July 21st, 2024 – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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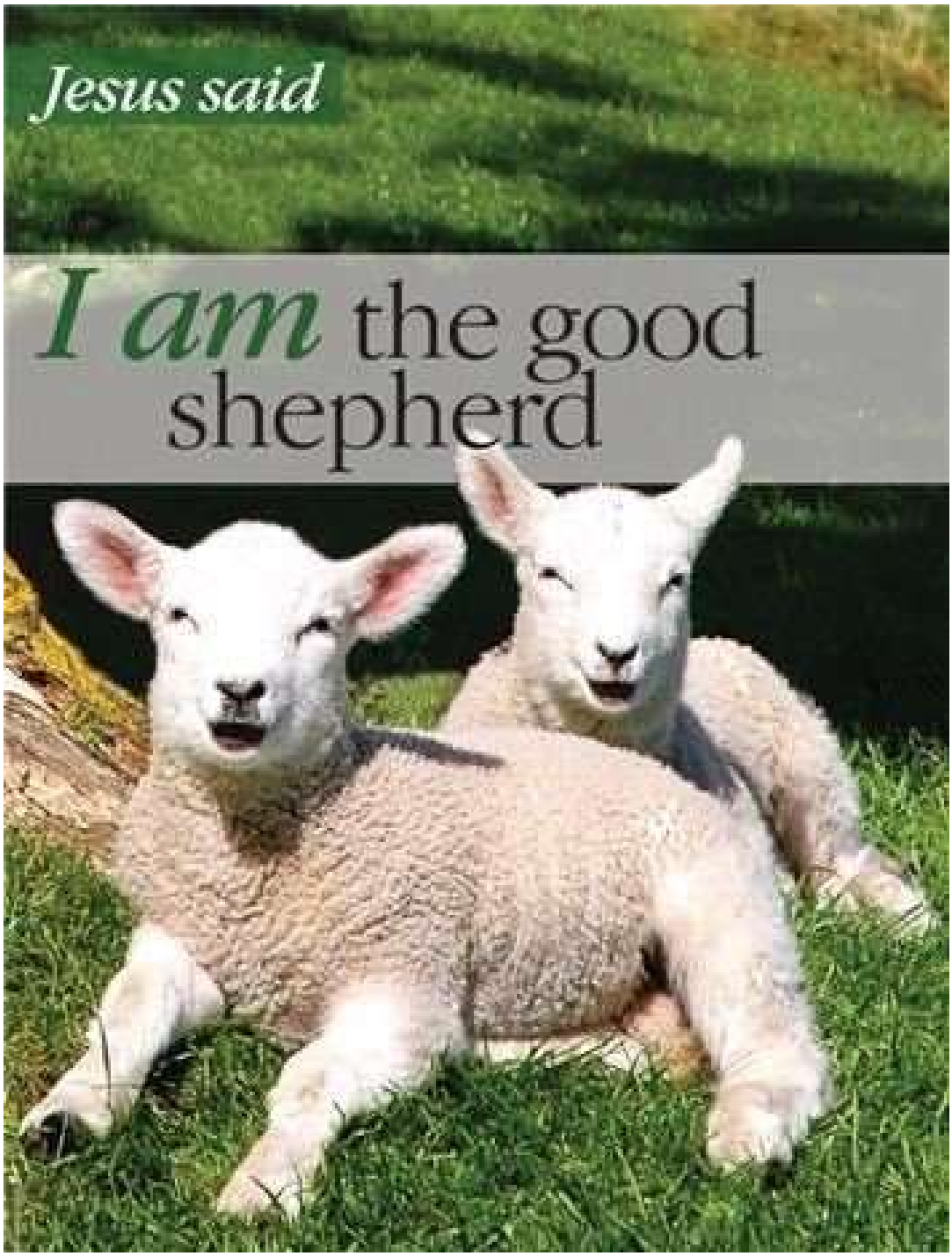

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MASS TIMES

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 22nd – July 28th, 2024

Monday: Intentions of Deacon David Mitchell (*Regina Academy Faculty & Staff*)
Tuesday: ✝ Tom Locke (*Mary & Mike Kosmin*)
Wednesday: ✝ Joseph & Wilhelmina Wismer (*Ed Wismer*)
Thursday: ✝ Deceased Members of the Schulberger Family (*Leana O'Brian*)
Friday: ✝ John Sabath (*Loving Wife Barbara*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: ✝ Elaine Jocelyn (*Dave & Anne Slifer*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: ✝ Father Thomas Gumprecht (*Laura Gumprecht*)

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 14th Envelopes $9,349 * E-Giving $1,634
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. July 23: SJB Choir Practice – 7:00pm
Wed. July 24: 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!

✝ 2024 ✝ MISSION GIVING WEEKEND
JULY 27TH & 28TH

Please pray and help support the Diocese of Sylhet in Bangladesh. They bring the Gospel message of Jesus and serve the poor and needy in a Mission land. In Bangladesh, Catholics—who account for just 0.2 percent of the population—have suffered from incidences of violence and persecution. However, the Catholic population continues to grow in the Southern Asian country.

The Missionary Giving Weekend is sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Societies support the Church in Mission dioceses until they are self-sufficient. Please pray for the Diocese of Sylhet and provide as you are able. Thank you and God bless.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today's readings focus on Jesus Christ as the one who loves and cares for us as a shepherd. In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks to the king and leaders, calling them shepherds who have misled the people. The prophet promises the coming of a King who will shepherd the people and be called "The Lord our justice."

In the Second Reading, St. Paul speaks about the coming together of people who were formerly divided. This unity is achieved by the blood of Christ poured out from the Cross. In the Gospel, Jesus welcomes back the apostles and leads them away on a retreat to prepare Himself and them to return to the task of shepherding the flock of people who need their attention.

As we reflect on the readings of the day, God invites us to become shepherds doing what is best for the flock: leading, protecting, feeding, comforting and uniting the sheep. Jesus was very sensitive to the apostles who, perhaps, felt weary of doing various works.

Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me" (Jn 10:14). Jesus not only expressed great compassion towards the apostles but also towards the crowds he taught. Let us also be like the Good Shepherd, who does everything for the good of others.

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 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** 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 12th.

Classes begin Monday, September 16th.

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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

JESUS SAYS, "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME" (JN 10:14).

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Welcome! The Catholic Women's Conference is a unique event designed for all Catholic women – married, single, and consecrated. The mission of the conference is three-fold: to invite women into a personal and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, to form women in the truth about their feminine genius, and to equip women to be a leaven for the world, living their feminine gifts in service to the family, the Church and all aspects of society.

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

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
654 FERRY ROAD, DOYLESTOWN, PA

THIS CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO SELL OUT IN LATE SEPTEMBER.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

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@STJOHNSOTTSVILLE.ORG

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FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINS AT 10AM MASS, ROSARY, CONFESSION and LUNCHEON (free).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.

To schedule your retreat and for additional information please call Joan Black at 215-795-2947

SAVE THE DATE!
MSC GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 13th, 2024

SPIRIT OF PHILADELPHIA LUNCH CRUISE

Friday, September 6th, 2024

The bus departs from the Senior Center at 9:45 AM. The cost is $135 per person.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of $1,249.65 to Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. This month, 2-year-old Leonard and 3-year-old Cissy from Uganda are scheduled to travel to the United States to receive critically needed cardiac surgeries that are not available to them in Africa. As participants in our Children's Heart Project, these two toddlers are among the more than 1,500 children in over a dozen countries to receive operations since we started the project 27 years ago. We praise God for all the lives He has touched and pray that children and their families who participate in this program will continue to put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your gifts and prayers help make the ministry possible and strengthen our relief efforts in more than 110 nations – thank you! As Jesus said, "Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me." (Matthew 18:5) God bless you.

Sincerely, *Franklin Graham*, President

JULY 27TH & 28TH, 2024 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Jim & Joan Black	Kim Zampirri	Martin & Rita Elsner Brady Mattle	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Lisa Saxton	Marie Burke	Need 3 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Leona Russell	Patti Keyser	Elia & Fatu Logaivau Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash SJB Choir

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, 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.

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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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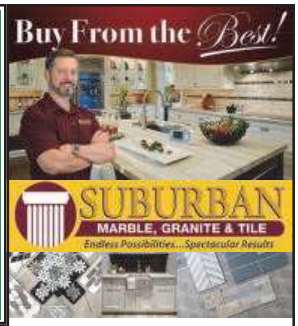

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