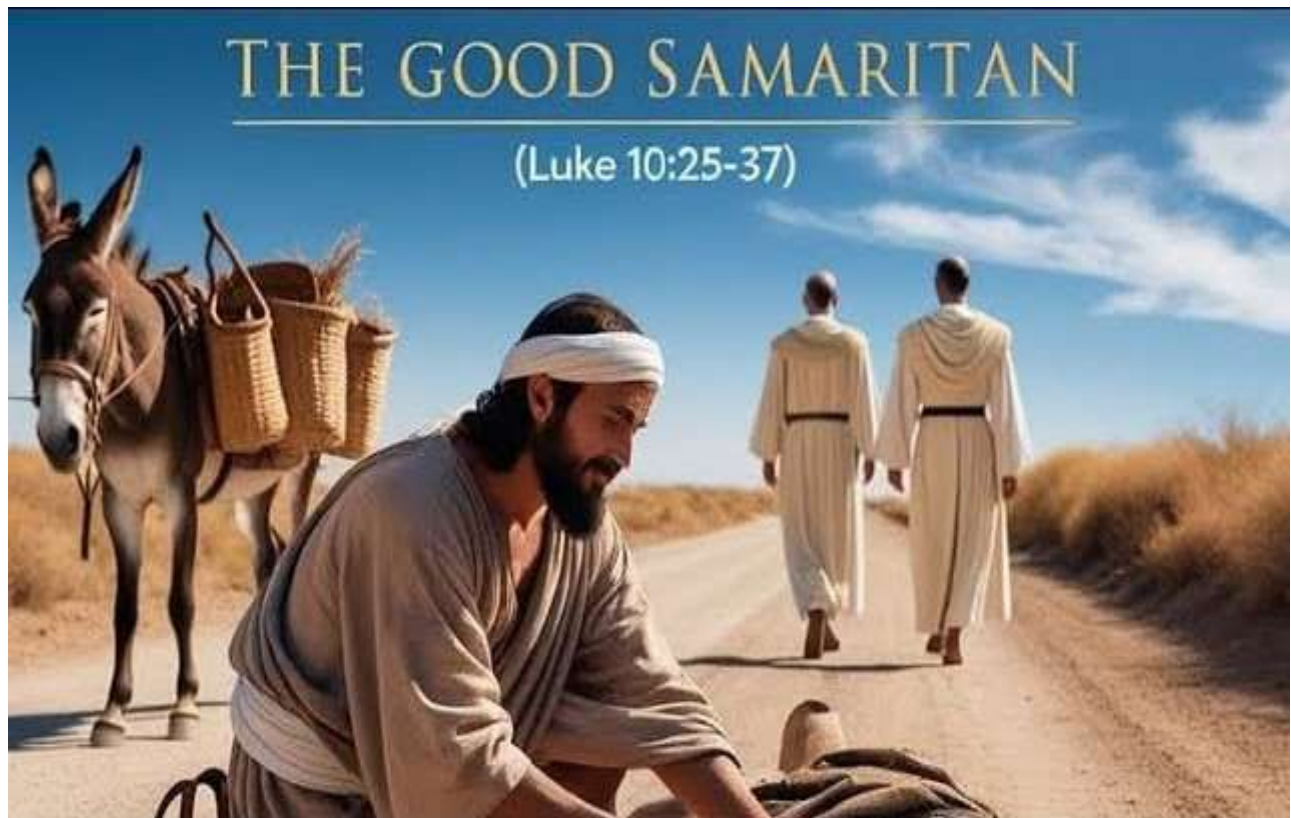


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MASS TIMES

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 to act as Godparent or Sponsor may be issued only to registered parishioners who have been registered here at St. John the Baptist Parish at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their faith in our parish. If married, your marriage must have been witnessed and blessed by a Catholic Priest or have special permission approved by the Archbishop. A person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason is not eligible to be a sponsor and, therefore, we cannot issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism may be scheduled to take place on a Saturday at 10am or 11am; or on a Sunday at 11:45am (immediately following the 10:30am Mass). 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 14th - July 20th, 2025

Monday: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Tuesday: † Jerry & Elizabeth Petrutsch (*Geri Petrei*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Gerri Belsito (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Thursday: † Louis J. Serringer (*The Giarratana Family*)
Friday: † Doris Rogers (*Tom & Sue Rogers*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † John Reidler (*Janet Reidler & Family*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Nancy Moreno (*The Gammello 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 29th - Envelopes \$3,798 * E-Giving \$1,654
July 6th - Envelopes \$3,402 * E-Giving \$2,269

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jul 14: Prayer Shawl - Marian Rm - 7:00pm
Wed. Jul 16: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Jul 16: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 6:30pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

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 be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

In the United States over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

From Your Pastor

Who is my neighbor? Responding to this, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. This parable has often been interpreted as one in which Jesus is telling us that those in need are our neighbors, or that it has an anticlerical edge, in which Jesus is showing up the priestly class by mentioning the priest and Levite as not reaching out to the one in need.

If these were the meanings, then there would be no need to make the third person that passed by that way, a Samaritan. The reason why Samaritan is introduced is because Jesus wanted the lawyer who was a Jew, to go beyond the narrow definition of neighbor, to go beyond his prejudice.

Therefore, today's parable invites us to look at our relationships with other people. It invites us to ask ourselves a simple question: How do we respond to people in need? Do we turn around, or fall in step with them, and offer help? Or do we walk on by pretending they don't even exist? It's a sad fact of life that sometimes we treat needy strangers better than we do our own needy spouses, parents, or children. Today's parable does not invite us to go out, risk our lives, and become heroes. It invites us to reach out, risk our pride, and become humans. It invites us to ask, "Can I help?"

Lord, give us eyes to see the pain of others, ears to hear the cry of other people. Lord, give us compassion to become involved in other people's needs. Lord, give us humbly never to pass by for fear of rejection, rather, give us courage to reach out to all.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Rev. S. Lucas, MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



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.



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.

BUYERS NEEDED!

**Summer shopping with a side of Christmas magic?
Yes, please!**



We are having **Christmas in July** for 2 weekends:

July 12th & 13th and 19th & 20th.

Please help support our church. All proceeds will be used for the maintenance of our Parish. Thank you!

THIS WEEKEND - PLEASE STOP BY!

PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS



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

We will be selling and taking orders for gift cards after all the Masses this weekend. Please visit us in the narthex to get your order form and sign-up for program benefits!





CALLING ALL WALKERS, RUNNERS, HIKERS, BIKERS, ATHLETES, FITNESS BUFFS, AND ANYONE NEEDING EXERCISE, FOR A FUN MORNING AND A WORTHWHILE CAUSE!!!

REACH OUT TO SERVE SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO JOIN THE SJB TEAM THAT IS MEETING...

WHEN: Saturday, July 19th at 9 AM!

WHERE: Nockamixon State Park Marina at the Bike/Walking Path

WHAT: Hike or Bike your choice of 1.5 miles (to the boat rental) or 3 miles (to the waterfall).

WHY: To log your distance that will unlock funds from sponsors of WORTHWHILE.* The more people who participate, the more miles logged, and more funds donated. So, sign up family and friends!!!

*WORTHWHILE = a local, restorative program for survivors of human trafficking. WORTHWHILE offers a comprehensive response to healing through:

1) The "Worth It" Program - an educational and empowerment program for women who have experienced sexual trauma from exploitation, trafficking, or prostitution.

2) The Well - a restorative safe house located in Upper Bucks County offering counseling, life skills training, community, and much more.

3) Worthwhile Thrift Stores - places for vocational training of survivors, as well as financial support for programs.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, visit Worthwhile.org.

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



With summer vacation upon us, would you please consider donating snacks children will enjoy such as:

Granola Bars
Cookies
Crackers
Fruit Roll-Ups
Juice Boxes



You will benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staples and bring happiness to kids! 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 loving generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers



Are pieces of your child's life not fitting together? Is spiritual life disconnected from the person? Disruptions of our lives have been caused by Covid, family moves, and other life situations. If an older child still needs sacraments

and encounter experiences with Jesus, contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org to discuss opportunities to grow as a child of God.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2025 – 2026 Registration is Open for PREP
Classes Begin Monday, September 15th, 2025
Class time: 6:15 – 7:30pm Monday in the school

Registration Forms for Returning Students for 2025-26 have been mailed. Parents of New Students of any grade level for 2025-26 should contact the Parish Office: prep@stjohnsottsville.org OR 610-847-5521.

Parents/Guardians of 7th grade students, who are parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church who are attending Catholic School and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Church in 2026, should contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org by September 30th, 2025.

SACRAMENT DATES 2025-26:

FIRST PENANCE – Saturday, December 6, 2025
at 10:30 A.M.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Saturday, April 25, 2026
at 10:30 A.M.

CONFIRMATION – Saturday, May 2, 2026
at 5:00 P.M. Mass
Bishop John J. Mc Intyre

Dear Parish Friends-

**LET'S HELP LYDIA CELEBRATE
HER 105TH BIRTHDAY!**



One of our parishioners, Lydia Tubiello, will turn 105 on July 23rd. I would like to set up a card shower for her. Please get a card, sign "name and friend from St. John's" and put in the basket in the Narthex before July 20th or send to me at 1235 Webb Dr, Perkasié 18944. Fr. Lucas and I will deliver them to her.

Thank you and God Bless. Liz Torgerson



Single and Catholic? Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the **20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22nd-24th, 2025!** (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with 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 with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code **PARISH25** for a discount.)

Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com
for more information and to register.



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DAILY AND OVERNIGHT RETREATS

**FOR PRAYER REQUESTS & INFORMATION,
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SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Renee Moyer Bea Romaszewski	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler 2 Volunteers Needed	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Patty Salva Ward Van Haute 1 Volunteer Needed	Leona Russell	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Hezekiah Van Haute	Karen Parash SJB Choir



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Lou Bucci, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camillier, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Craig Herrman, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klings, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, **Kimberly Markulec**, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchior, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, **Lisa Saxton**, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Riley Telesco, 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, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Jared Scott, 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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