January 21st, 2024 – The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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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

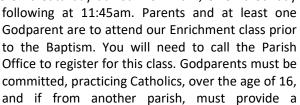
CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or by appt.

<u>Register in the Parish</u>: Please contact the Parish Office

to register when you move into our parish.

<u>Certificates of Eligibility</u>: 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



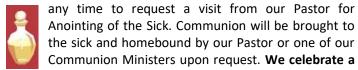
Certificate of Eligibility from their pastor. A Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian Witness alongside a Catholic Godparent.

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



Communal Anointing of the Sick in June, near the *Feast of St. John the Baptist.*

Mass Intentions Week of January 22 – January 28, 2024

Monday: † Sue Leidner (Tom & Sue Rogers)
Tuesday: † Brittany Kane (Mike & Mary Kosmin)
Wednesday: † Jerry Petritsch (Jim & Joan Black)
Thursday: † Robert M. Ruehl (The Scheliga Family)
Friday: † Jerry & Betty Petritsch (Loving Family)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: † Jerry Petritsch (Harold Rick)

Sunday 10:30am: + Dennis Kee (The Pederzani 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.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

January 14th Envelopes Not Available * E-Giving \$1,854 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jan 22: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

Wed. Jan 24: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm

Thu. Jan 25: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

Sat. Jan 27: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

Sun. Jan 28: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm

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.



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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In today's readings, the Lord calls everyone to collaborate in His salvific mission. He invites us to serve Him in a vocation unique to each of us according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In the first reading, Jonah was reluctant to proclaim God's words and call the Assyrians in Nineveh to change their ways. But when he agreed to God's plan, things worked out. People in Nineveh listened to Jonah and changed their hearts and they were not punished by God.

the second reading, Paul emphasizes the importance of contentment faithfulness and in our current circumstances. He encourages us to remain steadfast in our commitment to God, even in the face of uncertainties and worldly distractions. The call of the first disciples in Mark's Gospel tells us the significance of obedience and trust in following the path of God in executing His mission of liberation. It inspires us to heed God's call, even if it is uncertain and challenging.

All three readings show that even when it is hard, we should listen to God and follow Him. They teach us that even if we are scared or unsure, God's plan is always the best. So, we should trust Him, even when things seem tough. This can help us find our purpose and make things better for us and others.

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 guarreling 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.

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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.



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.



"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Thank you for being part of this love story and being present at Mass to nourish yourself and all others who gather with us. In this time of Eucharistic Revival, invite someone you know who has been away from Mass, to join you on Sundays in the weeks to come.



Please consider a leaving a legacy to St.
John the Baptist Parish. A gift to SJB in
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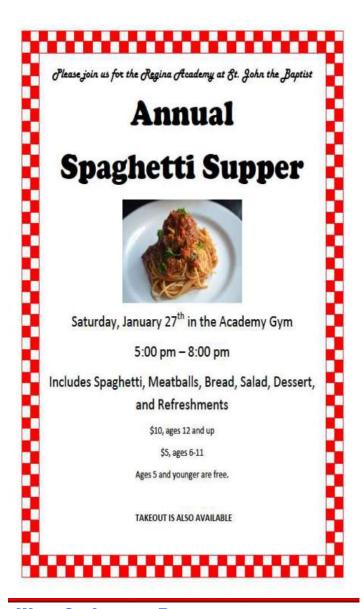
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Conquest for Boys & Challenge for Girls

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



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

- 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 touah time the for homeless.

As promised, the SJB Social Outreach Team will sponsor our annual clothing drive to benefit St. John's Hospice, a

Catholic Social Services shelter for men located in Center City, Philadelphia. Please drop off your donations the NEXT TWO WEEKENDS, on Jan. 27th & 28th and Feb. 3rd & 4th, after all Masses, Bins and plastic bags will be available in the narthex to collect donated items.

Jesus says, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me."

WISH LIST

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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!

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come!

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

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We are also in great need of Musicians: Organists, Pianists as well as other Instrumentalists.
New Groups are also welcome.

Choir, Cantor, Musician, Group: Patty: pl_1967@hotmail.com | phone: (908) 500-3398 Ordinary Time: Liz: foxtail@epix.net | phone: (610)-608-6366 Echoes of Christ: Rob: robgaldo@aol.com | phone: (215-436-5427)



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January 27th & 28th. 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry	
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Sean Lynch	Alyssa Byers Julia Byers Brady Mattle	Needed	
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Justin Nice Alexander Nice Need 1 Volunteer	Patty Leidner Karen Parash	
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer Laura Gumprecht	Need 1 Volunteer	Need 3 Volunteers	Needed	



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:

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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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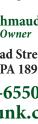
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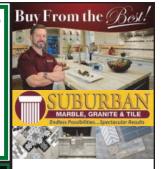


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