

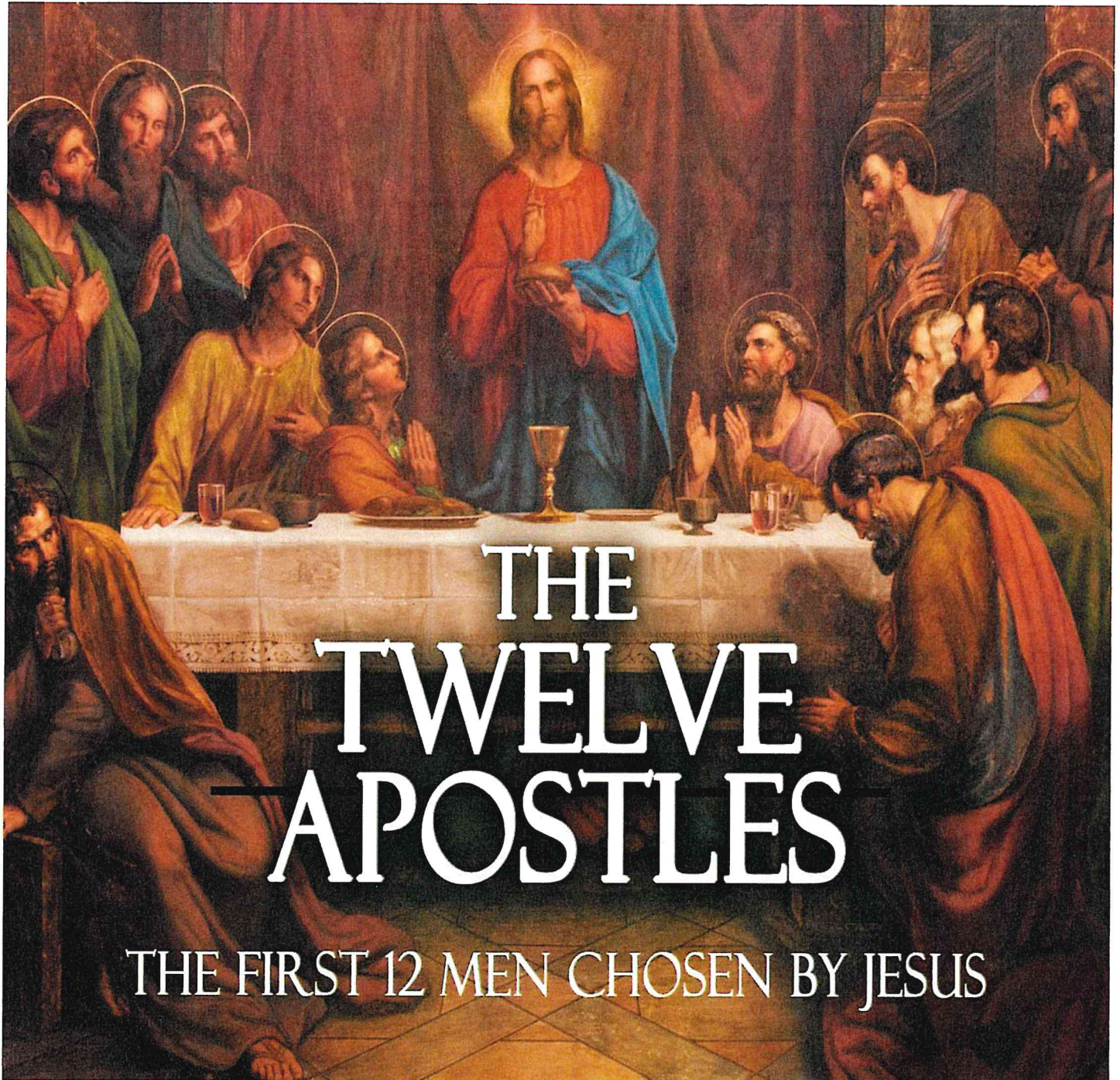
June 18th, 2023 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran
Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpock
Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese
Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

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 19 – June 25, 2023

Monday: + Robert Bell (*Prayer Shawl Ministry*)
Tuesday: + John Reidler "Happy Anniversary"
(*Loving Wife Janet*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Richard Angello (*Friends*)
Thursday: + Robert Bell (*Friends*)
Friday: + Henry Tancredi (*Loving Wife*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: + Fr. Thomas Gumprecht
(*Laura Gumprecht*)
Sunday 10:30am: + Henry Tancredi (*Loving Wife*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9am – 5pm

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 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

June 11th: Envelopes \$3,643
 E-Giving \$1,733

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Thu. Jun 22: Evangelization Book Club – Church – 7:00pm
Sat. Jun 24: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am
Sun. Jun 25: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2:00pm



A Prayer for the People of the Ukraine

We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed. O most glorious ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of you, He enlighten and save our souls.



From your Pastor

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so, too, the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

Sincerely in Our Lord

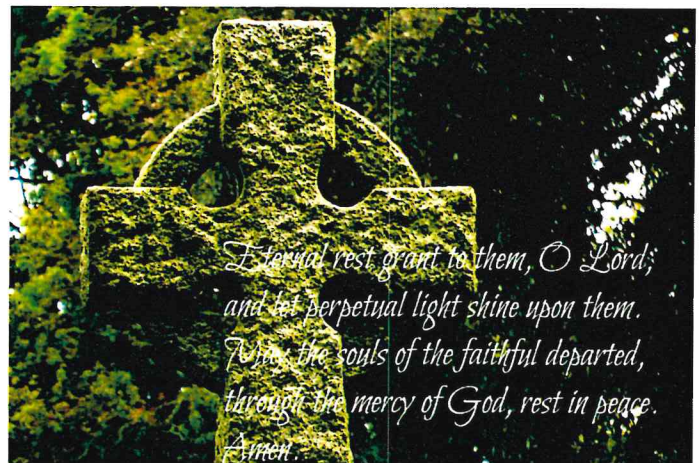
REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

ALICE GODOWN

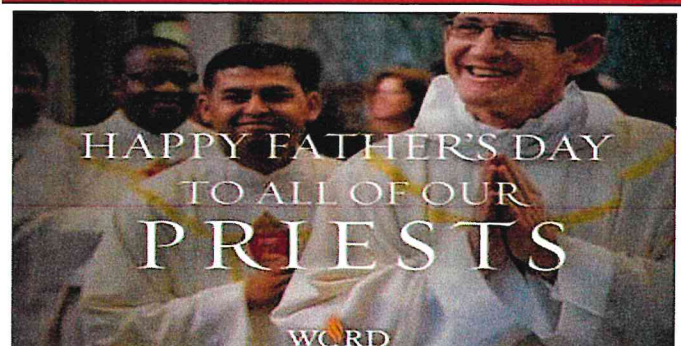


MANNA SUNDAY June 17th & 18th
to Support the Lord's Pantry

**Please bring your
Manna bags back
this weekend.**

Please 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

God Bless You!





Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus Father Stommel Council # 4545 is having a Membership Drive at St. John the Baptist Church this Sunday, June 18th, 2023.

Please take a moment to chat with one of our Knights to learn about all the benefits of becoming a member. Or, for more information, contact Grand Knight Bill Saxton or email KofC4545@aol.com.

Our Council meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30pm.

Who are the Knights of Columbus ?

*A fraternal organization of Roman Catholic parishioners.

What do the Knights of Columbus accomplish ?

*We put our Catholic faith into action in support of traditional values that help our families, support our parishes and members, and improve our community.

*Promote Pro-Life education, pregnancy counseling and the equal rights for babies in the womb.

*Assist with capital improvement projects at our churches.

*Plan and promote fundraising activities in support of our missions.

How much time and money are involved in joining ?

*We meet two times a month, the 1st Monday of the month for financial matters and the 3rd Monday of the month for the general membership meeting. Both typically last 1-2 hours.

*We are currently offering one year dues-free for all new members to get to know us.

Why join the Knights of Columbus ?

*Make a difference in our world by serving others.

*Add your voice to the 2 million fellow members defending your values and faith.

*Protect your family with exclusive access to financial investments and insurance policies.

*Deepen your faith by interacting with like-minded individuals, access to print and digital Catholic resources and participation in our activities.

If you would like to strengthen your family, help our parishes and our community; or just have any questions please contact Council # 4545 Grand Knight Bill Saxton or email us at: KofC4545@aol.com.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
DORIS VORHAUER
AND
CARL "CHUCK" VORHAUER, JR.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. 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 doing the Prayers to St. Peregrine.

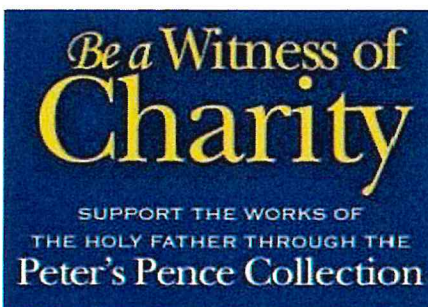
Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.

Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



Are you or your family member 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.



The second collection envelope this weekend is for Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence Collection is a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. Thank you and God Bless.

Online Contributing Made Easy



Visit our website www.stjohnsottsville.org and click on the above link. Follow the prompts to join our **e-giving program**. For more information please call the Parish Office.



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of June 18th
TEAM 1**

This is a once per month commitment.

PREP

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic schools or at-home secular learning experiences, is provided at St. John the Baptist on Monday evenings, from September through May. New Student Registration is available on Tuesdays in June and July, from 2:00PM to 7:00 PM at the Parish Office. New Students are those children who are entering first grade, or students of older grades who have never attended Religious Education Classes at St. John the Baptist Parish.

To register, New Students will need:

- *Birth Certificate
- *Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. John the Baptist)
- *New Student Form (available on website)
- *Registration Fee (\$200. for one child; \$325. for two children of same family; \$450. for three or more children of one family).

New Students must register in person.

Returning Students may register by mail or in-person.

Classes for 2023-24 will begin on Monday, September 18th.



2023 Eucharistic Congress

**The Gift of Finest Wheat:
This is My Body Given Up for You**

The United States Catholic Bishops have designated this year as a time of renewal and revival of our belief and gratitude for the Gift of The Eucharist in our lives.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has planned a special day for ALL of the FAITHFUL to participate in this REVIVAL: *SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30* from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the *NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA*. Parishioners of Saint John the Baptist are invited and encouraged to share in this special day and to register at: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress



There will be talks on the Mystery of the Eucharist by compelling speakers including: Bishop Michael Burbidge, Mrs. Antonia Acutis (mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis), Dr. Edward Sri, Rev. Dennis Gill. A teen track (ages 14-17) and kids track (ages 6-13) are also planned.

Holy Mass at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez begins the day. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM concludes the day. There will be opportunities for Adoration, Confession and other Devotions. Please bring your own lunch and there is plenty of parking available.

Adults \$25.00 per person, no charge for youth under age 18.

Details/Registration: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress

JUNE 18TH, 2023 – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 24th & 25th, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist SATURDAY 5PM	Helene Bell Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Gretchen Meyers Christine Wimpenny Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Tom Keller Bea Romaszewski	Jeanne Keller	Need 3 Volunteers	Patty Leidner
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Patti Keyser	Jean Furmaniak Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau	Patty Leidner



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Melanie Fioretta, Tom Fleck, Gabriella Froehlich, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Stephen Holznagel, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Michael Moreni, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Linda Russo, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, William Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, 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, Jason Litschauer, Dan O'Connor, McKenna Pason, Dusty Rhodes, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, 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