

July 30th, 2023 – 17th 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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Seeking the Hidden Treasure And The Pearl of Great Price



Matthew 13:44-46

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 31 – August 06, 2023

Monday: + Mary "Vicky" Pepkowski
(Nephew John Kuklinski)
Tuesday: + Virginia Rick (Doug & Dolores Warmkessel)
Wednesday: + Robert Bell (Mike & Mary Kosmin)
Thursday: + Joseph Suder (Chris & Heather Grindrod)
Friday: + Betty Ann Zimmerman (Janet Reidler & Family)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Jack Glancey (Betty Fleck)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: + Myles Muth (Diane Brenner)

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 23rd: Envelopes \$5,620
 E-Giving \$1,675

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Aug 02: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Thu. Aug 03: SJB Book Club – St. Augustine Rm – 7:00pm
Sat. Aug 05: 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

In the Gospel reading, Jesus gives us three parables to compare the kingdom of God. Treasure, fine pearls and fishing net are used to understand the meaning of God's kingdom. God's kingdom is a central theme of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus explains to his disciples the kingdom of God through various parables.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus uses three parables to narrate as to what the kingdom of God is like. Kingdom of God is not treasure, which we can buy or sell, but it is much more than that. What Gospel depicts is its importance. It is pearls of great price, which transcends all materials things.

To acquire this kingdom, a person is ready to forego everything. Kingdom of God is that which is to come. However, it is also a kingdom, which has already come. Jesus' central message of his ministry was to establish God's kingdom.

We all are called and invited to inherit the kingdom of God by the foundation of God's kingdom on this earth. We can be worthy of Kingdom of God only through our good words and deeds. The gateways to enter the Kingdom of God can come into reality only through taking the side of the poor and the oppressed. As Matthew 25:34-36 says, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you..."

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.



Knights of Columbus

Our Father Stommel Council # 4545 meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30pm.

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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

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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.

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.

Abound in Hope!



**Enjoy a One Day Retreat
with Kathleen McCarthy
and special guest speakers
Susan and Brian Middleton
Parents of Maria Middleton**

Mass Celebrated By

Fr. Timothy Tarnacki
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Music By
Mark Griswold



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May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SALE DAYS FREE ADMISSION

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD & 4TH

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

FOR MORE INFO:



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

This one day retreat will be led by Kathleen McCarthy and
will be covering the life of Maria Middleton. Susan and
Brian Middleton (Maria's Parents) will also be presenting at
the event. The impact of her life was her quiet ability to
lead, unite, and inspire people to become better versions of
themselves while fostering the love of God. Her spirit has
affected the lives of many around the world and will
continue to do so. Our loss is heaven's gain.



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!



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.



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



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program is designed to address the hurts in your marriage – both large and small.

The next Retrouvaille program in the Delaware Valley begins Aug. 18-20 at the Family Life Center at Malvern.

For more information, call: 215-766-3944

Or email: 3037@HelpOurMarriage.org

All calls are kept strictly confidential.

**What are you waiting for?
A better marriage is waiting for you!**

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August 5th & 6th, 2023 | **The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Laura Gumprecht Need 1 Volunteer	Helene Bell	Jean Furmaniak Jacob Roney Joel Roney	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter Renee Moyer	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Need 1 Volunteer	Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash SJB Choir



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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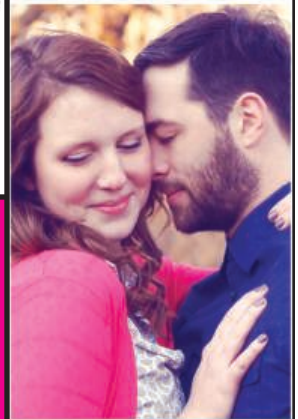
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