

July 2nd, 2023 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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*Take your cross
and follow me*

Matthew 16:24



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 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 July 03 – July 09, 2023

Monday: + Charles E. Fees (*His Children*)
Tuesday: **Independence Day - Parishioners' Intentions**
Wednesday: + Betty Ann & Gary Moninghoff (*Brother Tom*)
Thursday: + Patty Burke (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)
Friday: + Alphee Cormier (*Rachel Cormier*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Doreen Paist (*John Becker*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: + Florence & George Youch (*Loving Family*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9am – 5pm

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day

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

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

June 18 th :	Envelopes	\$3,755
	E-Giving	\$1,899
June 25 th :	Envelopes	\$5,407
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Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jul 03: K of C – 6 Pt Mtg – 7:30pm
Wed. Jul 05: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Sat. Jul 08: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

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.

A Prayer for the People of the Ukraine



We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed.

O most glorious ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of you, He enlighten and save our souls.

From your Pastor

The readings today speak of discipleship. A Disciple is the one who is always in touch with God. We are reminded of Mary and Martha of Bethany when we think of Discipleship. Martha was busy with all the household chores, but Mary chooses the better part to be at the feet of the Lord. We, too, ought to be at the feet of the Lord from time to time.

Who are all called to be Disciples? Discipleship is a call certainly, but it is for all of us Christians. It is for all of us who are baptized and are members of the Catholic Church. Priesthood and Religious life is a vocation and needs a special calling from the Lord in our heart to be his followers through a way of life. Nevertheless, regardless of who we are, all of us are called to be Disciples. Little children to whom the Lord has said that to them belongs the kingdom of heaven is also called to Discipleship. For Discipleship, we need faith and courage, especially in the context of our world of today. To be a Disciple is costly.

We need compassion, humility, patience, forgiveness, love, fidelity, self-control, and sacrifice. This will not come all at once, but from time to time with the grace of the Lord. Are we ready? Do we have the courage to embark upon this journey! We commemorate the Lord in the Eucharist, who lost his life so that he could save us all!

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



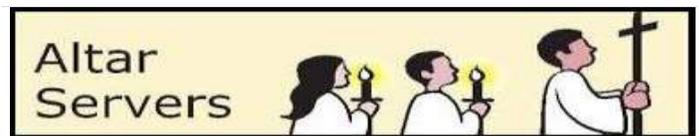
1st Friday Adoration
Begins July 7th after the 9am Mass and
concludes Saturday morning at
9:00am Benediction & Mass

A Prayer for Independence Day *by USCCB*



God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those that declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong; that only in human solidarity will we find liberty and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts towards the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety in the common good for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



We have been blessed with students and adults who responded to be an Altar Server. We are, however, still in need of children & adults. Please call the Parish Office if interested. God Bless you!



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Joan Black at 215-795-2947



**Missionaries of
the Sacred Heart
USA Province**

Save the date for the MSC 37th Annual
Golf Tournament on Friday, September 15th
at the Whitetail Golf Club.

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.

PARISH SOCIAL After Mass on July 8th & 9th



Next weekend we will have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality and get to know your church family.

PLEASE STOP BY! Hope to see you!



Saint of the Week

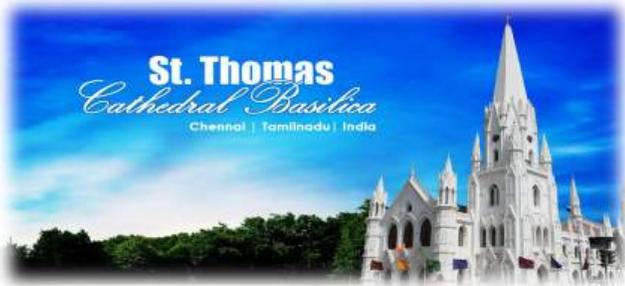
Thomas the Apostle

(Greek: Θωμάς, Syriac ܬܘܡܐ, T'ōmā, meaning "the twin"), also known as *Didymus* (Greek: Δίδυμος *Didymos*, meaning "twin"), was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Thomas is commonly known as "Doubting Thomas" because he initially doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ when he was told of it (as is related in the Gospel of John); he later confessed his faith ("My lord and my God") on seeing the wounds left over from the crucifixion.

He was born 1st century AD in Pansad, Galilee, Judea, Roman Empire. He died in 72 AD in St. Thomas Mount, Mylapore, Chennai, India. Major shrine: St. Thomas Cathedral Basilica in Mylapore, Chennai, India; Basilica of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy.

Saint Thomas travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling in AD 52 as far as Kerala and Tamil Nadu which are in South India. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Ortona, in Abruzzo, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is regarded as the patron saint of India among its Christians, and the Feast of Saint Thomas on July 3 is celebrated as Indian Christians' Day. The name *Thomas* remains quite popular among the Christians of the Indian subcontinent.

Many churches in the Middle East and southern Asia, besides India, also mention Apostle Thomas in their historical traditions as being the first evangelist to establish those churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, the early church of Sri Lanka.



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As we celebrated Easter, we were hard at work supplying clean water to the war-weary citizens of Yemen, Bibles to the people of Niger, and food as well as other relief to those living in the midst of conflict in Ukraine. We are doing all this and more around the world in Jesus' Name.

Through your gifts and prayers, we are able to show these individuals the life that Christ offers through His death and resurrection. "The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted" (Psalm 18:46). Thank you for equipping us to demonstrate this living hope in some of the world's most desperate situations. We are grateful for your partnership in the Gospel. God bless you.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham, President

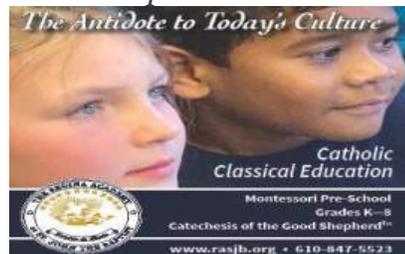


Knights of Columbus

Our Father Stommel Council # 4545 meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. For information or to join, contact **Grand Knight Frank Balbirer** or email KofC4545@aol.com.

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Please consider a bequest gift to St. John the Baptist Parish. A gift to SJB in your will enables you to support the Church and make a difference in the lives of future generations.

God bless.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic schools or at-home secular learning experiences, is provided at St. John the Baptist on Monday evenings, from September through May. New Student Registration is available on Tuesdays in June and July, from 2:00PM to 7:00 PM at the Parish Office. New Students are those children who are entering first grade, or students of older grades who have never attended Religious Education Classes at St. John the Baptist Parish.

To register, New Students will need:

- *Birth Certificate
- *Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. John the Baptist)
- *New Student Form (available on website)
- *Registration Fee (\$200. for one child; \$325. for two children of same family; \$450. for three or more children of one family).

New Students must register in person.

Returning Students may register by mail or in-person.

Classes for 2023-24 will begin on Monday, September 18th.



2023 Eucharistic Congress

**The Gift of Finest Wheat:
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The United States Catholic Bishops have designated this year as a time of renewal and revival of our belief and gratitude for the Gift of The Eucharist in our lives.

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There will be talks on the Mystery of the Eucharist by compelling speakers including: Bishop Michael Burbidge, Mrs. Antonia Acutis (mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis), Dr. Edward Sri, Rev. Dennis Gill. A teen track (ages 14-17) and kids track (ages 6-13) are also planned.



Holy Mass at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez begins the day. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM concludes the day. There will be opportunities for Adoration, Confession and other Devotions. Please bring your own lunch and there is plenty of parking available.

Adults \$25.00 per person, no charge for youth under age 18.

Details/Registration: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress



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TEAM 3**

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JULY 2ND, 2023 – 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 8th & 9th, 2023 | **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Marion Wolf	Need 1 Volunteer	Rita Elsner Alice Elsner Martin Elsner	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Alexander Nice Need 1 Volunteer	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Ward Van Haute	Leona Russell	Max Van Haute Hezekiah Van Haute Audrey Van Haute	Ordinary Time

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR...** 

OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Melanie Fioretta, Tom Fleck, Gabriella Froehlich, 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, Bridget McHugh, Michael Moreni, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, William Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, 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, Jason Litschauer, Dan O'Connor, McKenna Pason, Dusty Rhodes, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, 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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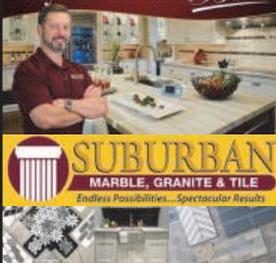
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