

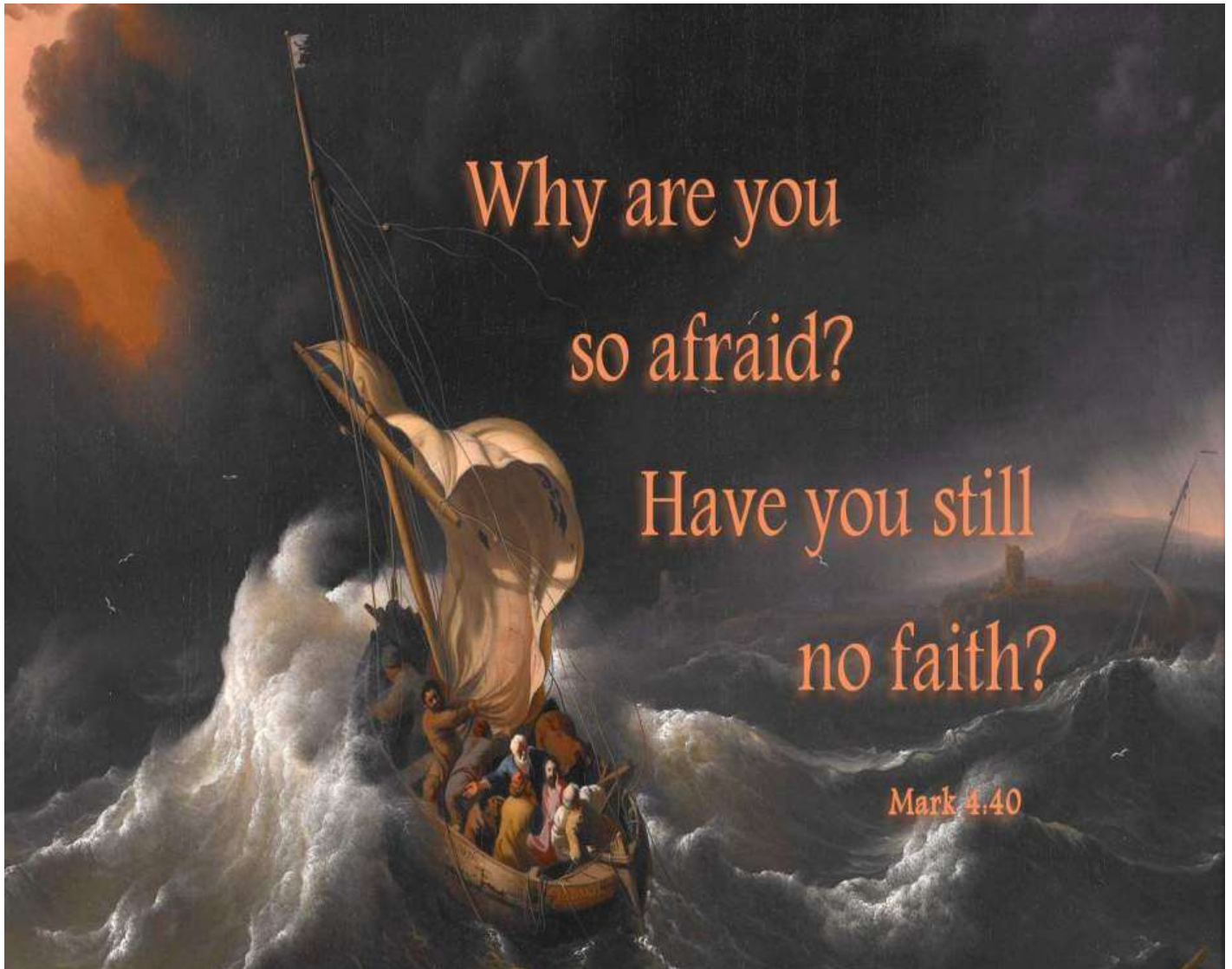
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
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Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok  
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 24<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Monday: Intentions of All Those Who Serve at St. John the Baptist Parish (Office Staff)  
Tuesday: † Elaine Jocelyn (Harold Rick)  
Wednesday: † Anthony Michael Caputo, Jr. (Lisa Simkanin)  
Thursday: † Elaine Jocelyn (Kosmin Family)  
Friday: † Souls of Purgatory (Maxine Vogan)

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm: † Matthew Carlin (Campbell Family)  
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions  
Sunday 10:30am: † Robert Benton (Patty Benton)

**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**

June 16<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$3,847 \* E-Giving \$1,456  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Wed. Jun 26: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm  
Thu. Jun 27: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – 6PM Work - 7PM Mtg

**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!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**



**LORETTA S. MALLOY**  
**AND**  
**ANNA LORRAINE LAMBING**

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

The movie ‘Silence’ is about two 17<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese missionaries who went to Japan. Amidst the cruel persecution and torture of the Christians, they cry out to God for help. But they don’t see any direct intervention of God in that situation and the persecution continues. The movie ends with a piercing question: “God, are you silent or are we praying to silence?”

The Psalmist had the same lament in Psalm 44: 23-24 – “Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not cast us off forever! Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?”

In the Gospel we see Jesus fast asleep in the boat when the disciples were terrified that the boat was going to break up due to the storm. The story highlights the stormy journey our faith has to make. In the present scenario, we are facing trouble from different groups. In such situations, our faith in Jesus is drowned by fear and we start doubting His presence amidst us. We need to remind ourselves that in such times Jesus may be asleep in our boat, but His love never leaves us. The real calmness disciples experienced, not in the sea but in their hearts, was when they realized Jesus was with them all the time.

God, life’s storms hit unexpectedly and toss me into a sea of chaos, doubt and anxiety. When the waves threaten to drown my little boat, Lord make me aware that I have You with me as my precious passenger. Let me hear Your voice saying: ‘Peace, be still’.

Sincerely in Our Lord

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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.

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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.*



**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)

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

**ADULTS AND YOUTH OF 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 SACRAMENT BY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OR EMAIL: [PREP@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG](mailto:PREP@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG)**

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**Contacts:** Patty: [pl\\_1967@hotmail.com](mailto:pl_1967@hotmail.com) (908) 500-3398  
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**Wk. of June 23<sup>rd</sup> TEAM 4**

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SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>	Kim Zampirri	Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Tom Keller	Jeanne Keller	<b>Need 3 Volunteers</b>	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Jim Black	Patti Keyser	Elia & Fatu Logaivau <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



**OUR SICK:**

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*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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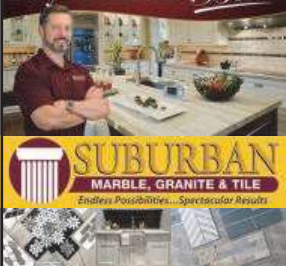
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