

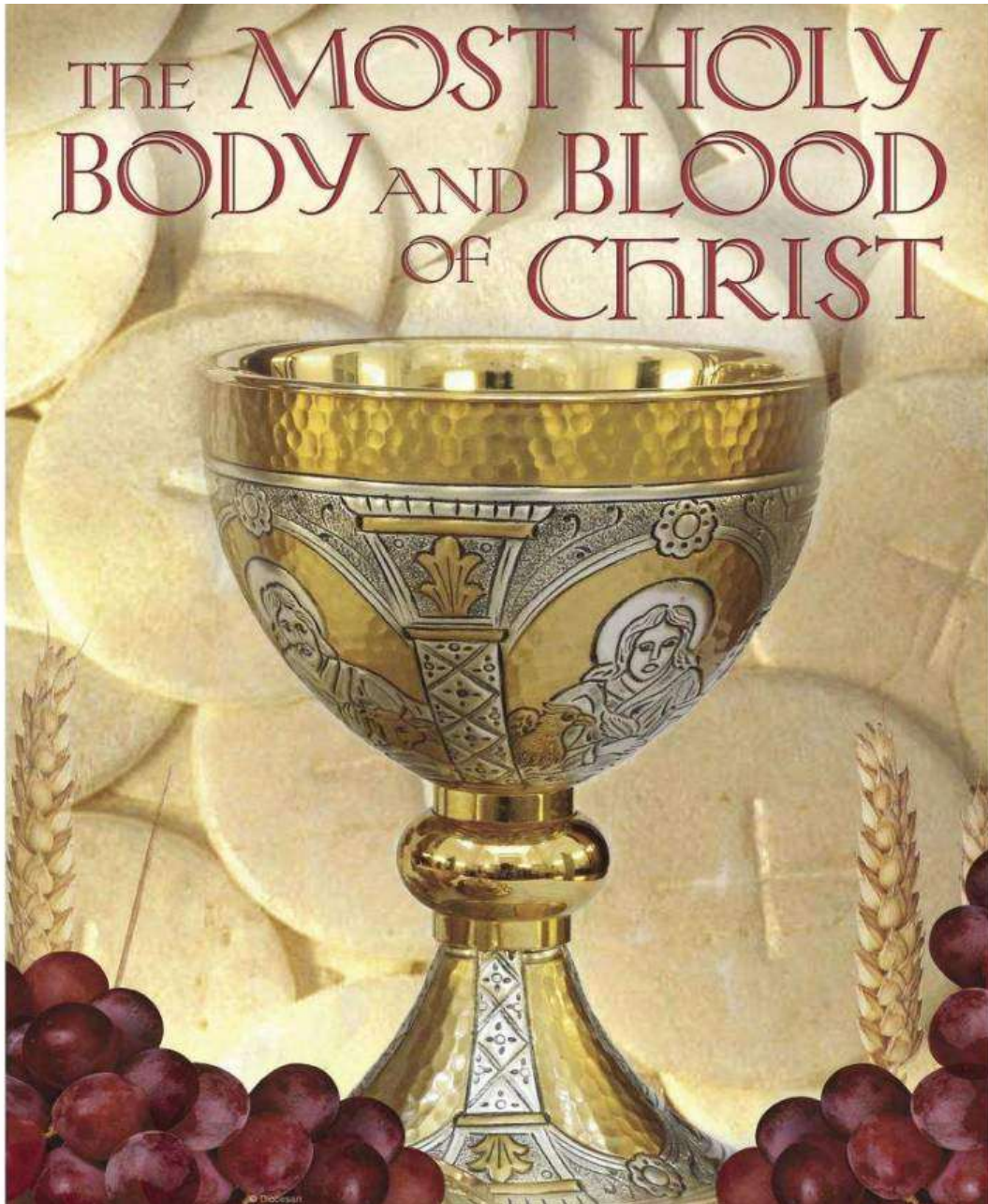
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### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran  
Finance Manager: 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 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Monday: + Elaine Jocelyn (*Tom & Sue Rogers*)  
Tuesday: + Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)  
Wednesday: + Inez Becker (*John Becker*)  
Thursday: + Bill Saxton (*A Friend*)  
Friday: Intentions of John DeChiaro (*Antonelli Family*)

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Hank Tancredi (*Loving Wife*)  
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions  
Sunday 10:30am: + Harold Myers (*Emily Gadsby*)

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 26<sup>th</sup> **NOT AVAILABLE**  
**DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jun 03: Knights of Columbus – Marian Room – 7:30pm  
Tue. Jun 04: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm  
Wed. Jun 05: 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!

### Looking for New Music Ministry Members



Do you find yourself singing along with the songs at Mass?  
Thinking about how to be more involved in the Mass?

#### **Why not join the Music Ministry?**

The Choir, Ordinary Time, Echoes of Christ, and Cantors are always looking for new members. No special training needed, just a willingness to join in and contribute.

We are also in great need of Musicians: Organists, Pianists as well as other Instrumentalists. New Groups welcome.

**Contacts**: Patty: pl\_1967@hotmail.com (908) 500-3398  
Ordinary Time: Liz: foxtail@epix.net (610) 608-6365  
Echoes of Christ: Rob: robgaldo@aol.com (215) 435-5427



## FROM YOUR PASTOR

The purpose of Eucharist is to ‘thank, glorify, love, and serve God with our lives. In a true manner, the Eucharist only makes sense when it becomes Eucharist in action. Jesus gives himself as food and drink to his followers. Obviously, it has cultic and ritualistic dimensions. While continuing with the tradition, Jesus also brings newer elements: love and service are intertwined into a ritual. Sharing the meal and washing of the feet go together.

Whenever we come to the Eucharist, we make a number of important statements. We acknowledge Jesus as living bread of life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest hunger. We also declare that we will throw in our lot with him, as it were, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us. In that sense, celebrating the Eucharist is not something we should take for granted.

Our familiarity with the Eucharist and the frequency with which we celebrate it can dull our senses to the full significance of what we are doing. Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we find ourselves once more in that upper room with the first disciples, during Jesus’ last supper.

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## 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.

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## 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.**

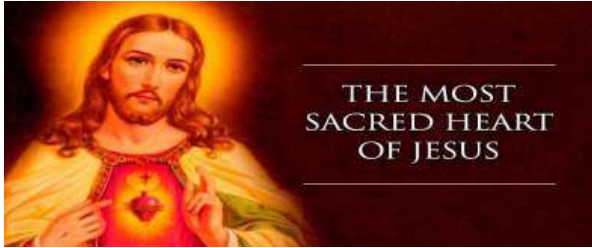
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**Please consider a leaving a legacy to St. John the Baptist Parish. A gift to SJB in your will enables you to support the Church and makes a difference in the lives of future generations.**



*Thank you. God bless.*

## Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 7th



### The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Latin: *Cor Jesu Sacratissimum*) is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus Christ is viewed as a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind". This devotion to Christ is predominantly used in the Catholic Church, followed by high church Anglicans, and some Western Rite Orthodox.

In the Latin Church, the liturgical Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated the third Friday after Pentecost. The 12 promises of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus are also popular.

The devotion is especially concerned with what the church deems to be the long-suffering love and compassion of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The popularization of this devotion in its modern form is derived from a Roman Catholic nun from France, Margaret Mary Alacoque, who said she learned the devotion from Jesus during a series of apparitions to her between 1673 and 1675, and later, in the 19th century, from the mystical revelations of another Catholic nun in Portugal, Mary of the Divine Heart, a religious sister of the congregation of the Good Shepherd, who requested in the name of Christ that Pope Leo XIII consecrate the entire world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Predecessors to the modern devotion arose unmistakably in the Middle Ages in various facets of Catholic mysticism, particularly with Gertrude the Great.

### *The 12 promises of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Given to Margaret Mary Alacoque*

Alacoque said that in her apparitions Jesus promised specific blessings to those who practice devotion to his Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
12. In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Friday, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

**Join the  
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
TEAM 1**

*This is a once per month commitment.*

**PREP**

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic school, or at-home secular learning experiences, is provided at St. John the Baptist on Monday evenings from September through May.

Any family not yet registered should contact the Director of Religious Education at 610-847-5521 or [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)

## **First Friday Adoration**

We are in need of two Adorers for the First Friday Adoration hour of **8pm-9pm** on a regular basis. Also, we need two Adorers for the Adoration hour of **9pm-10pm** for the months of June to October (only). Please contact Anita Colahan at [amcolahan@epix.net](mailto:amcolahan@epix.net) if you are available. **Thank you!**

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**1st Friday Adoration begins  
June 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass and  
concludes Saturday morning  
at 9am Benediction & Mass**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30pm.

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**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

|                           | Communion Minister                         | Lector          | Altar Server                                 | Music Ministry                 |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY<br/>5PM</b>   | Adam Crews<br>Lynn Gammello                | Christina Crews | Amalia & Siobhan Crews<br>Christine Wimpenny | Ordinary Time                  |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>8AM</b>     | Bea Romaszewski<br><b>Need 1 Volunteer</b> | Marie Burke     | <b>Need 3 Volunteers</b>                     | Maggie Hooven<br>Liz Torgerson |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>10:30AM</b> | Laura Gumprecht<br>Anne Luna               | Tony Luna       | Elia & Fatu Logaivau<br>Olivia Luna          | <b>Needed</b>                  |



**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, Lorraine Lambing, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Helen Pepkowski, 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

*If someone no longer needs prayers, please advise the Parish Office so that we may keep the list up-to-date.*

**OUR TROOPS:**

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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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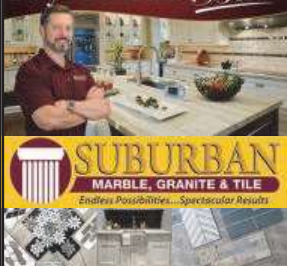
  
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