

June 9th, 2024 – 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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*Anyone who does the
will of God, that person
is my brother and
sister and mother.*

Jesus, Mark 3:35



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.

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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 June 10th – June 16th, 2024

Monday: Intentions of Maryanne Comly
(Jim & Joan Black)
Tuesday: Intentions of Chris Leahy *(Family)*
Wednesday: + Elizabeth Troy *(Jan & Marie Juchno)*
Thursday: + Jack Glancey *(Peg Glancey)*
Friday: + Thomas Duffy *(Ron & Grace Hartman)*

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 26th Envelopes \$5,519 * E-Giving \$1,651

June 2nd Envelopes \$4,320 * E-Giving \$1,484

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Jun 10: Prayer Shawl – Marian Room – 7:00pm

Tue. Jun 11: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

Wed. Jun 12: 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

A working mother comes home tired and weary. Seeing her small son from the playschool jumping in joy she carried him in smilingly, played with him, gave him edibles, and started the evening works. No sooner had she prepared the supper and had a bath; loud noise of the bike horn came. She opened the gate for the husband with a grin. He looked rather weak and dull. She took his baggage and asked, "Is everything fine?" He broke down in tears and shared with her the problem. She took him in her arms, and all sat for prayer. She thanked God for all the blessings, and then they sat for supper. The boy told his mother and father, "Mom, Dad, thank you."

In today's context communion is beyond enmities, frustrations, and weariness. And it seems impossible. But then when we have grateful hearts and smiling faces, we certainly can make it possible. The first reading narrates the 'enmity between the serpent and the woman, between its offspring and hers. This could be well compared with the woman's tiredness and the man's problems. In the face of all the weakness and mortality, like Paul, she does not lose heart. Jesus' enemies accuse Jesus of using the power of Satan. But Jesus conveys the power of communion with His Father.

Let us pray for ourselves saying, "Lord our loving Father and Mother, may all our daily endeavors be focused on our Spiritual Communion. We believe that You are present in every soul. We embrace You as if You were already there. Never permit us to be separated from You". 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen Pepkowski**



Eternal Rest

Grant to them, O LORD and may perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



THANK YOU MR. JOHN KUKLINSKI OF RELATIONSHIPS PHOTOGRAPHY.

You went above and beyond our expectations once again and took beautiful photographs of the children receiving their sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

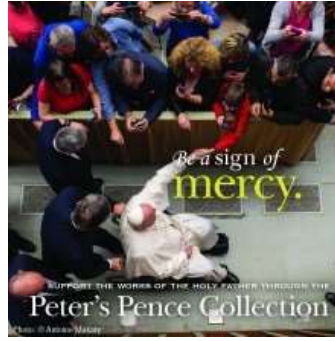
God's Blessings be Upon You Always!



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



PLEASE SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

MANNA SUNDAY June 15th & 16th to Support the Lord's Pantry

Manna Bags for The Lord's Pantry are available for pick-up in the Narthex. this weekend, June 8th & 9th.



Please take one and fill up with non-perishable items only. Some suggested items: canned soups/stews, Gatorade, juice boxes, canned meats/vegetables/fruits, rice, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, pork & beans, bread/cake mixes, cooking oil, powdered milk or eggs, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, paper towels, toilet paper, aspirin.

Please bring the Manna Bags back next weekend, June 15th & 16th. You can drop the bags off in the Marian Room at the church. Thank you for your generosity and kindness towards our neighbors who are struggling to feed their families.

**PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS
PLEASE STOP BY!**



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



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of June 9th
TEAM 2**

This is a once per month commitment.

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 if you are available. **Thank you!**

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The LAY READER MINISTRY Needs You!

The SJB Lay Reader Ministry has 12 volunteers who participate in weekend and/or Holy Day Masses, by summarizing the Readings and Gospel for the Day, presenting the Readings, Prayers of the Faithful and weekly announcements. For scheduling, a Ministry app is used where Mass times, days, frequency to be scheduled, and dates not to be scheduled can be specified. The App provides schedule reminders, audio & written versions of the Readings, and a tool to request a substitute when needed. A workbook of Readings is also provided. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Marie Burke: marieburke@ptd.net

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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

**LANCASTER TRIP TO
KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

Lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant. Turkey Hill Experience including ice cream. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 8:30am and returns approximately 6:30pm. The cost is \$108 per person. Payment is due when the reservation is made.

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JUNE 15TH & 16TH, 2024

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Rita & Martin Elsner Christine Wimpenny	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Tom Keller Donna Nice	Jeanne Keller	Justin Nice Need 2 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer Joan Black	Ward Van Haute	Audrey, Hezekiah and Max Van Haute	Katie Minster Karen Parash



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, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Barbara Sabath, 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:

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, 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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