

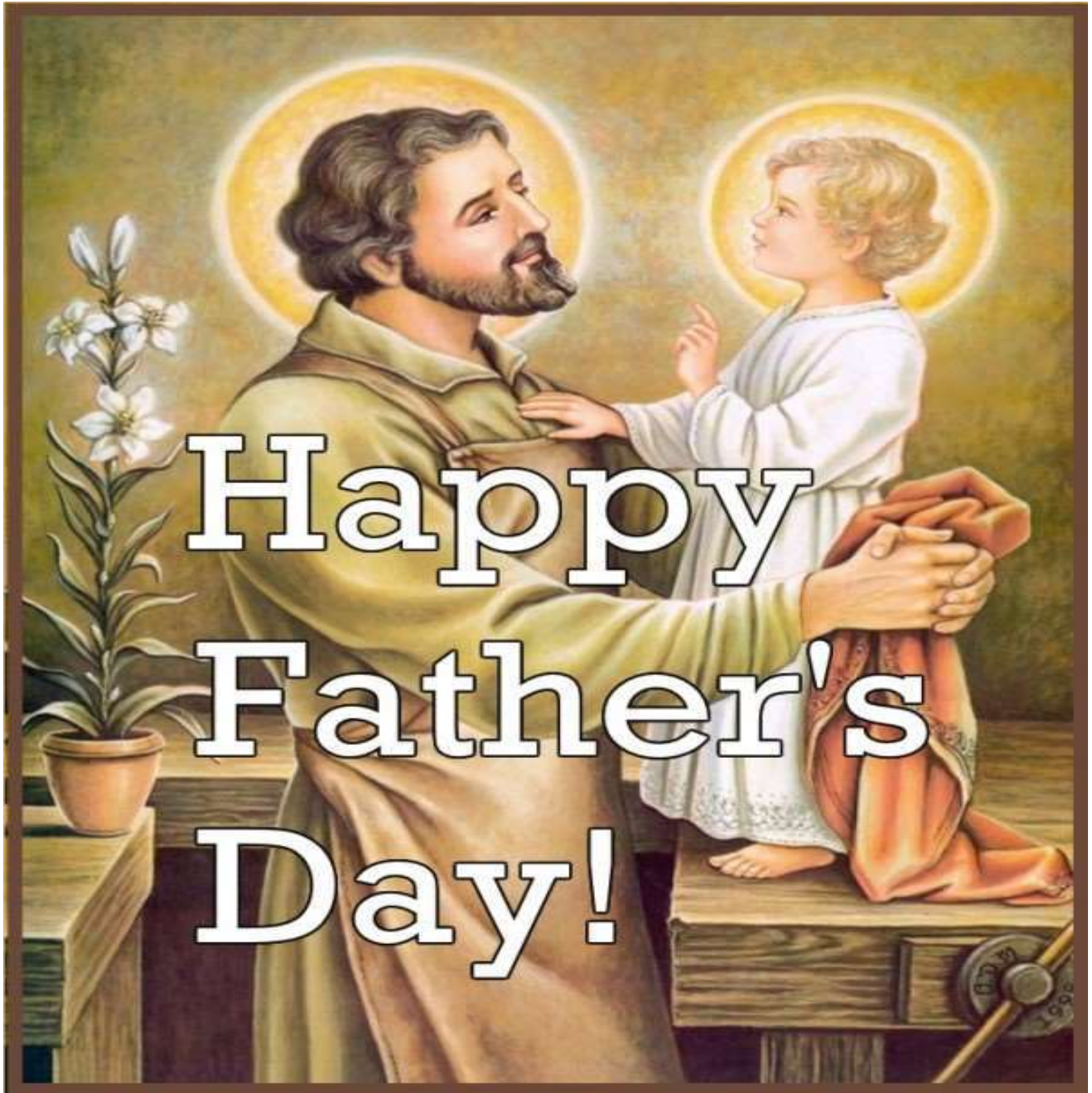
June 16th, 2024 – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.

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PARISH STAFF

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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 17th – June 23rd, 2024

Monday: + Elaine Jocelyn (*Janet Reidler & Family*)
Tuesday: + Elizabeth Corcoran (*Kosmin Family*)
Wednesday: + Sandy Kern (*Jan & Marie Juchno*)
Thursday: + John Reidler (*Loving Wife & Family*)
Friday: + Dr. John Choby (*Joe Werner & Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Jack Glancey (*Betty Fleck*)
Sunday 8am: + Elaine Jocelyn (*Bernadette Strzelecki*)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm
The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

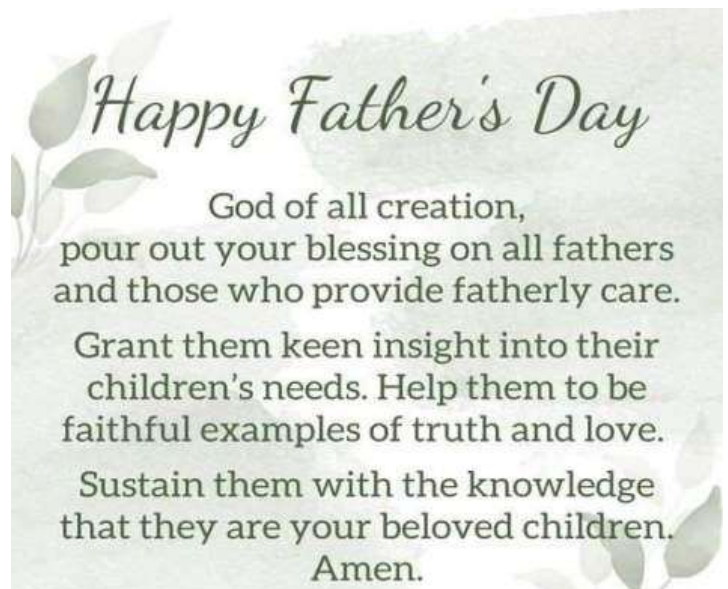
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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Jun 18: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm
Wed. Jun 19: 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!



FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Gospel reading reveals to us God's mysterious ways of establishing His Kingdom, like the growth of the seed. There are familiar metaphors used here, such as the seed, plant, tree, mountain and birds unfolding realistically the qualities and the aspects of the Kingdom of God. The seed is small and full of life. The plant is the visible growth of the seed. The tree is fully grown to give shade and shelter. The birds enjoy the fruit and the shelter. All these describe the wonders of God's Kingdom.

The readings focus on the eschatological period, calling us to reflect on the mysterious growth of God's Kingdom here and now. How do we recognize it amidst the multifaceted society is a challenging task. Given the obstacles we face from political, religious, and socio-economic issues which are not so hope giving, we might lose hope. And yet, we need to see the invisible things happening in and around us. St. Paul invites us in the second reading that we need 'to live by faith and not by sight'.

The role that we need to play is to assist in the growth of the faith and allow the divine grace to flow into the lives of many by being with the people in hopelessness, misery and sufferings. It is only by our hope that we may enjoy like birds of the air, the blessings of God. We can only be the hope of the hopeless if we live and act in hope.

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.



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

**THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT ST. JOHN THE
BAPTIST CHURCH ON SATURDAY,
MARCH 15TH, 2025, DURING THE
VIGIL MASS.**

**ADULTS AND YOUTH OF 7TH GRADE OR
OLDER, WHO ARE BAPTIZED
PRACTICING CATHOLICS, WHO HAVE
NOT YET RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT
OF CONFIRMATION, AND WHO DESIRE
TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION IN 2025, AND WHO
ARE NOT PRESENTLY ENROLLED IN
P.R.E.P., ARE ASKED TO CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE: 610-847-5521 TO
DECLARE INTENTION TO RECEIVE THE
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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

MANNA SUNDAY to Support the Lord's Pantry PLEASE BRING YOUR MANNA BAGS BACK THIS WEEKEND.



You can drop them 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.



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of June 16th
TEAM 3**

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 **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 & 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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MASS, ROSARY, CONFESSION and LUNCHEON (free).

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Saturday, September 14, 2024

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3:10pm conclusion

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For full details and registration information
see stpaulcenter.com/lansdale2024



PRO-LIFE MASS & RALLY FOR LIFE!

You are invited to join the pro-life community as we
gather for a special Mass at the Cathedral in
Philadelphia, followed by a March to Independence
Mall and a Rally for Life.

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

Schedule:

09:00 am - Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral

10:30 am - March to Independence Mall

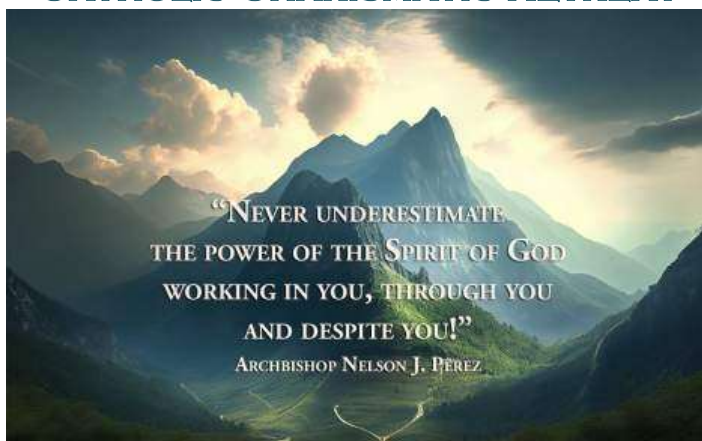
**11:30 am - Pro-Life Rally at Independence Mall with music &
guest speakers**

As part of these events there will be a collection at the
Cathedral of items needed by moms & babies that will
then be distributed at Philly's Biggest Baby Shower in
September.

MASS - MARCH - RALLY

Please participate in one or all of these events on
June 22nd as we promote the Right to Life and pray
for moms & babies. (prolifeunion.org)

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RETREAT



Friday, June 21st to Sunday, June 23rd, 2024

Malvern Retreat House Family Life Center

315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern PA 19355

**Speakers: Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
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For more info or to register go to

Events – ArchphilaCCR

**or call Malvern Retreat House directly
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JUNE 22ND & 23RD, 2024

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Lisa Saxton	Kim Zampirri	Rita & Martin Elsner Christine Wimpenny	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Need 2 Volunteers	Marie Burke	Gretchen Meyers Need 2 Volunteers	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Laura Gumprecht	Sean Lynch	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	Needed



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 Klings, 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 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, 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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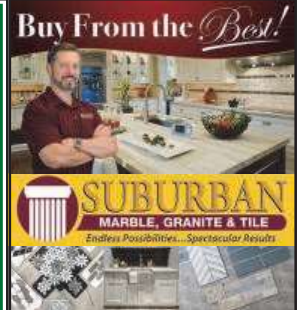
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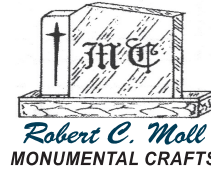
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