

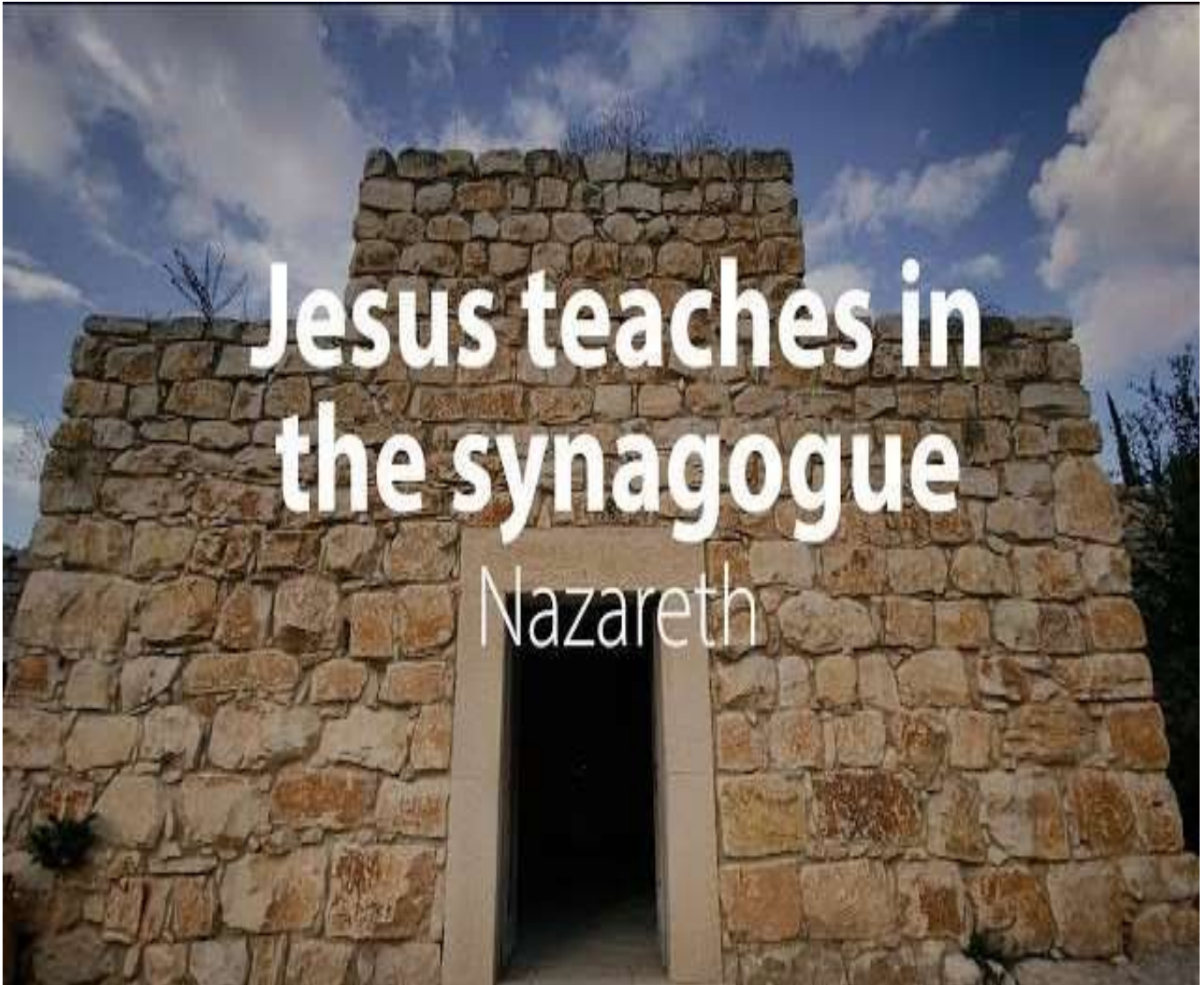
July 7th, 2024 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 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 8th – July 14th, 2024

Monday: + Dillon Powles (*Lisa Simkanin*)
Tuesday: + Charles Doran (*Kosmin Family*)
Wednesday: + Mary “Vicky” Pepkowski
(*Nephew John Kuklinski*)
Thursday: Intentions of Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Friday: + Jerry & Betty Petritsch (*Loving Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Betty Wismer (*Loving Husband Ed*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners’ Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: + Anthony Kondracki (*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

June 30th NOT AVAILABLE

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. July 8 Prayer Shawl – Marian Room - 7:00pm
Wed. July 10: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm

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 pray for the
repose of the soul of
JOSEPH F. FOX, SR.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Through baptism in the Church, we all are born anew in the family of God. And, by the same baptism, we are called to be the prophets. The first reading and the Gospel give guidelines of what a prophet must do. The success of a prophet is not measured by the reaction of audience but rather by his/her obedience to proclaim God's words in their presence.

In the first reading, Yahweh clearly tells the prophet Ezekiel, 'whether they listen or not' that is not his (Ezekiel's) concern. His duty is to tell them what He tells him. They are to know that there is a prophet among them. It shows the divine concern for Israel, the chosen race. In the past they have been disobedient to Him which they perpetuate. Therefore, the prophet's job is not going to be easy. But that is immaterial and what matters is deliverance of God's word.

In the Gospel, Jesus is faced with the same situation. His own people did not believe in Him. They were amazed at His deeds and wisdom but unable to believe in Him. Yet, He continues the mission of His Father. Each of us is called to obey God as prophets to establish God's Kingdom. It's a big challenge to be a prophet and in today's time it is all the more difficult. There is a lot of opposition and disagreement to God's Kingdom. One might have to pay the price of one's life but obeying God is better than any other.

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 quarrelling 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 for those who are suffering from cancer and other diseases. We will be saying 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(s) 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.

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.



Altar flowers this weekend are **In Memory of Marie Louzon** from her loving sister **Georgina Puente**.



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 610-847-5521 or prep@stjohnsottsville.org

The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15th, 2025, during the Vigil Mass.

Adults and Youth 7th grade or older, who are baptized practicing Catholics, who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025, and who are not presently enrolled in P.R.E.P., are asked to call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 to declare intention to receive the Sacrament by September 1st or email: prep@stjohnsottsville.org



National Catholic Singles Conference

Looking to meet 400+ faithful single Catholics from all over the USA and beyond? Join us **August 16th-18th, 2024** at the **23rd National Conference for Single Catholics in Las Vegas, Nevada** (or participate virtually and engage with others via online socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages! The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, please use the promo code **PARISH24** for a discount.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)



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**Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

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THIS CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO SELL OUT IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

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To receive a group discount, please register in the narthex **NO LATER THAN Monday August 19, 2024.** Payment must be received in advance in order to be registered.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO LAURA AT SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTVILLE.ORG

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| SATURDAY 5PM | Joel Roney Lisa Saxton | Jane Ferry | Jacob & Joshua Roney Christine Wimpenny | Ordinary Time |
| SUNDAY 8AM | Jackie Butler Jim McHugh | Marie Burke | Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers | Laura Fleck Karen Parash |
| SUNDAY 10:30AM | Joan Beebe Ward Van Haute | Sean Lynch | Audrey, Hezekiah & Max Van Haute | SJB Choir Karen Parash |



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Lou Cooper, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Joe Fekete, Melanie Fioretta, Betty 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, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jimmy O’Hanlon, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Don Stahley, 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.

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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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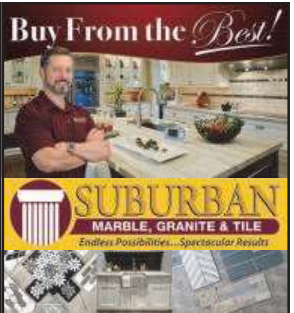
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