

July 9th, 2023 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

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*"Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you
rest." Matthew 11:28*



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
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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
CONFSSION: 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 10 – July 16, 2023

Monday: † Robert Bell (Mike & Colette Kirk)
Tuesday: † Frank Leanza (The Kosmin Family)
Wednesday: † Elizabeth Petritsch (Loving Husband)
Thursday: † Betty Wismer (Ed Wismer)
Friday: † John Zdanowicz (Betty Fleck)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Fred Pacitti (The Pacitti Family)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † John Reidler (Janet Reidler)

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

July 2 nd :	Envelopes	Not Available
	E-Giving	Not Available

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jul 10: Prayer Shawl – Marian Room – 7:00pm
Wed. Jul 12: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Sat. Jul 15: 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

In the first reading, we find the words of the prophet proclaiming the Messiah who is ‘poor and humble’. It appears to be the words uttered to describe Jesus, who is to come. The second reading can also be connected to this because it declares of the Spirit. The Spirit can be received only by the poor, in the sense those who are “humble in heart”. The Gospel shows Jesus as “gentle and humble” that is, on the side of the poor and the oppressed.

Jesus thanks his Father for hiding the divine wisdom from the wise and the intelligent and revealing it to the mere children. This is a clear indication that only the humble are good listeners. Those who are learned and proud are a voice unto themselves. This does not mean that God purposely ignores the learned or the powerful but God specially cares for the poor. The last part of the Gospel is about the oppression that the simple and the poor people suffer at the hands of the ‘wise and intelligent’.

The scribes and the Pharisees have set up a very complicated religion, made up of detailed rules impossible to observe, a heavy yoke that overburdens everyone. It is to the poor ones, oppressed by the fear of God and despised by their intellectual and religious leaders that Jesus speaks of courage and strength that is given by the Lord.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
KATHERINE "PENNY" MAYNARD

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

A recent Pew Forum survey revealed the startling statistic that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

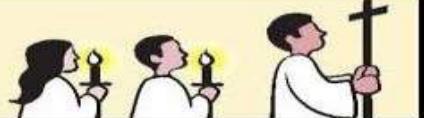
This indicates a spiritual disaster, for the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” In response to this crisis, Bishop Robert Barron helped to launch the National Eucharistic Revival.

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is a brief but illuminating text, with a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence.

Discover the profound truth flowing out of Jesus’ words at the Last Supper: “Take, eat; this is my body. . . . Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant.”

Come join our Book Club Thursday, July 20th at 7pm. The book is free! Sign up in the Narthex.

Altar Servers



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.

Saint of the Week



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Feast Day: July 14

Kateri Tekakwitha (pronounced [gaderi dega' gwita] in Mohawk), given the name **Tekakwitha**, baptized as **Catherine** and informally known as **Lily of the Mohawks** (1656 – April 17, 1680), is a Catholic saint and virgin who was an Algonquin-Mohawk. Born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, in present-day New York State, she contracted smallpox in an epidemic; her family died and her face was scarred.

She converted to Catholicism at age nineteen. She took a vow of perpetual virginity, left her village, and moved for the remaining five years of her life to the Jesuit mission village of Kahnawake, just south of Montreal. She was beatified in 1980 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica on 21 October 2012.

The Jesuits' account of Tekakwitha said that she was a modest girl who avoided social gatherings and covered her head because of the scars. She became skilled at traditional women's arts like making clothing, weaving mats, and preparing food. As was the custom, she was pressured to consider marriage around age thirteen, but she refused.

PARISH SOCIAL After Mass this Weekend



This 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!



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**Saturday, October 28, 2023
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA

Speakers:

Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, OP, Sarah Swafford, Claudine Noel, Mallory Smyth, Sr. Mary Peter, SOLT, Fr. Remigio Morales and the Sisters of Life

Registration and full details at:
catholicwomensconference.org

To get the **group discount**, please provide your name to Laura Gumprecht at sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org by **July 21st**. Please include the 2 breakout sessions (listed under 'SPEAKERS') you would like to attend.



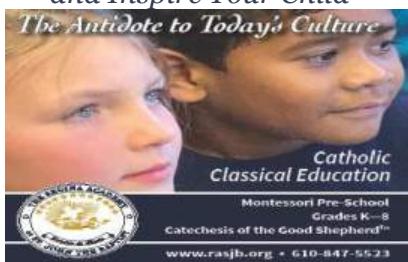
Knights of Columbus

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 makes 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 7:00PM 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:
This is My Body Given Up for You**

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.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has planned a special day for **ALL** of the **FAITHFUL** to participate in this **REVIVAL: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**. Parishioners of Saint John the Baptist are invited and encouraged to share in this special day and to register at: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress

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



JULY 9TH, 2023 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 15th & 16th, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Minister		Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Bill Saxton Lisa Saxton	Helene Bell	Joel Roney Jacob Roney Christine Wimpenny	-
SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter Need 1 Volunteer	Megan Gilbert	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Patty Leidner
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Tom Costello	Jean Furmaniak Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau	SJB Choir Rob Galdo

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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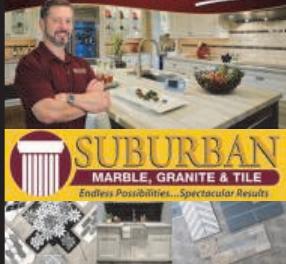
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