

July 23rd, 2023 – 16th 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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Wheat and Tares

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

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 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 24 – July 30, 2023

Monday: + Joseph & Wilhelmina Wismer (*Ed Wismer*)

Tuesday: + Robert Galdo (*SJB Choir*)

Wednesday: + Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Husband*)

Thursday: + Robert Bell

(*Lea Becker & Vickie White Families*)

Friday: + Myles Muth (*Diane Brenner*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Joseph Suder

(*Michael & Nancy Ventresca*)

Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 10:30am: + Robert Galdo (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)

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 16 th :	Envelopes	\$3,780
	E-Giving	\$1,621

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Jul 26: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm

Thu. Jul 27: SJB Book Club – St. Augustine Rm – 7:00pm

Sat. Jul 29: 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

Today's Gospel speaks of seeds, weeds, sowing and growing. In the parable, a man sowed good seeds in his field. But his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, while everyone was asleep. The wheat that sown is the goodness in our hearts and the weeds are evil thoughts in our hearts. We are wide-awake yet we are not aware of what is going on. We are "spiritually asleep", we are so focused on ourselves and unmindful of others. We are passive and lazy. This is the devil's best chance to sow his weeds.

The servants asked the master, "Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?" Master did not want to do so. He allowed the weeds to grow with the wheat. It teaches us that we are not in a position to judge the spiritual state of others. The one we judge as "bad" may be better than us. Their intentions might be much better than we understand or even worse.

Let us stop judging others because we are imperfect. Even Jesus was judged wrongly. He had all the good intentions for mankind but men of His time condemned Him and had Him nailed to the cross. Brothers and sisters, here is a point of reflection, - in some instance we might have been weeds among the wheat; if God had not been lovingly patient with us, where would we be today?

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



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.

Next Weekend July 29th & 30th

2023 Mission Giving Weekend For Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte, Ethiopia

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**Wednesday Morning - 10 am - 11 am
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**Third Sunday of each Month - 12 noon - 1 pm
Adoration. Prayers for vocations to the Priesthood 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

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



**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.

Join us for a fun filled day to assist the
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart retired
priests and brothers. This tournament will be
limited to the first 144 golfers who register.

For more information please see or call Peg
Glancey at 610-847-5217 or visit the St. John
the Baptist Parish website 'News & Events' to
download the brochure and Entry Form.



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2023 Catholic Women's Conference

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event designed for all Catholic women – married, single,
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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 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
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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.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

Love,
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family

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



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!



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.



This is a once per month commitment.



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 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



RETROUVAILLE: 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.

JULY 23RD, 2023 – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 29th & 30th, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Marion Wolf	Kim Zampirri	Jean Furmaniak Need 2 Volunteers	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Helene Bell Tom Keller	Jeanne Keller	Need 3 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Laura Gumprecht	Need 1 Volunteer	Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau Need 1 Volunteer	Rob Galdo Patty Leidner



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, **Ethel Facht**, 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 Sabbath, 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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