


January 14th, 2024 – The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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“Come and you will see.”

~Jesus

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

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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 January 15 – January 21, 2024

Monday: † Jerry Petritsch (*Maxine Vogan*)
Tuesday: † Irma Volk (*Mary & Mike Kosmin*)
Wednesday: † Robert Kraft (*The Giarratana Family*)
Thursday: † Jerry Petritsch (*Mike & Cathy Moreni*)
Friday: Intentions of Paula Scanlon
(*Regina Academy Faculty & Staff*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Vince Hill (*Chris Zdanowicz*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Susan Leidner (*SJB Choir*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MON–FRI 9AM–5PM

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.

NO PREP CLASSES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

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

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

December 31st Envelopes \$5,934 * E-Giving \$2,845

January 7th Envelopes \$2,200 * E-Giving \$7,243

Christmas (*Updated*) \$15,715

The Solemnity of Mary (*New Year's Day*) \$1,134

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Jan 14: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm

Mon. Jan 15: K of C Council Mtg – School Gym – 7:30pm

Tue. Jan 16: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

Wed. Jan 17: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom – 6:30pm

Sat. Jan 20: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

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!

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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

We might think God's call is only for particular people, like priests and nuns, but it's an invitation for all to 'come and see'. Everyone who believes and is united in Christ through baptism is called to be a disciple of Christ.

In the first reading, God called Samuel, who was asleep in the temple of the Lord. God personally calls Samuel for his mission. Samuel listens to God saying, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." The reading calls us to be open and stay alert to the promptings of the Spirit in our hearts and respond to God with humility.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us that we belong to God and our body is the temple of God. So, God resides in us and we are called to offer ourselves completely to the Holy Spirit which we have received from God. God has saved us through the blood of Jesus Christ and we are called to respond to His love and glorify Him through our life.

In today's Gospel, we can understand the right response to God as we encounter Jesus in our lives. The encounter inspires us to grow in an intimate relationship with Christ, be transformed by his life and imitate him in our everyday lives as true disciples of him.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

This weekend we take up **THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Thank you for your generosity!

This WEEKEND! **PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS** **PLEASE STOP BY!**



This weekend we'll have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family. Hope to see you!

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2024**

A bus has been reserved for St. John & St. Lawrence parishioners to attend the 2024 March for Life in Washington, DC. The National March for Life is an opportunity to bear witness to the beautiful gift of life that Our Lord shares with us. The cost is \$35 per person with a maximum of \$70 per family. The bus will leave from SJB to DC at 7:30am and usually gets back around 9:00pm. We stop for dinner at the Whitmarsh Mall, which has several eateries. If you need further info please contact Kevin @ km.nasius1@gmail.com.

THE NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB



Thank you for the support we received at our Christmas sale. Without the generosity of the parishioners we would not be able to care for the gardens. Thank you to all interested in joining our club as well! God bless!



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Wk. of January 14th
TEAM 1

This is a once per month commitment.

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Substitute Teachers

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

Conquest for Boys & Challenge for Girls

are Catholic youth programs for K-4 & 5-8th grades that inspire children to grow in faith by building a friendship with Christ and living lives of virtue to make a positive impact on their families, friends and the world! We meet monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays right after 10:30 Mass!

QUESTIONS: CONQUESTFORCHRIST@GMAIL.COM

Please join us for the Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Annual Spaghetti Supper



Saturday, January 27th in the Academy Gym

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Bread, Salad, Dessert,
and Refreshments

\$10, ages 12 and up

\$5, ages 6-11

Ages 5 and younger are free.

TAKEOUT IS ALSO AVAILABLE

PREP

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.

Any family not yet registered should contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org or call 610-847-5521.

WE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HAVE PLANNED THE FOLLOWING AS PART OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

1. **Lenten Bible Study: "Jesus and the Jewish Roots"** by Brant Pitre
2. Apr 13th - Apr 14th, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine **"Live the Mass"**

Ministry Highlight for the month of January ADORATION MINISTRY

During the month of January, we at St. John's are recognizing the prayerful support the *Adoration Ministry* provides to our parish and fellow parishioners. Spending an hour in Adoration with the Lord is a wonderful way to slow down and reconnect with your soul. Adoration occurs the first Friday of every month beginning after the 9am Mass. Anyone can take a few minutes to drop in and pray.

"Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: It is nourished with love, truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us."

~ Pope Benedict XVI Homily for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 2008

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE CLOTHING DRIVE



January cold means a tough time for the homeless. The SJB Outreach Team will once again collect clothing for St. John's Hospice, a Catholic Social Services shelter for men located in Center City, Philadelphia. Please make a note of the **Wish List** now, to prepare for our clothing drive later in January. More details to come!

WISH LIST

Thermal Underwear & Socks, Coats, Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Sweat Suits, Sweaters, Blankets, Towels, Men's Backpacks, New or Gently Used Winter Boots, New T-Shirts & Underwear (Size Large and Up), New Twin Size White Fitted & Flat Sheets, White Pillow Cases

Toiletries including Soap, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Hand Lotion, Combs

Also checks, cash and money orders are accepted! Make all donations out to St. John's Hospice. Please bring to church at the time of the clothing drive **OR** send to: St. John's Hospice, 221 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19107-1694. Be sure to identify yourself as a St. John the Baptist Ottsville parishioner!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

New Music Ministry Members



Welcome!

Do you find yourself singing along with the songs at Mass?

Thinking about how to be more involved in the Mass?

Why not join the Music Ministry?

The Choir, Ordinary Time, Echoes of Christ, and Cantors are always looking for new members.

No special training needed, just a willingness to join in and contribute.

We are also in great need of Musicians:

Organists, Pianists as well as other Instrumentalists.
New Groups are also welcome.

Contacts:

Choir, Cantor, Musician, Group: Patty: pl_1967@hotmail.com | phone: (908) 500-3398

Ordinary Time: Liz: foxtail@epix.net | phone: (610)-608-6365

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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PRAYER

To schedule your retreat and for additional
information please call Joan Black at 215-795-2947



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.

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JANUARY 14TH, 2024 – THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 20th & 21st, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Joan Black Marion Wolf	Kim Zampirri	Christine Wimpenny Need 2 Volunteers	Kate Irvine Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Need 1 Volunteer	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Ward Van Haute	Patti Keyser	Max Van Haute Audrey Van Haute Hezekiah Van Haute	Ordinary Time



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Helene Bell, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, **Joe Fekete**, Melanie Fioretta, Betty Fleck, Tom Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, 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, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Helen Pepkowski, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, 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, Dan O'Connor, McKenna Pason, Dusty Rhodes, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, Steven Siegert, 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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