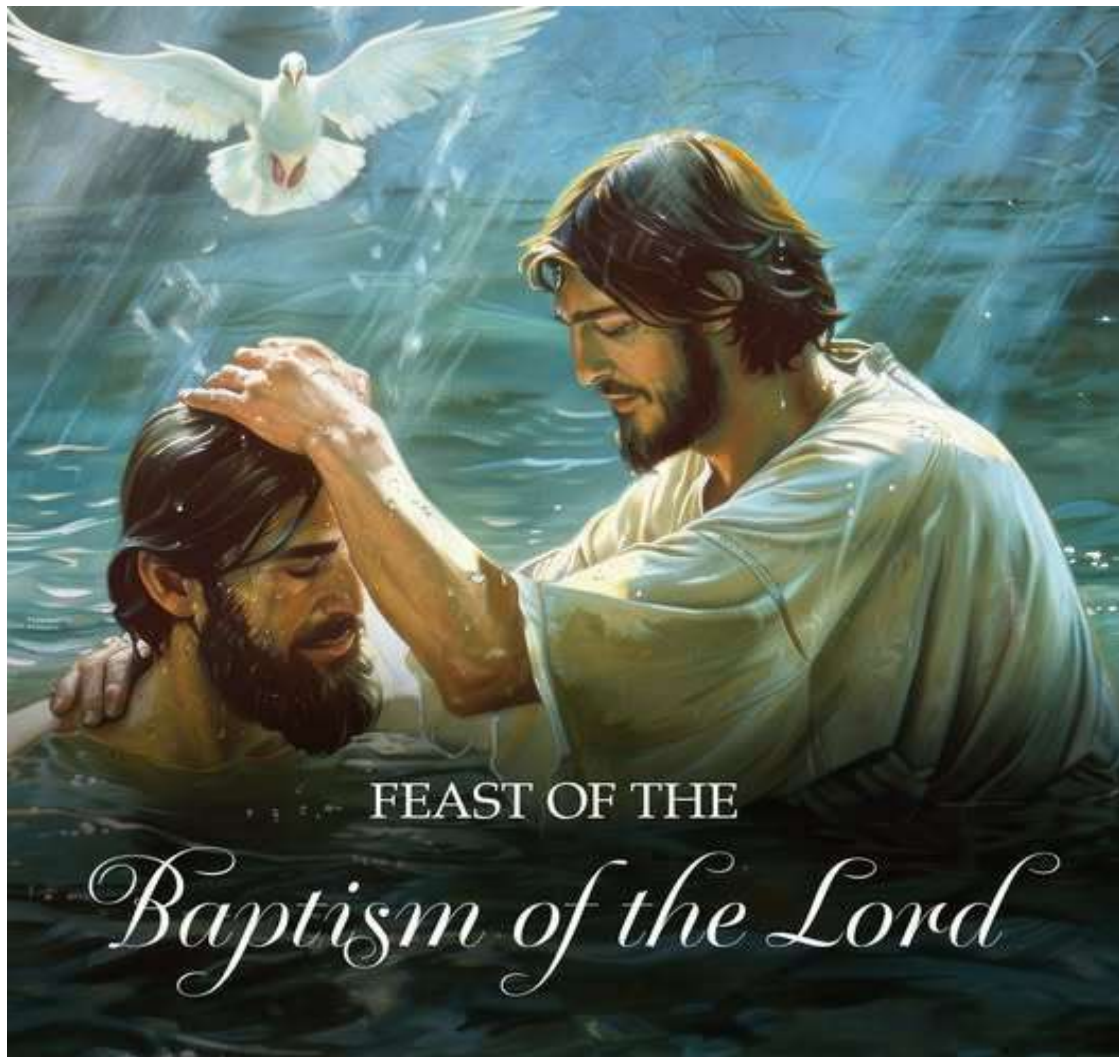


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Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!

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.
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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 12th – January 18th, 2026

Monday: + Janice Cook (*Michael Wahl*)
Tuesday: + Mike Moreni (*Ed Wismer*)
Wednesday: + Joyce Fink (*Tony & Janet Souza*)
Thursday: + Emma Bryan (*Paulette Frankenfield*)
Friday: + Lydia Tubiello (*Janet Reidler & Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm: + Kocsis Brothers
(*Loving Sister Janet and Family*)
Sunday 8am: + Mary Ann Slafka (*Elice Slafka*)
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 28th - Envelopes \$4,131 - E-Giving \$2,776
January 4th - Envelopes \$4,960 - E-Giving \$2,220
Christmas (Revised) - \$15,336
The Solemnity of Mary - \$999

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jan 12: Prayer Shawl - Marian Room – 6:30pm
Tue. Jan 13: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Jan 14: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Jan 14: 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!



**GOD'S
BLESSINGS
ON THE
BAPTISM OF**

KILIAN JOHN MCHUGH
Baptized December 28, 2025

From Your Pastor-

*“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased”*

In October 2019 - for the extraordinary missionary month, the Holy Father Francis had chosen the theme, ‘Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ in Mission in the World.’ We begin our faith journey with the sacrament of Baptism. It is the hallmark of being a Christian, which opens our mind and hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to labor with God in His mission.

Baptism of the Lord was the dawn of His mission. How do we, the baptized, acknowledge the working of the Holy Spirit in us in order to participate in Gods mission of proclaiming the good news? Baptism and mission are corresponding to each other. Baptism is for the mission in association with the Holy Spirit. It is manifested through our words and deeds of love, compassion and mercy of God to our fellow human beings.

Isaiah prophesized about the Chosen Servant of God who is faithful and just, in whom God takes delight. God takes delight in us when we faithfully respond to His mission. Our genuine response can contribute to the building of God’s kingdom of peace, love and justice on earth. Jesus went about doing good and He invites each one of us to do the same.

May our imitation of Christ in baptism and mission be a pleasing offering to His Divine Majesty in bringing His kingdom on Earth.

**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 12th.

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

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 at prep@stjohnsottsville.org.

**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!

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Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

Would you please consider donating these items this month?



**Chunky soups * condiments *
coffee * tea * jelly * snacks
cream of mushroom soup
canned chicken * 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

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

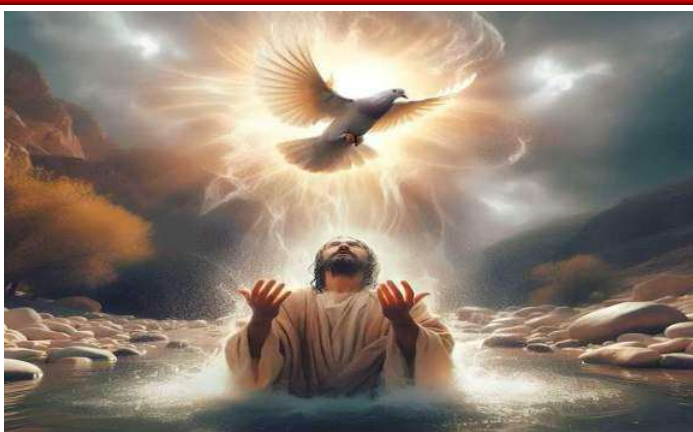
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PLEASE CALL JOAN BLACK AT 215-795-2947



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of January 11th
TEAM 5**

This is a once per month commitment.



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

Greetings from Across Campus

I hope you were blessed with a joyous Christmas season and a wonderful start to the new year.

While our Academy students were taking a well-earned break from their academic routines, many of them were still hard at work on the courts. Our Varsity Girls and Boys basketball teams have been practicing with tremendous heart and school spirit and giving their all regardless of wins or losses. Their enthusiasm has been a bright spot during this quiet stretch on campus.

With our students returning after the new year, they are stepping into 2026 with fresh opportunities and meaningful academic challenges; challenges they consistently meet with fortitude, grace, and a desire to grow in virtue. Each day at the Academy, we see young people being formed in the faith, preparing to become the strong and principled leaders our world so deeply needs.

We will begin the new term with one of our most beloved traditions: the annual Declamation Contest. Students will recite poetry and deliver speeches as they compete against peers from the other Regina Academies. It is always inspiring to witness their confidence, poise, and hard work on display during this event.

Please continue to keep the Academy in your prayers as we enter this new year with hope, purpose, and gratitude.

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

SJB Nitty Gritty Garden Club

YOU ARE INVITED
to the Garden Club's first meeting of 2026.

Date: Thursday 1/22/2026

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Narthex meeting room

We are looking forward to an amazing year 😊

COME GROW WITH US 🌻 🌸 🌺 🌿



SJB COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE CLOTHING DRIVE

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

Attention Kids of all ages!

You can participate in donating to the homeless men at St. John's Hospice in Philadelphia! Simply write a short love note such as "God loves you and so do I", or "I'm praying for you", and decorate it if you wish. **PLEASE DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME** for security reasons. Next, put it in a small Ziploc bag with a few pieces of wrapped candy and place it in the specially marked donation box in the narthex! You will make someone's day! The box will be available through Monday January 19th. (Don't forget to pray for the homeless!)

Thank you! God will bless you for this loving act of kindness!

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 3rd through January 18th. 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

JUMP on the BUS to Washington DC for the **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Friday, January 23rd, 2026

The bus is leaving from St. Andrew Catholic Church, Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 18940.

Some Seats are still available.

Contact: Mike Phillips 267-797-0186

\$40 per person, \$80 total per family

Payment due on reservation.

From the... SJB EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Our parish evangelization team is proud to announce that we are holding a retreat on Divine Mercy this March. You may have heard of Divine Mercy or even prayed the novena or the chaplet, but few have heard the story of how God used people throughout many years in history to announce His message and to spread the message of His Divine Mercy.

The retreat will be held Friday night, March 20th through Sunday afternoon, March 22nd at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For more information, please see the flyer in the Narthex.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Contact Grand Knight Mark Janik KofC4545@aol.com

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and click on the **Parish**

Giving link above. Follow the prompts to join our e-giving program. For information, please call the Parish Office.

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January 17th & 18th, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion	Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 4:30PM	Lynn & Gianna Gammello Weez Roney		Kim Zampirri	Julia & Alyssa Byers Rita Elsner	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna & Natalie Nice		Jeanne Keller	Alexander & Justin Nice 1 Volunteer Needed	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Samantha Campbell Claire Froman Ward Van Haute		Leona Russell	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Hezekiah Van Haute	Sue Rogers SJB Choir

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, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, 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, 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.

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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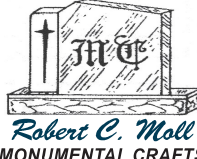


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