

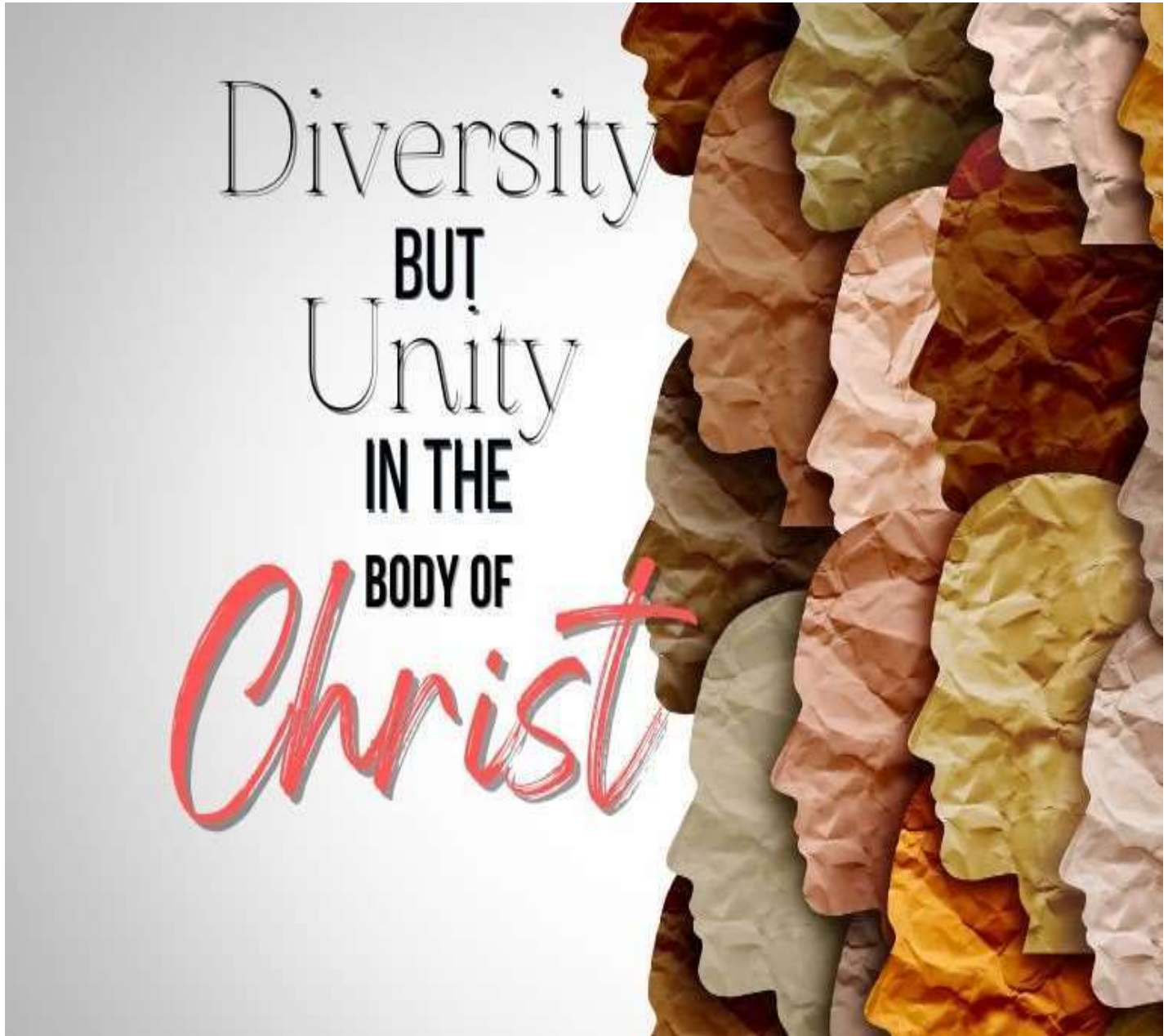
July 28th, 2024 – 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 29th – August 4th, 2024

Monday: + Anna & Alfred Joseph
(*Loving Daughter Barbara*)
Tuesday: + Paul Wagner (*Mary & Mike Kosmin*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Carter Mundy
(*Jim & Joan Black*)
Thursday: + The Holy Souls in Purgatory
(*Jim & Joan Black*)
Friday: + Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Martha & Joe Kocsis
(*Loving Daughter & Family*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: + Tom Fleck
(*Jim and Lauree & 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

July 21st Envelopes \$4,221 * E-Giving \$1,658
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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. July 31: 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!



RCIA, the process in which adults become full participating members of the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, will be starting back up in September.

Please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 for more information.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Throughout human history, we have witnessed instances where individuals were treated as slaves and were dehumanized, lacking basic rights. Over subsequent decades, divisions based on race, such as black and white differentiations, emerged. Presently, in the digital age, a new challenge has arisen in the form of a generational gap. Individuals tend to view the world through their own perspectives, leading to judgments of one another.

In this situation, today's reading calls us to embrace unity in spirit. The theme of unity in spirit urges us to connect with our loving God by being open and willing to listen to His voice and carry out His will. Just like Prophet Elisha, who heeded God's voice and acted accordingly, we are summoned to discern His will in our lives. Love should bind us in unity.

Paul emphasizes that we are all parts of Christ's body, hence we should serve one another as if serving Christ. A person cannot find meaning in his life unless he lives for others. Let us embody unity in spirit by living in harmony and respecting others as fellow humans.

Let us pray, Lord, help us to be united with You. In our lives, we often get distracted in many ways, giving more importance to worldly things than to our fellow human beings. May we recognize You in every person and foster a spirit of unity in the world. Amen.

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.

† 2024 † MISSION GIVING WEEKEND



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. 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.

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, who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025, and who are not presently enrolled in PREP, 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



1st Friday Adoration
Begins August 2nd after the
9am Mass and concludes
Saturday morning at 9:00am
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Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG

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FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINS AT 10AM
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To schedule your retreat and for additional information
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Friday, September 13th, 2024



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Expect a Miracle!

WHEN:
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AUGUST 3RD & 4TH, 2024

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam & Christina Crews	Kim Zampirri	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Bea Romaszewski	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler Gretchen Meyers Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna	Echoes of Christ



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 Melchiorre, 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 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:

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, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, Steven Siegert, 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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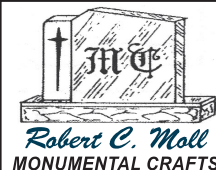
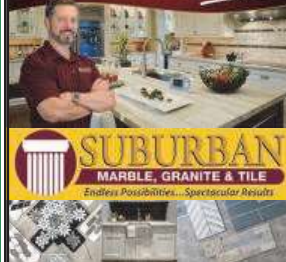
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