you for your support!

THE CHOSEN, SEASON 5!



Come join us to watch and discuss each episode on Tuesday nights, 6pm, beginning February 3rd. Fr. JoMar Legaspi will once again be leading the discussions! Light refreshments will be available. **Sign up in the Narthex.**

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

Would you please consider donating these items:



- Chunky soups * condiments ***
- coffee * tea * juice**
- cream of mushroom soup**
- canned chicken/ham * shampoo**
- * snacks**

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



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**Wk. of February 8th
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A Message from The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Greetings from Across Campus,

Our students enjoyed a wonderful week at the FabLab, an exciting traveling science and technology program from the Bucks County IU that truly ignited their curiosity. In the Lower School, students crafted charming wooden snowmen, perfectly tied to their weather studies this trimester. Upper School students explored the creative possibilities of a 3D printer and a laser printer, bringing their landform projects to life in a hands-on way that deepened their understanding of the curriculum. We were also delighted to support several students who used the FabLab to explore budding interests in engineering. It has been a joyful week filled with discovery, creativity, and learning.

We are also deeply blessed to have Father Jomar as part of our Academy community, celebrating daily Mass with our students and staff. On Tuesday, he offered the traditional blessing of throats in honor of the feast of St. Blaise, a moment of grace and devotion for our school family.

Thank you for keeping our students, teachers, and families in your prayers. Please know that we, as a school community, continue to pray for you as well.

God bless, **Brian Dulin**, President
Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

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DAILY AND OVERNIGHT RETREATS

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

Retreat Day for Senior Citizens

Date: Saturday, February 21st, 2026

Time: 10 A.M.

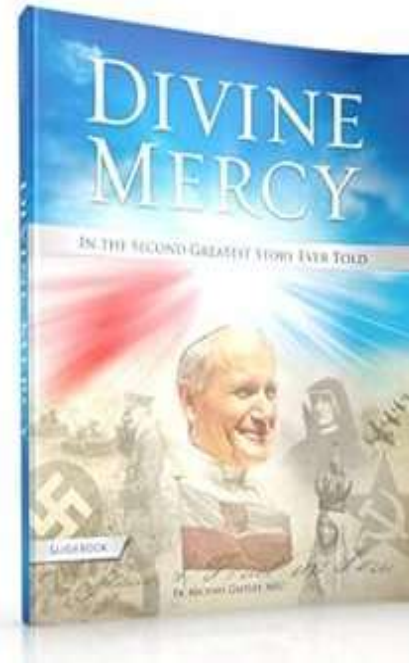
Where: Fatima House Retreat Ctr.

Topic: Seniors Dealing with Faith and Life During Our Senior Years

Lunch provided – Donations accepted

Please call Joan Black, Director, at 215-795-2947 if you wish to attend.

SJB EVANGELIZATION TEAM



“Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told”

retreat for adults 18 and older.

Friday, March 20th 6:30pm to Sunday, March 22nd 4pm

at Our Lady of Czestochowa

Retreat House in Doylestown.

Cost is determined by room choice and includes 3 meals on Saturday and 2 meals on Sunday. Single room \$220, double room \$160, triple room \$125 each.

Registration ends February 22nd

Can't attend? Please be a prayer warrior and pray for the retreat team members and participants.

Questions? sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org

Registration Form available on SJB website






02-28 2026

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PHILADELPHIA'S ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
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Man Up Philly 2026 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 18th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held on Saturday, February 28th at Cardinal O'Hara's St. John Vianney Hall Theater.

We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Start the season of Lent by **Picking up Your Cross** and following Jesus for your family, parish, and community.

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SATURDAY 4:30PM	Weez Roney Christine Wimpenny Kim Zampirri	Joan Black	Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Sue Rogers SJB Choir
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Bea Romaszewski Vanessa Williams	Anne Slifer	3 Volunteers Needed	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Anne Luna Shelby Rogers Ward Van Haute	Tony Luna	Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna Hezekiah Van Haute	Ordinary Tlme

OUR SICK:



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

James Gammello, Gianna Gammello, Michael Kosmin, 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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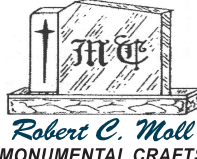


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