

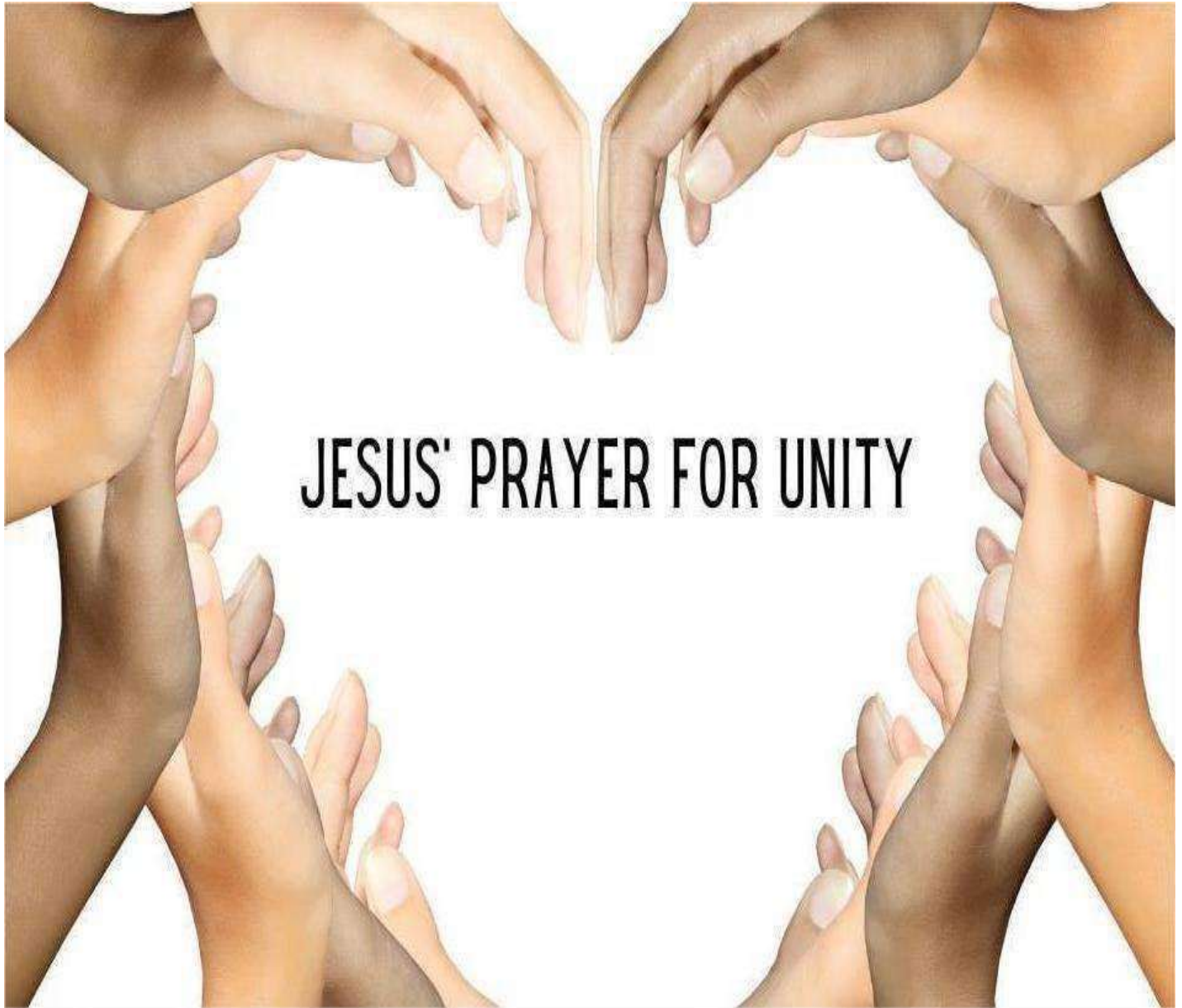
**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**JESUS' PRAYER FOR UNITY**

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### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
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Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese  
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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 at 11:45am (immediately following the 10:30am Mass). 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Monday: † Joyce Moninghoff (*Your Loving Husband*)  
Tuesday: Intentions of Chris Leahy (*Family*)  
Wednesday: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)  
Thursday: † The Roscoe-McCarty Family (*Rosanne McCarty*)  
Friday: † Mark & Betty (*All Your Children*)

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Jim & Terry Keogh (*The Keogh Family*)  
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions  
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

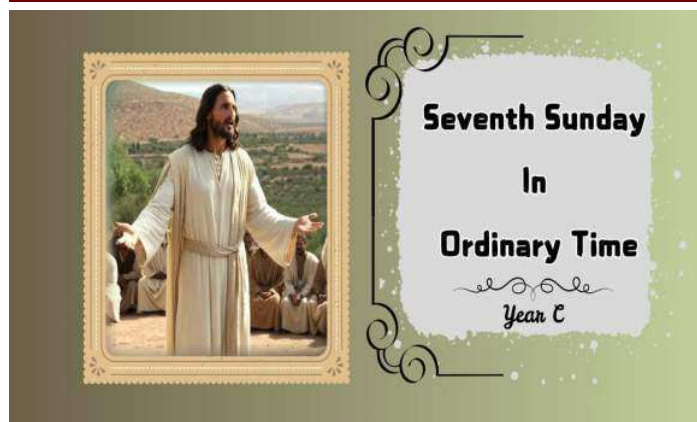
May 18<sup>th</sup> - Envelopes \$3,667 \* E-Giving \$1,592  
May 25<sup>th</sup> - **Not Available due to early bulletin submission**

### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Jun 03: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm  
Wed. Jun 04: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am  
Wed. Jun 04: Prayers of Petition\* - Chapel & Zoom - 6:30pm  
\* **EMAIL LAURA AT [sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org) TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**  
Wed. Jun 04: Evangelization Team Mtg –St Augustine Rm- 7pm

### 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!**



## From your Pastor

Today, we have for the Seventh Sunday of Easter one final passage from John's prophetic vision in the Book of Revelation. In fact, these are the final words in John's entire book that he writes to the seven churches.

We will see that John's book will end as a culmination of all that has already been proclaimed up to this point. John is not throwing together random new images and titles as if he doesn't know how to close his letter. Rather, John is very intentional in resurfacing the same images and titles that he has already introduced to emphasize who Jesus is and to press upon his readers the importance and urgency of turning to this One who is returning, to come to this One who has come and is coming again.

In short, John is making his final plea, using words both of blessing and warning, to call both believers and unbelievers to place their trust and allegiance in this soon coming King. It's a message the Spirit is speaking for us today. And in keeping with John's masterful use of numbers and their Jewish assigned meanings, we shouldn't miss the fact that this final sermon falls on the Seventh Sunday after Easter.

The number seven is the number of fullness and completeness. This is what the coming Lord holds out to us, a fullness and completeness that is only found in him. May we have ears to hear what the Lord is saying to us as we hear John's final appeal.

**Yours in Jesus Christ,**  
**Rev. S. Lucas MSC**  
**Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish**



### PRAYERS TO ST. PEREGRINE

Every Tuesday morning, following the 9am Mass, we will be praying to St. Peregrine for those who are suffering from cancer and other diseases.

*Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.*

### Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



**Are you or a family member unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion? If you'd like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521.**

**We will make arrangements to bring the Lord to you.**



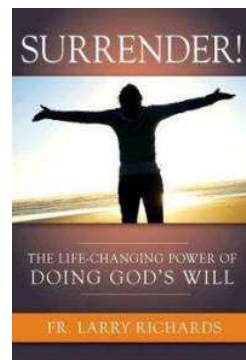
**1st Friday Adoration begins June 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass and concludes Saturday morning at 9am Benediction & Mass.**



**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.*

### READY FOR SOME SUMMER READING? JOIN THE SJB BOOK CLUB!



We will be reading **Surrender: The Life-Changing Power of Doing God's Will** by Fr. Larry Richards. We will meet on the last Sunday of June, July and August at 9:15am. The sign up is in the Narthex. The book costs \$10, and payment is due at the first meeting. **COME JOIN US!**



### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish from 6:15PM-7:30PM. Parents of New Students (1<sup>st</sup> graders or students who have never attended Religious Education at SJB) should contact the Religious Education Office at 610-847-5521 or [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org) to arrange an appt. to register. To register a New Student, parents need the child's Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at SJB).



## SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB

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THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AROUND OUR CHURCH ARE COMING INTO BLOOM AND THAT MEANS EXTRA HELP IS NEEDED TO KEEP THEM LOOKING BEAUTIFUL.

*SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 12TH*

WE WILL BE HAVING A GARDEN WORK SESSION ON THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 12TH, FROM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. WE'D GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND HELP WITH MAINTAINING THE CHURCH GARDENS.



**Join the  
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of June 1<sup>st</sup>  
TEAM 3**

**This is a once per month commitment.**

## Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

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**God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, contact Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email [KofC4545@aol.com](mailto:KofC4545@aol.com)



St. John the Baptist's Music Ministry would like to welcome more members into our existing groups as well as the formation of a Young Persons Choir Group. If you have that special talent as a singer or musician, please reach out to Patty Leidner or Rob Galdo. We really would be very happy to welcome you and become part of our Ministry. Thanks So Much!

The Choir, Ordinary Time, Echoes of Christ, and Cantors are always looking for new members including Musicians, Organists, Pianists as well as other Instrumentalists. New Groups are welcome. No special training needed, just a willingness to join in and contribute. Please see the contacts below:

### Choir, Cantor, Musician, Group:

Patty: [pl\\_1967@hotmail.com](mailto:pl_1967@hotmail.com) | (908) 500-3398

Ordinary Time: Liz: [foxtail@epix.net](mailto:foxtail@epix.net) | (610)-608-6365

Echoes of Christ: Rob: [robgaldo@aol.com](mailto:robgaldo@aol.com) | (215-435-5427)



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## NATIVITY FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



In celebration of the **Nativity Feast of St. John the Baptist**, our Patron Saint, SJB will be offering the reciting of the Rosary while processing around the church with the St. John the Baptist statue at **6:30pm on Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup>**.

The Rosary will be followed by a **Healing Mass & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm** and light refreshments after Mass.

## The Evangelization Ministry National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia



**Save the Date:** A Pilgrimage to the **Shrine of St. Rita** in Philadelphia on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Shrine gift shop will be open and there will be a noon Mass. We will leave the SJB parking lot at 9:30am. Carpooling will be available. Contact Laura at [sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org) with any questions.

*Sponsored by the Evangelization Ministry*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Saint John the Baptist Parish is gathering a team to participate in a walk to log miles for **Worthwhile Wear Thrift's ACT Challenge fundraiser on July 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in walking 1-3+ miles at Lake Nockamixon State Park, keep checking here for details about how to sign up! **There is no cost for this activity and all are welcome!** Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to have fun for the worthy cause of supporting survivors of human trafficking!

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH:

12PM-1PM. ST. Joseph's Chapel (large chapel, name on front of the building)

### 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.





**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Laura Gumprecht Weez Roney Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Martin & Rita Elsner Christine Wimpenny	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Renee Moyer Bea Romaszewski Vanessa Williams	<b>Needed</b>	<b>3 Volunteers Needed</b>	Ordinary Time
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Frank Balbirer Claire Froman Ward Van Haute	Sean Lynch	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Hezekiah Van Haute	<b>Needed</b>



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**



**OUR SICK:**

Jessie Alfaro, Lou Bucci, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camillier, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Craig Herrman, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klingses, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, 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](mailto: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:**



***May God protect and watch over 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, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Steven Siegert, Kendall Smith

**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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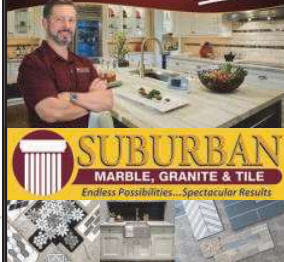
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