

January 26th, 2025 – **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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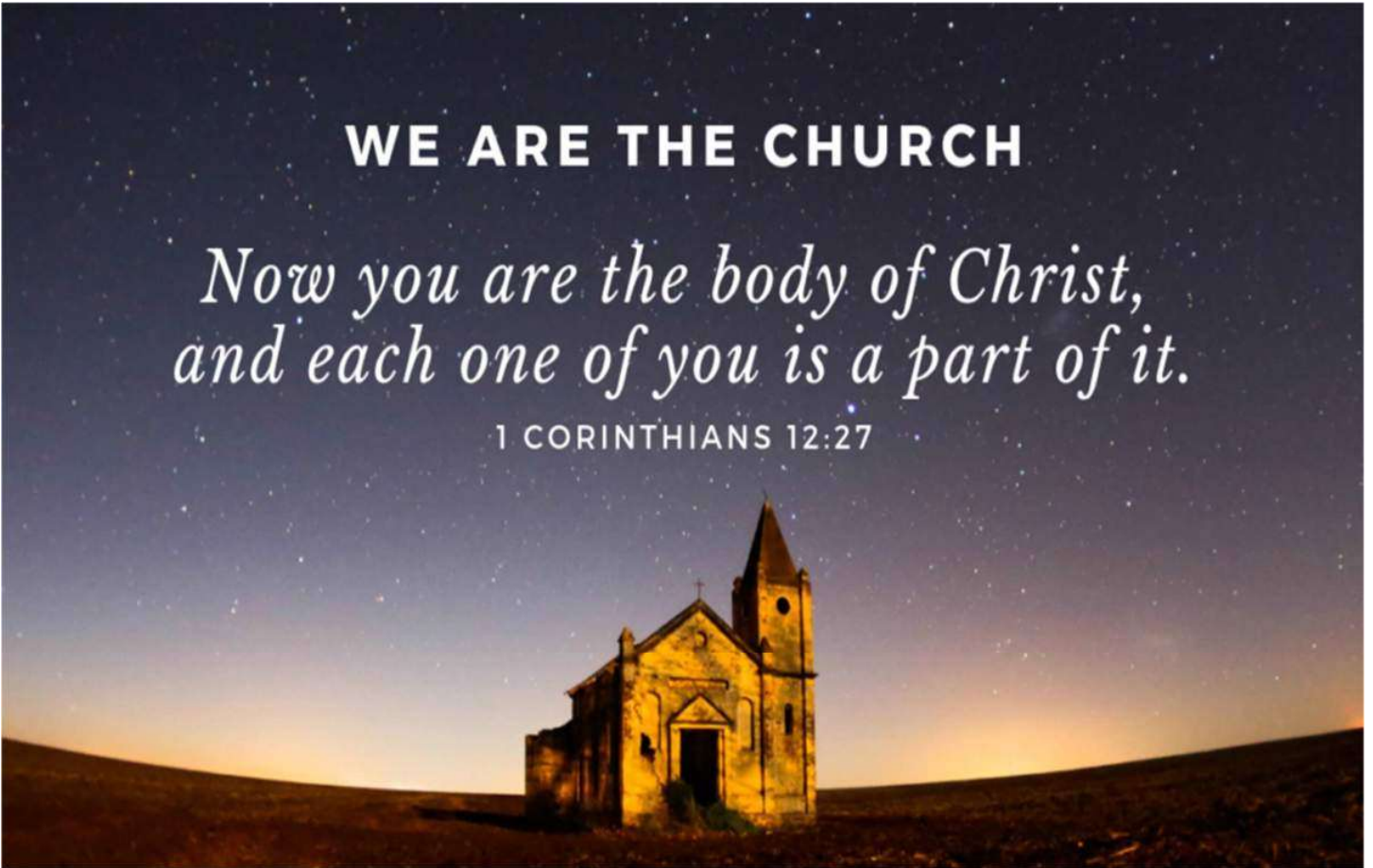
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WE ARE THE CHURCH

*Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.

WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

PARISH STAFF

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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 27th – February 2nd, 2025

Monday: Intentions of Joan Black (*Joan Beebe*)
Tuesday: † Ted Von Mechow (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Wednesday: † Vera Busatto (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)
Thursday: † Donald & Carolyn Stahley
(*Janet Reidler & Family*)
Friday: † Albert Saiia (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Vic Petrei (*Geri Petrei*)
Sunday 8am: † Joyce Moninghoff (*Loving Husband Tom*)
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

January 19th - Envelopes \$5,534 - E-Giving \$1,742
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Jan 29: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8am
Wed. Jan 29: Intercessory Prayer * – Zoom - 6:30pm
* Email Laura at sjbevangel@stjohnsottville.org to join in prayer, or to submit prayer requests.



THE THIRD
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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 today's Gospel, after returning from the wilderness, Jesus begins teaching in the synagogues, declaring, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." Here, Jesus identifies his mission: to serve the poor, to deliver justice to the oppressed, to heal the sick, and to release the captives.

As the world advances rapidly in various fields, the gap between the rich and the poor continues to widen. Social injustices against the oppressed are prevalent, violence is becoming very prominent, and the abuse of women, children, and vulnerable adults is on the rise. These issues persist because the awareness that all human beings are created in the image of God is slowly fading from people's minds.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we were all baptized by one Spirit to form one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free. This calls us to reflect on whether we have identified the mission for which we have been sent into the world. Do we truly perceive God's image in others? Do we recognize that we are all filled with one Spirit and form one body?

Heavenly Mother and Father, grant us the grace to identify our mission in the world, to see our neighbors as your reflection, and to realize that all are one body in spirit.

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.

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



GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE BAPTISM OF

BRAXTON EDGAR BUTLER



Everywhere that Jesus went, the little lambs were sure to go....

The Pastoral Council is reaching out to our parishioners to see if there is interest in bringing back "The Little Lambs Club".

This was brought to our attention by a few of the focus groups last year. This club was active several years ago for children from ages 3 to 1st grade. The children should be present at the beginning of the Mass until the end of the Introductory Rites, when the priest invites them to leave for their own celebration. The children are brought back to their parents immediately after the Prayers of the Faithful by a member of the liturgy team. The children are introduced to the Gospel message and Eucharistic celebration at their own level.

We are seeking two registered parishioners to take on the leadership role for each Mass (8AM & 10:30AM) on Sunday mornings. They can be young adults, parents, or older parishioners. All adult volunteers must obtain Archdiocesan clearances prior to beginning service and be willing to complete training. This weekend there will be two signup sheets in the Narthex. One will be for anyone interested in having their children enrolled. The other will be for anyone willing to volunteer as a Little Lambs Club instructor.

PREP 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.

Feast Day Highlight for the Month of February

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12

RA@SJB 8TH GRADE CLASS PRESENTS

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

All proceeds will go to the 8th grade end-of-year trip to Sight and Sounds Theater

FEBRUARY 2, 2025
AFTER 10:30AM MASS
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Help support the 8th grade girls by buying some home-made snacks and treats!
A little bite goes a long way!



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of January 26th
TEAM 5**

This is a once per month commitment.

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The following CI courses are being offered in February:

Foundations of the Church
Sacraments of Initiation

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

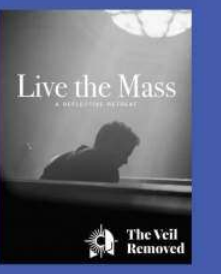
12PM-1PM. ST. Joseph’s Chapel (large chapel, name on front of the building)

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.

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There will be opportunities for Adoration and Confession.

WHEN: March 28, 29 & 30, 2025 (Friday eve, Saturday & Sunday)

TIME: Friday 7pm Mar 28th - Sunday 4pm Mar 30th

WHERE: Ave Maria Retreat House at the

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

COST: Determined by room choice. All 5 meals (3 on Sat, 2 on Sun) are included in the room cost.

Friday evening snacks are provided by the Evangelization team.

FEBRUARY 1ST & 2ND, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Lynn Gammello Peg Glancey	Kim Zampirri	Blake & Max Nowicki Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nancy Kaczinski Renee Moyer	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM Regina Academy Mass	Joan Beebe Claire Froman Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Olivia Luna & Two Regina Academy Students <i>(to be determined)</i>	Echoes of Christ



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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