

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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 9<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Monday:** † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)  
**Tuesday:** † John Sabath (*Loving Wife Barbara*)  
**Wednesday:** Intentions of Maxine Vogan (*Jim & Joan Black*)  
**Thursday:** † Eleanor Morgan (*Kosmin Family*)  
**Friday:** † Jack Glancey (*Peg Glancey*)

### **Father's Day Weekend Masses**

**Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions**  
**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 25<sup>th</sup> - Envelopes \$5,869 \* E-Giving \$1,858**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> - Envelopes \$9,335 \* E-Giving \$1,402**

### **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

**Mon. Jun 09:** Prayer Shawl - Marian Rm - 7:00pm  
**Wed. Jun 11:** Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am  
**Wed. Jun 11:** 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.**

### **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!**



And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

(Acts of the Apostles 2: 2-4)

## From your Pastor

In the First Reading the Holy Spirit manifests itself in the image of “wind.” It represents the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends as ‘different tongues of fire’ on each one of them gathered in the house. As fire purifies, the Holy Spirit purifies them in the form of ‘tongues’ and gave them the gift and task of proclaiming the mighty deeds of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus breathed on the disciples and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” While for the first human being God’s breath is a sign of human life; in the Gospel, Jesus’ breath upon the disciples is a sign of new creation. The Second Reading highlights the functions of the Holy Spirit. He empowers the disciples with “varieties of gifts” for building up the community.

Holy Spirit is active in our life through sacraments. In baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit. We are baptized with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said, “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” We welcome Him through sacraments in our life. Am I aware of the working of the Holy Spirit in my life? The feast of Pentecost reminds us today of our lives in the Holy Spirit. He calls and challenges us to be true disciples of Jesus Christ and to bear witness to him.

We pray that we may open our heart and mind to the Holy Spirit so that He may sanctify, teach and guide us.

**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.**



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.*

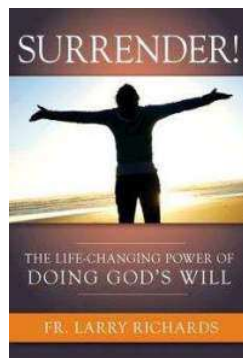
### NEXT WEEKEND - PLEASE STOP BY! PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS



Next weekend we'll have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family.

We will be selling and taking orders for gift cards after all the Masses next weekend, June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Please visit us in the Narthex to get your order form and sign-up for program benefits!

### 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!**

### PREP 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).





The family of Maryanne Comly would like to thank all the members of St John's who shared in Mom's life with us through prayers, support, and gifts. It was much appreciated and a blessing to our family.

## **SJB Nitty Gritty Garden Club**



### **WORK SESSION**

**Thursday  
June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**YOUR HELP MAINTAINING  
OUR CHURCH GARDENS  
WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**



**Join the  
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of June 8<sup>th</sup>  
TEAM 4**

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



**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)



## **GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE BAPTISM OF Clarabelle Diane McCollum**

**Baptized on June 1, 2025**

### **Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-**



With summer vacation upon us, would you please consider donating snacks children will enjoy such as:

**Granola Bars**

**Cookies**

**Crackers**

**Fruit Roll-Ups**

**Juice Boxes**



You will benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staples and bring happiness to kids! We believe that with God's blessings and the help of our community, we can show our support for those most in need. Thank you for your loving generosity!

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

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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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.

**Please note there will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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 [sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:sjbevangel@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!

## **FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER**

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On Mondays at 7 PM and Wednesdays at 10 AM we have an Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We pray the "Liturgy of the Hours", the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**DAILY AND OVERNIGHT RETREATS**

**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL JOAN BLACK  
AT 215-795-2947**

## **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)

**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Joel Roney Weez Roney <b>1 Minister Needed</b>	Jane Ferry	Jacob & Joshua Roney Christine Wimpenny	<b>Needed</b>
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Nancy Kaczinski Jim McHugh Renee Moyer	Marie Burke	Justin Nice <b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Joan Black Laura Gumprecht Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna	Anita Colahan Karen Parash



**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 Klenges, 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 Sabath, 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, **Jared Scott**, 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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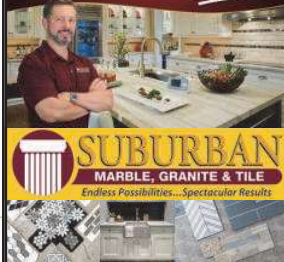
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