

July 16th, 2023 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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Parable of the Sower Faith Types



Wayside Faith

Hear, but see no value in the Word of יהוה / Yahuah, because they do not understand it and thus disregard it.

Rocky Faith

Hear the Word, but fail to gain a Strong Foundation, grown in Obedience to the Commandments and Sabbaths, thus they wither away.

Thorny Faith

Hear the Word, but are Choked out by the Temptations of this World and By the lies of Man's Religions.

Enduring Faith

Those who Hear the truth of Hebrew Scriptures, became obedient to the Commandments and Sabbaths and become the Chosen!

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
 Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran
 Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese
 Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok
 Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese
 Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

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
CONFESION: 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 17 – July 23, 2023

Monday: † Robert Bell (Jim & Joan Black)
 Tuesday: † John & Marianne Przyuski (Your Loving Children)
 Wednesday: † Sam Schaffer (Mike & Mary Kosmin)
 Thursday: † Robert Galdo (Jim & Joan Black)
 Friday: † Sarah Ann Sutton (Lisa Simkanin)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Betty Rick (Betty Fleck)
 Sunday 8am: † Robert Bell (Dave & Anne Slifer)
 Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

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	\$3,908
	E-Giving	\$1,426
July 9 th :	Envelopes	\$4,618
	E-Giving	\$2,004

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Jul 19: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
 Thu. Jul 20: SJB Book Club – St. Augustine Rm – 7:00pm
 Sat. Jul 22: 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

God's Words are transformative, and per-formative. Through this same Word everything came into existence, and at the appointed time "Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn: 1:14). That is the reason the Church venerates the Word of God as the Holy Body of Christ. As the Readings of today says the Word of God- through the Scripture and as well through the person of Christ- transforms us to witness Christ and to live the faith in all given situations which involves pain, and struggles. The four types of fields in the parable represent our heart and the seed is the faith that is nourished by the Word of God.

What's really important is the receptivity of the heart to accept the word. The receptivity includes the field to be fertile, ploughed well, and watered well which are equal to sufferings that transform us at different levels. Moreover, our heart also needs to be purified of its ego, anger, negative attitudes to make our hearts fertile in order to produce Christ to the world in abundance.

Today, Jesus invites us to look within ourselves: to identify the soil within and to work on the soil that has not yet become fertile. Let us find the courage to bring to the Lord in Confession and prayer our stones and our brambles. Thus Jesus, the good sower, will carry out an additional work: to purify our heart, remove the stones and thorns that choke the Word.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
WILLIAM (BILL) SAXTON III

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

**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.
THANK YOU. GOD BLESS.**

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! Please sign up in the Narthex.



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and Religious life. Held in St. Joseph's Chapel.**

**First Saturday of each Month - 10 am
Rosary, confession, Mass and luncheon (free of
charge). Come join us in fulfilling Our Lady of
Fatima's request.**

For directions, reservations, more info, please call:

Joan Black at 215-795-2947

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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.



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2023 Catholic Women's Conference

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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.

God's Blessings on the Baptism of



Lillian Grace Fisher
Sunday, July 9th, 2023

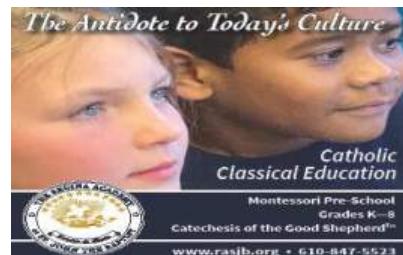
Knights of Columbus



Our Father Stommel Council # 4545 meets the 1st and 3rd 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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Gym Teacher (Part-Time)

Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of School, tkoerber@rasjb.org
610-847-5523.

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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Join the Cleaning Team!
Wk. of July 16th
TEAM 5
This is a once per month commitment.



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.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has planned a special day for ALL of the FAITHFUL to participate in this REVIVAL:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th - 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



RETRouveille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Retrouvaille is a Christian marriage program and is Catholic in origin. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Online Contributing Made Easy! Please visit our website www.stjohnsottsville.org and click on the above link. Follow the prompts to join our e-giving program. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Coming soon! July 29th & 30th

2023 Mission Giving Weekend
For Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte, Ethiopia

Sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies to help build the Church in dioceses worldwide where Christianity is new.

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July 22nd & 23rd, 2023 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Communion Minister		Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Helene Bell Lynn Gammello	Need 1 Volunteer	Jean Furmaniak Brady Mattle Christine Wimpenny	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Bea Romaszewski Need 1 Volunteer	Patti Keyser	Alaina Butler Gretchen Meyers Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Leona Russell	Melissa Demusz Khloe Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson



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, 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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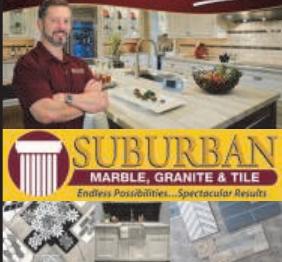
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