

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## **OPARISH 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 July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Monday:** + Dillon Powles (*Joseph & Irene Simkanin*)  
**Tuesday:** + Marie Hennigar (*Kosmin Family*)  
**Wednesday:** + Jim Reith (*Frank & Linda*)  
**Thursday:** + Elaine Jocelyn (*Tony & Janet Souza*)  
**Friday:** Intentions of Geoff Meyer  
(*Regina Academy Faculty & Staff*)

## **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm: + John Reidler (*Janet Reidler*)  
Sunday 8am: + Mark & Betty Koch  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!** (*From the Children*)  
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

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**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.

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## **WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** Envelopes \$5,358 \* E-Giving \$1,703

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** Envelopes \$4,010 \* E-Giving \$1,679

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## **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

**Wed. July 17:** Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm

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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!**

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*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*

**KYLE JONATHAN  
DOUGHERTY**



**Eternal rest grant unto  
them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine  
upon them. May the  
souls of the faithful  
departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Amen.**

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

In the first reading, Amaziah told Amos, a shepherd, to flee from the land of Israel and prophesy to his people in Judah. This serves as a call for each of us to imitate Amos, prophesying both good and evil in the name of God. "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." It urges us to proclaim the justice and righteousness of God, akin to flowing waters. The second reading prompts us to be thankful to God in every moment of life, even in persecution for His sake. This reflects the genuine faith of early Christians, apostles, and disciples.

In the gospel, the apostles were sent out two by two and given authority over unclean spirits, yet instructed not to carry food, a sack, or money. This encourages us to place our trust solely in God, rather than material possessions, and to detach ourselves from worldly concerns. We are given authority over unclean spirits such as envy, power, fame, and greed. Thus, we become true Disciples of Christ by living out the reign of God through justice, peace, and joy.

Dear Lord, help us to realize the power of the Holy Spirit in us to drive away unclean evil spirits internally, so that we may be led by the Spirit to spread the reign of God through our actions.

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 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 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.*



# PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS



## PLEASE STOP BY!

This weekend we'll have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family. Hope to see you!



## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, from September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish. (6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.) Parents of New Students (first graders or students who have never attended Religious Education classes at St. John the Baptist) should contact the Religious Education Office by email: [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org) or by phone: **610-847-5521** to arrange an appointment to register.

To register a New Student, parents need for child:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at St. John's)
- Fee of \$200. for one child for P.R.E.P. for year

**Please call by August 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Classes begin Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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## The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated at

**St. John the Baptist Church on**

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, during the Vigil Mass.**

Adults and Youth 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> or email: [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)



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**Saturday, October 19, 2024**

**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

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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@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG](mailto:SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG)**

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**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## **SPIRIT OF PHILADELPHIA LUNCH CRUISE**

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



The bus departs from the Senior  
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prayers.

Fraternally in Christ, *+Keith J. Chylinski*

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JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Lynn Gammello Lisa Saxton	Patti Keyser	Christine Wimpenny Need 2 Volunteers	Needed
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Alexander & Justin Nice Need 1 Volunteer	Patty Leidner Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim & Joan Black	Leona Russell	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	Patty Leidner Needed



## 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 Klings, 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 Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Don Stahley, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer,

**Judy Woodroffe**

*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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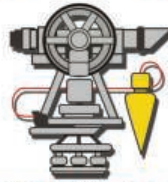
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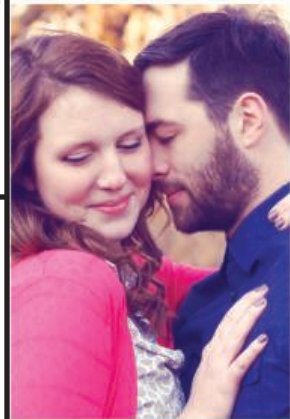
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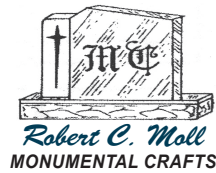
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