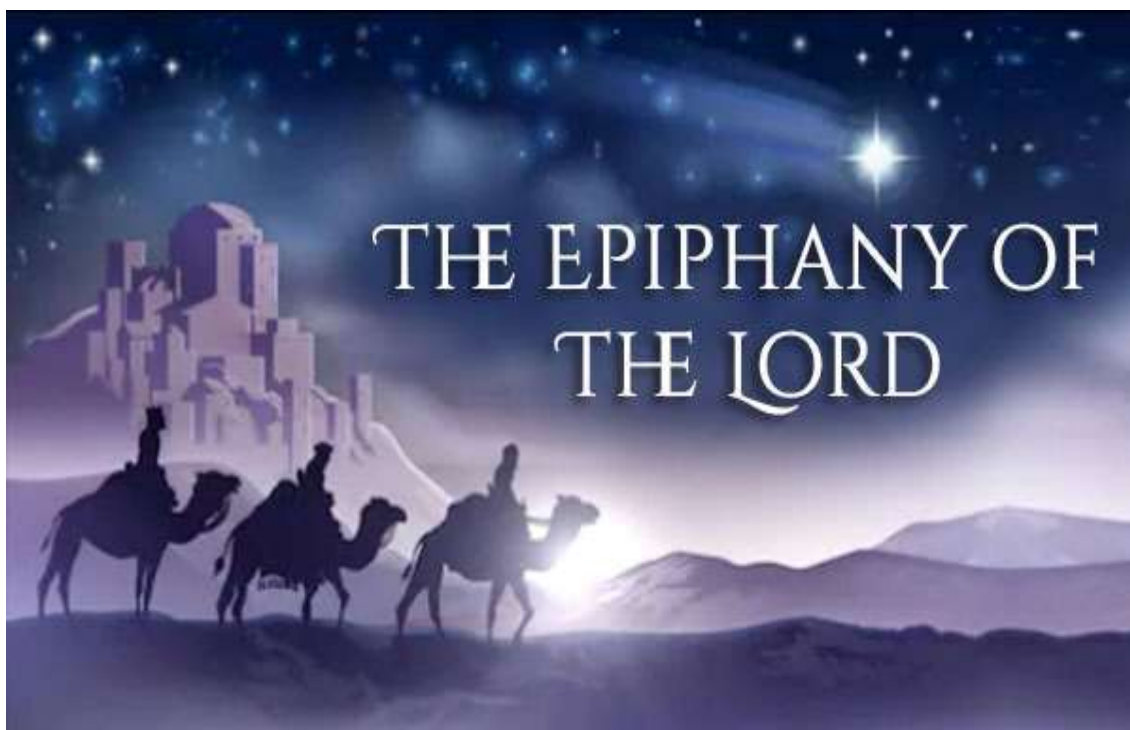


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Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!

Fr. Lucas and the parish family of St. John the Baptist  
would like to welcome all our visitors and new members.

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### 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 January 5<sup>th</sup> – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Monday:** † Elizabeth & Jerry Petritsch (*Loving Family*)  
**Tuesday:** † Elizabeth R. Lapsley (*Clete A. Lapsley*)  
**Wednesday:** † Harry H. Brown (*Tony & Janet*)  
**Thursday:** † Maryanne Comly  
(*A Dear Friend from Fatima House*)  
**Friday:** † Priscilla Nobbs (*Bernadette Strzelecki*)

### **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday 4:30pm:** Intentions of Patty Piersol (*Anita Colahan*)  
**Sunday 8am:** † Ricky Schan (*Les & Marie Hanna*)  
**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**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> - Envelopes \$4,809 - E-Giving \$5,931**

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal \$2,252**

**MSC Annual Appeal \$6,301**

**Operation Christmas Child \$2,076**

**Immaculate Conception \$1,015**

**Christmas - \$12,695**

**December 28<sup>th</sup> - Not Available**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

**Sun. Jan 04:** Evangelization Team Mtg – Church – 9:15am

**Tue. Jan 06:** Choir Practice – Church – 7pm

**Wed. Jan 07:** Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am

**Wed. Jan 07:** Prayers of Petition\* - via Zoom - 7:00pm

\* **EMAIL LAURA AT [sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto: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!**



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

**MARY ANN SWARTZ**

## From Your Pastor-

The Greek word Epiphany means appearance or manifestation. The first appearance of Jesus to the Gentiles, represented by the wise men (the Magi), is celebrated as the Feast of the Epiphany.

There were several groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. One group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus; another, represented by the shepherds, and a third by wise men. The revelation of child Jesus to the people who are the nobodies of society who never appear in the stately conclaves of the great.

The characters to whom God reveals are the poor, the anawim whose cries for deliverance echo through the length and breadth of the psalms. They turn towards God in an attitude of perpetual expectancy. Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts. God permitted the wise men and pagans to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews. The adoration of the wise men fulfils the oracle of Isaiah's (first reading) prophecy.

Today's second reading expresses God's secret plan in clear terms; "the Gentiles are partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." It is in the midst of these poor people that we first meet Jesus. He is one of them and he is accepted by them as their King. This is the sort of King Jesus, a King of the nobodies.

Let us pray that we may be like the Star, leading others to Jesus. Let us pray for the gift of discernment to choose our own way as the Magi did.

**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

**Parish Religious Education Program**

resumes classes on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Families are encouraged to continue to celebrate CHRISTMAS this week!



Parents of New Students of any grade level should contact the Parish Office at [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org) or 610-847-5521.

Parents/Guardians of 7<sup>th</sup> 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 at [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org).

## THE LORD'S PANTRY

Thank you for  
your ongoing support!

To Members of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church,

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating 637.7 pounds of food to The Lord's Pantry from July to September – we truly appreciate it! We are so thankful for all your donations, support and assistance.

Your continuing support and generous gifts help the pantry serve over 500 low-income families each month from the Palisades community and Plumsteadville.

The contributions you make help our neighbors in need and make a real difference in the lives of hungry families.

Again, many thanks – we couldn't do it without you!

God Bless, *The Lord's Pantry Volunteers*

### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE? JOIN US AT FATIMA HOUSE



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



**Join the  
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of January 4<sup>th</sup>  
TEAM 4**

*This is a once per month commitment.*

## SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Club wants to express our sincere gratitude for making the winter wonderland sale a success!

Please remember we meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you.

Many thanks to all the parishioners who volunteered to assist with the decorating of the church. A warm and welcoming atmosphere was created to honor Jesus' birth. *Blessings to all!*



## SJB COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE CLOTHING DRIVE

*"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers,  
that you do unto me". – Jesus*

Once again, we will be collecting donations for St. John's Hospice for Homeless Men in Center City, Philadelphia. Bins will be in the narthex beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 18<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations will be welcomed as well as the wish list items below.

**CLOTHING:** NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS ACCEPTED! Underwear (boxer briefs), Thermal underwear, Socks, Undershirts – (size Large and up), Pants (size 30-38 are most needed), Shorts sizes 30-38 are most needed), Sweat Suits, Shirts, Coats, Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Winter boots, Men's sneakers, Leather belts – all sizes or adjustable, Men's belts – braided

**TOILETRIES:** *Please remember to save travel-size toiletries when you are staying in hotels! We can also use the following 'full-size' items for residents and to refill travel-size toiletries handed out to day-service guests.*

Body Wash, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Disposable Razors, Moisturizer, Toothbrushes, Hand Lotion, Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Dental Floss, Deodorant, Mouthwash, Body Powder, Hair Dressing/Grease, Lip Balm, Combs

**BEDDING/MISC:** Pillows – standard size, Blankets, Full size bath towels, New Twin size white fitted sheets, New White pillowcases – standard size, Men's backpacks, Thick Wash cloths – assorted colors, Headphones for computers

Check out their website for additional ways to donate! [saintjohnshospice.org](http://saintjohnshospice.org)

# SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Epiphany in Greek means “manifestation”. In the West, the visit of the Magi is celebrated as the event through which the Lord was “manifested” to the pagans and, therefore, to the world. In the Eastern Church, the accent for this solemnity is on the Trinitarian “manifestation” during the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. While what is central on Christmas is the birth of the Child Jesus, on Epiphany, what is highlighted is that this poor and vulnerable Child is King and Messiah, the Lord of all the earth. With Epiphany, Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled, as can be discerned through the first reading: *“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come”* (Is. 60:1ff). It’s as if the liturgy is saying – don’t cut yourselves off, don’t give up, don’t remain prisoners of your “convictions”, don’t be demoralized, react, “lift up your eyes”! Like the Magi, observe “the star” and you will find “the star, Jesus”.

**From: Vatican News**

## NEXT WEEKEND - PLEASE STOP BY! PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS



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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:30pm.

Contact Grand Knight Mark Janik [KofC4545@aol.com](mailto:KofC4545@aol.com)

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**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

	<b>Communion Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Music Ministry</b>
<b>SATURDAY 4:30PM</b>	Adam & Christina Crews Christine Wimpenny	Liz Torgerson	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Rita Elsner	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Jim McHugh	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler <b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>	Anita Colahan Sue Rogers
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Joan Beebe Joan Black Wendy DeGroot	Patti Keyser	Elia, Fatu & Siri Logaivau	Sue Rogers SJB Choir

**OUR SICK:**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**



Jessie Alfaro, Caleb Cerino, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahncck 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 Holzmagel, 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, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabbath, 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, Judy Woodroffe

**If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone you know, please call the Parish Office or email [tojo@epix.net](mailto: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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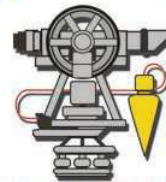
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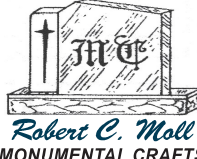


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