

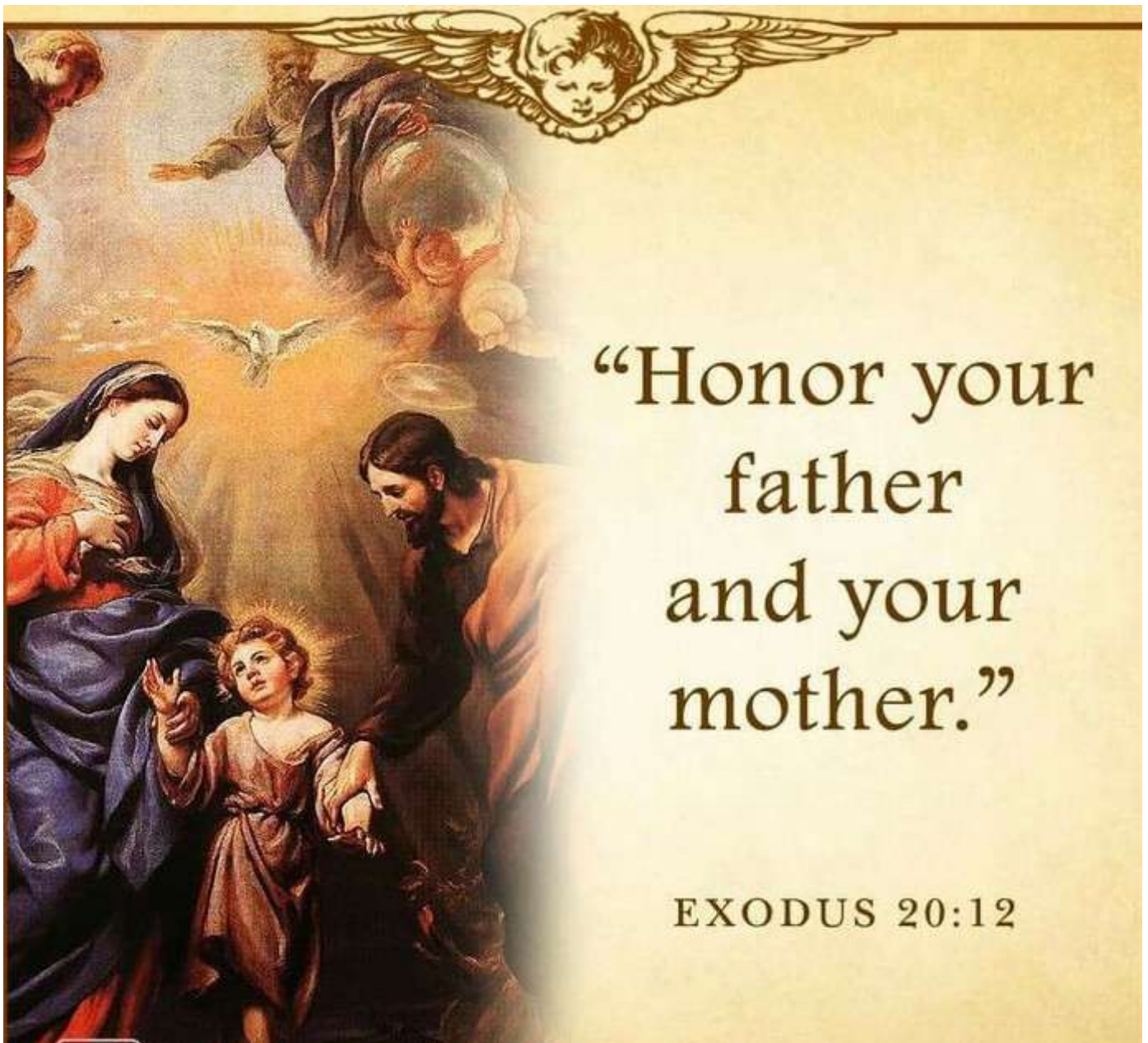
FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026 – THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 16th – February 22nd, 2026

Monday: Intentions of Joan Beebe (*Joan & Jim Black*)
Tuesday: + Betty Wismer (*Ed Wismer*)
ASH WEDNESDAY: Parishioners’ Intentions
Thursday: + Joyce Fink (*Bruce & Patti Keyser*)
Friday: + Freeh-Johnson Family (*David & Mary Grace Tillotson*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm: Parishioners’ Intentions
Sunday 8am: + Patrick J. Rooney (*Linda Rooney*)
Sunday 10:30am: Intentions of Adrienne & James Derbyshire (*Linda Rooney*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, February 16th in Observance of Presidents’ Day. No PREP Classes on Monday, February 16th

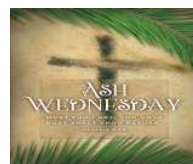
To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas, through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

February 8th - Envelopes \$15,574 - E-Giving \$1,853
Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Feb 16: K of C Council Mtg – Marian Room - 7:30pm
Tue. Feb 17: Viewing of “The Chosen” – Marian Rm - 6pm
Tue. Feb 17: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Feb 18: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Feb 18: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 7:00pm
* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**
Thu. Feb 19: Retreat Committee Mtg - Marian Rm - 6:00pm



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 18th - Masses
at 9AM & 7PM



All are Welcome to our Parish Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays at 6pm during Lent from February 20th through March 27th. Stations of the Cross follows at 7pm in the Narthex. We will serve soup, crackers, bread and desserts.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for those who can help set up at 5:30 and for anyone who can bring soup & desserts for dinner. **Thank you & God bless!**

For information, please call Mary at 215-896-4034.

From Your Pastor-



God does something risky today: He trusts us. Sirach says it plainly; life and death are set before you. Not fate. Not compulsion. Choice. God does not pull strings from heaven; He places the fire and the water in front of us and steps back. Love always does that.

Then Paul whispers a secret: there is wisdom deeper than rules, hidden not from us but for us. A wisdom that the eye cannot see and the ear cannot hear, because it must be lived, not merely learned. This wisdom does not shout; it burns quietly within.

And Jesus? He takes the Law and moves it from stone tablets to the human heart. "You have heard it said...", yes. But now, listen again. Murder begins long before blood is spilled; adultery long before bodies meet; truth is broken long before a lie is spoken. Jesus is not tightening the law; He is deepening love. He is less interested in controlling behavior and more in healing desire.

Holiness, then, is not about how carefully we avoid sin, but how courageously we choose love when no one is watching. Every day, in small unnoticed moments, we choose fire or water. Freedom or fear. Life or death. God does not force us into goodness. He invites us into wisdom and waits for our yes.

Lord, purify our hearts, so that our choices may spring from love and lead us to life.

**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.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Captain Chucky's Crab Cake Sale
The Knights will be accepting orders after Mass.

THIS WEEKEND - PLEASE STOP BY!
PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS

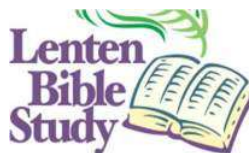


This weekend we will have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family.

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!

Beginning the First Sunday of Lent



Please join us for our Lenten Bible Study on Sundays at 9:15am in the Marian Room.

This year we will view videos explaining the gospels and other relevant topics. Presenters include Scott Hahn, Brandt Pitre, Edward Sri, and Fr. Chris Alar. You won't want to miss the insights offered by these popular Catholic leaders! **Sign up in the Narthex.**

SJB Nitty Gritty Garden Club

YOU ARE INVITED

to the next Garden Club meeting on Thursday
2/26 at 6:00pm in the St. Augustine room.

Thanks to all who attended the Ministry Fair and stopped by our table. We appreciate you. The winner of the basket is Mary Miller 😊 Congratulations!

Hope to see all members and those who signed up at the fair there.

COME GROW WITH US 🌻🌸🌺🌿

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

Would you please consider donating these items:



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

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*

**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of February 15th
TEAM 5**

This is a once per month commitment.

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12 Days October 2-13, 2026

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A Message from The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Greetings from Across Campus,

At our Academy, we are deeply grateful to begin each school day gathered around the altar for Holy Mass. It is a true blessing to have Father Jomar Legaspi leading our community in prayer each morning, grounding our students in faith before they enter the classroom.

This week, we also had the joy of celebrating Father Jomar's 37th anniversary of priestly ordination—a remarkable milestone in his vocation. Our students honored him with poems, cards, and songs, offering heartfelt gratitude for his faithful service to our school and Catholic Community.

In addition to serving as our School Ministry Leader, Father Jomar teaches Science in the Upper Wing, drawing on the gifts and knowledge he cultivated during his studies at Columbia University. He brings particular strength and gentleness to his teaching of Mathematics, and he also guides our Student Council, helping our young leaders grow in responsibility and service.

We are truly blessed to have Father Jomar as part of our Academy family. His presence enriches our community in countless ways, and we thank God for the gift of his priesthood.

Have a wonderful week and God bless.

Brian Dulin, President

Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No PREP Classes on Monday, February 16th

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.

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On Mondays at 7 PM and Wednesdays at 10 AM we have an Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We pray the “Liturgy of the Hours”, the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. No experience necessary!

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.

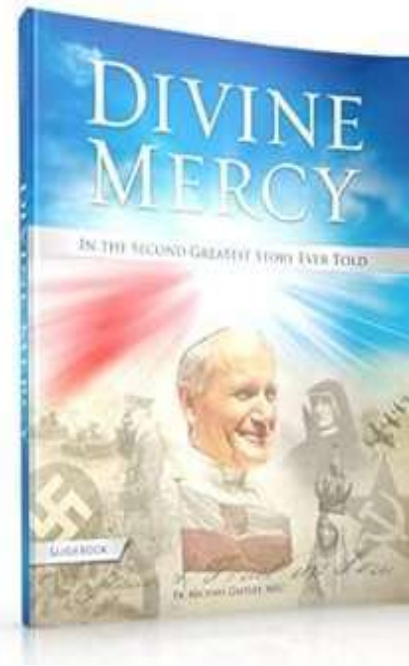
Where: Fatima House Retreat Ctr.

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

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In memory of Tommy Miller

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February 18th, 21st & 22nd, 2026

Ash Wednesday & The 1st Sunday of Lent

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
Ash Wednesday 9AM	Laura Gumprecht Robyn Piccinic Shelby Rogers	Needed	Christine Wimpenny 2 Volunteers Needed	Anita Colahan Sue Rogers
Ash Wednesday 7PM	Joan Black 2 Volunteers Needed	Needed	Julia & Alyssa Byers 1 Volunteer Needed	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SATURDAY 4:30PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey Christine Wimpenny	Needed	3 Volunteers Needed	Needed
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Jim McHugh	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler 2 Volunteers Needed	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Wendy DeGroot Patty Salva	Patti Keyser	Elia, Fatu & Siri Logaivau	Patty Leidner Karen Parash

OUR SICK:



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



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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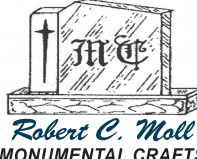


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