

January 19th, 2025 – **THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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 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 20th – January 26th, 2025

Monday: Intentions of Joan Black (*Joan Beebe*)
Tuesday: † Jim Farrell (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)
Wednesday: † Bill Pulak (*Linda & Frank Dellmyer*)
Thursday: † Christian Perry (*Ginny Perry*)
Friday: † Charles Palmer (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Freeh-Johnson Family
(*David & Mary Grace Tillotson*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Claudia Rutherford
(*Knisley & Dolan Family*)

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
NO PREP CLASSES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

January 12th - Envelopes \$4,174 - E-Giving \$1,671
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jan 20: Knights of Columbus – School Gym– 7:30pm
Tue. Jan 21: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Jan 22: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8am
Wed. Jan 22: Intercessory Prayer * – Zoom - 6:30pm
* Email Laura at sjbevangel@stjohnsottville.org to join in prayer, or to submit prayer requests.
Thu. Jan 23: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – St. Augustine Rm - 7pm



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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 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.*

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In our world, we often feel troubled due to guilt from the past, the challenges of daily life, and anxiety about achieving our dreams and succeeding in life. We also feel burdened by concerns about the future, wondering how long these difficulties will last. We may look at others, feeling jealous, envious, and disheartened.

In our struggle to regain inner peace, we tend to rely on our own talents, skills, values, and sense of perfection. We try hard to restore the goodness within us by our own strength. When we fail, we often blame ourselves, further disrupting our inner peace.

In this context, today's reading invites us to trust in the Lord with all our heart. "In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight," just as he did at the wedding in Cana. We are not alone; God is with us to help us, for we are his delight. We are his beloved bride, and he never rests for our sake. Moreover, we are uniquely chosen by God and filled with his Spirit. The Spirit that guides us gifts us with diverse manifestations to serve the one and same Lord.

Lord, empower us, your beloved, to trust in you always. Strengthen us with the Spirit you have graciously given, so that we may serve you through the gifts of your Spirit within us.

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 us to 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



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.



Online Contributing Made Easy! Please visit our website www.stjohnsottsville.org and click on the above link. Follow the prompts to join our **e-giving program**. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners-

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO TAKE
DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND
DECORATIONS AT CHURCH LAST MONDAY.**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

GOD BLESS!



God's Blessings on the Baptism of

GIANA MARIE DIEDEL

Attention Parishioners!

The Parish Office is collecting parishioners' emails from those who would like to be informed of events that occur with short notice (example, funerals). The forms to sign up are in the Narthex. Please complete the form and place it in the provided box. Thank you!

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish from 6:15PM-7:30PM. Parents of New Students (1st graders or students who have never attended Religious Education at SJB) should contact the Religious Education Office at 610-847-5521 or prep@stjohnsottsville.org to arrange an appt. to register. To register a New Student, parents need the child's Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at SJB), Fee of \$200 for one child for PREP for year.

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



During January, would you please consider donating Chunky soups, canned tuna, canned chicken and corn beef hash to benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staple. 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 generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, contact

Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email KofC4545@aol.com.

You are Invited!

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist would like to invite you to our



10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 25th, 2025

5-8pm

(Take out available)

At the Academy's gym

If your family is planning on attending, please RSVP to office@rasjb.org - make sure to include your family's name and number of adults and kids attending. Payment can be made through FACTS, Venmo (please use memo "Spaghetti Dinner") or at the door.

Prices:

Ages 12 and up - \$12

Ages 6-11 - \$7

Families of 5 or more - \$50

Ages 5 and younger - Free



Venmo



Join the Cleaning Team!

Wk. of January 19th TEAM 4

This is a once per month commitment.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



IN DECEMBER, OUR Mini Christmas Bazaar RAISED \$1,343 IN PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE MAINTENANCE OF SJB. Thank you for all the beautiful items donated and thank you to all the generous buyers. We are so grateful to Marianne Scott & Patti Townsend for their support with selling the products. Thank you also to another special donor, The Nitty Gritty Garden Club, who donated \$100. There will be another Mini Christmas Bazaar that will take place for 2 weekends in July. Stay tuned! God's Blessings, Kim Zampirri



JOIN US JANUARY 24, 2025
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The largest human rights demonstration is taking place this month in Washington D.C. We invite you to join us as we prepare to travel to our nation's capital for the National March for Life! As of right now, St. Andrew's Parish in Newtown, PA is preparing a bus for transportation to the March for Life.

The cost is \$40 per person or \$80 max per family – reserve your seat now and help us fill the buses! Checks payable to "St. Andrew Respect Life Ministry" can be dropped off at the Rectory Office. For more information and to reserve your seat, call Mike Phillips at (267) 797-0186 or email mikeflips@yahoo.com. As of right now, St. Andrew's Parish group has seats available so please contact Mike Phillips and/or our board members if you are interested in attending! Please visit: <https://marchforlife.org/>

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FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

BEGINS AT 10AM Mass, Rosary, Confession and Luncheon (free).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Tom Keller Renee Moyer	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Anita Colahan Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Melissa Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	Frank Balbirer	Julia & Alyssa Byers Khloe Demusz	SJB Choir Sue Rogers



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Lou Bucci, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maryanne Comly, Lou Cooper, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & **Arlene Eichlin**, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jimmy O'Hanlon, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, Judy Woodroffe

**If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone you know,
please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 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, 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

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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