

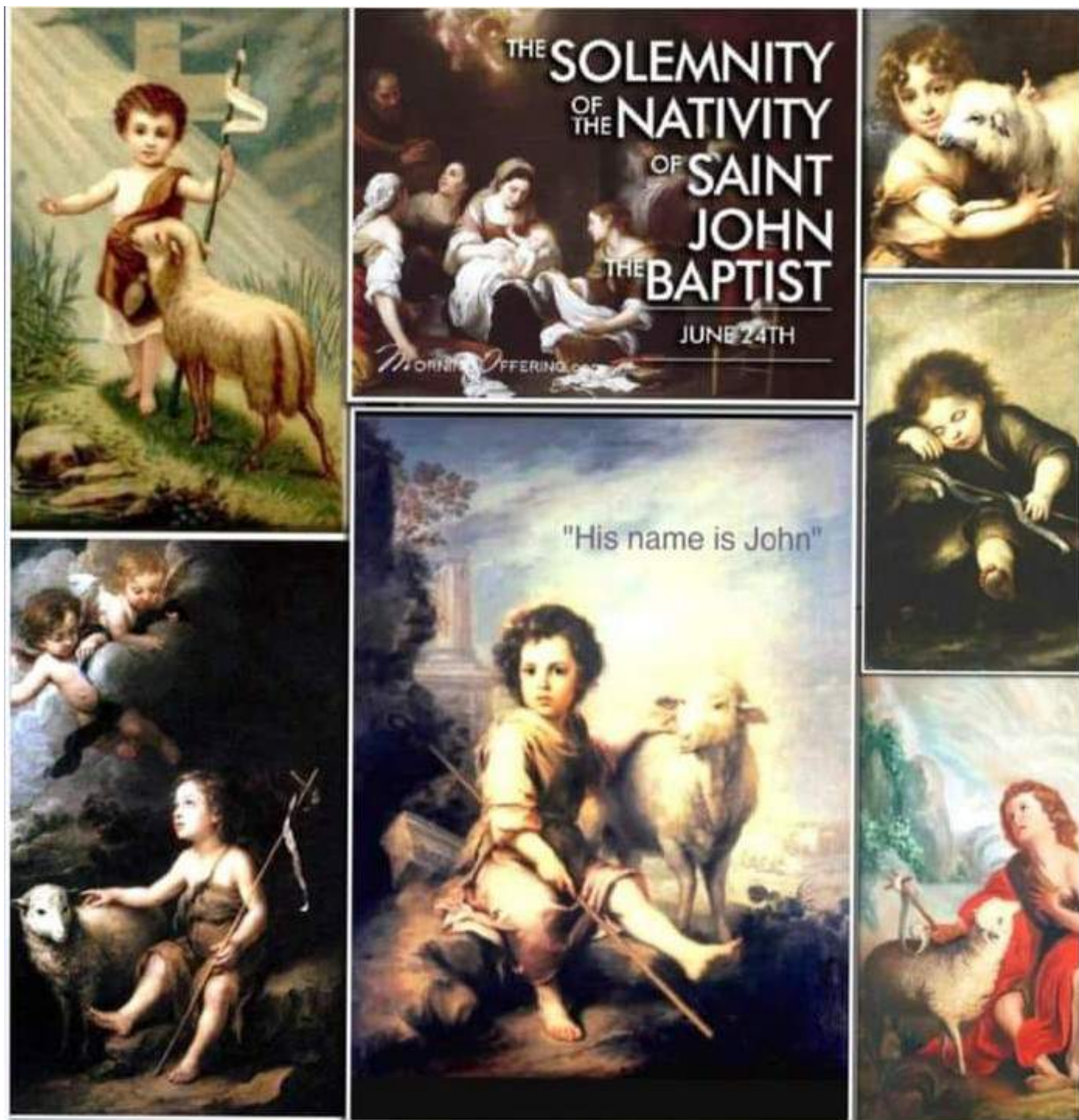
June 25th, 2023 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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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 26 – July 02, 2023

Monday: + Robert Bell (*Your Neighbor, Jerry Petritsch*)
Tuesday: + Antoinette Santone (*Kelly & John Kelly*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Mike & Cathy Moreni
(*Your Best Buddy, Jerry Petritsch*)
Thursday: + John Reidler, Sr. (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)
Friday: + Robert Benton (*Patricia Benton*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Jack Glancey (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: Intentions of Maxine Vogan
(*Jim & Joan Black*)

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 18th: Envelopes **Not Available**
 E-Giving **\$1,899**

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Jun 25: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2:00pm
Sat. Jul 01: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

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.

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

St. John the Baptist came as a light to the nations, to preach the salvation of God to the end of the earth (Is 49:6). In the Catholic church, three birthdays are celebrated, the birth of Jesus on 25th December, Mother Mary's on 8th September, and the birth of John the Baptist. John appeared as a forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ. He fulfilled God's plan of salvation.

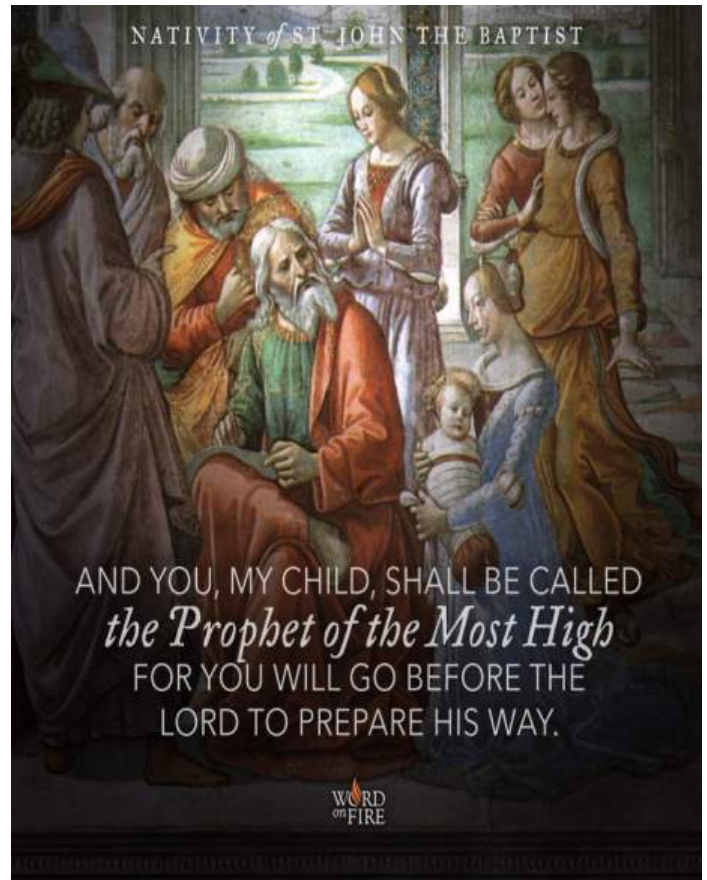
John the Baptist was named in the womb of his mother. That shows that he was chosen for God from conception. That means he had a special mission given by God. He condemned the wicked generation for their sinful acts and announced the good news of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was fearless even to condemn King Herod for keeping his brother's wife. He was a zealous missionary who proclaimed the coming of the Messiah.

When people considered himself as Messiah, he humbly denied any glory, welcomed Jesus Christ, and showed the people who the real Messiah is. Today we take the example of St. John the Baptist. We need to bring the same zeal and enthusiasm in our mission of building God's Kingdom on earth.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



**Missionaries of
the Sacred Heart
USA Province**

Save the date for the MSC
37th Annual Golf Tournament
on Friday, September 15th at the
Whitetail Golf Club.

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.**

Saints of the Week



Peter and **Paul** are the principal pillars of the Church. We celebrate the feast of their martyrdom on June 29.

Peter was son of Jona and brother of Andrew. He was a professional fisherman from Bethsaida, a fishing town on the Lake of Galilee or Gennesaret. He might have been a follower of John the Baptist. It was his brother, Andrew, who introduced him to Jesus, and Jesus who changed his name from Simon to Cephas or Peter. Jesus made Peter the leader of the apostles.

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus promised to make Peter the head of the Church, and the risen Jesus confirmed Peter's precedence. It was the Holy Spirit through Whose Presence and Power, Peter's speech on the day of the Pentecost, inaugurated the active life of the Church. Peter made missionary journeys to Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea. He also offered the decisive argument settling the question of Gentile converts and the Jewish Law at the first Council in Jerusalem. He wrote two epistles to the whole Church, and he was martyred in Rome by crucifixion under the emperor Nero.

Paul, the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and the greatest apostolic missionary, was a Roman citizen by birth, as he had been born in the Roman colony of Tarsus. His original name was Saul. As a Pharisee, he was sent to Jerusalem by his parents to study the Mosaic Law under the great rabbi Gamaliel. As a student, he learned the trade of tent-making. He was present at the stoning of Stephen and "*consented to*" this deed (Acts 8:1). But he was miraculously converted on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians.

He made several missionary journeys, converted hundreds of Jews and Gentiles and established Church communities. Paul wrote 14 epistles. He was arrested and kept in prison for two years in Caesarea and lived under house arrest for two more years in Rome. Finally, he was martyred by beheading at Tre Fontane in Rome.



St. Charles Borromeo Seminary 2022-2023 Appeal

Dear Father Lucas and Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,207.41 to the 2022-2023 Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Your contribution is a tangible source of encouragement to the seminarians and students as they aspire to become *servant leaders after the Heart of Jesus Christ*.

The seminary is alive, vibrant, and full of hope as we prepare to enter a new chapter, building on rigorous programs that focus on all dimensions of formation: intellectual; spiritual; human; pastoral. Your engagement allows our seminary to grow and to thrive in the Catholic community.

Again, thank you for your gift and your affirmation of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Please know that you and your loved ones are remembered daily in our Masses and prayers.

Fraternally in Christ,
Rev. Keith Chylinski, Rector



Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition

Dear Father Lucas,

We want to thank the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for supporting our Mother's Day Rose Sale. We also want to express a big thank you to all the volunteers who help to organize the sale of roses at the parish masses. The generous \$290.00 donation proceeds will be a big help in our monthly commitment to support several agencies in Bucks County and nearby counties. With your help and the help of your parishioners, this became more possible!

Sincerely, *Christina Doherty*
Treasurer, Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition

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.



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:
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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

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| SATURDAY 5PM | Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey | Jane Ferry | Jean Furmaniak Brady Mattle Need 1 Volunteer | Patty Leidner Karen Parash |
| SUNDAY 8AM | Jim McHugh Renee Moyer | Anita Colahan | Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers | Laura Fleck Karen Parash |
| SUNDAY 10:30AM | Frank Balbirer Anne Luna | Tony Luna | Melissa Demusz Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna | Katie Minster Karen Parash |



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, 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:

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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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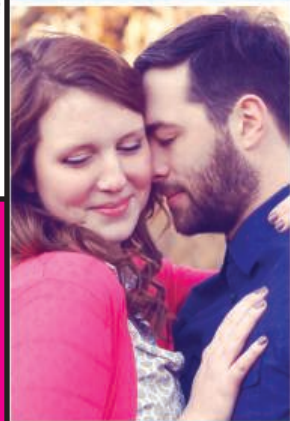
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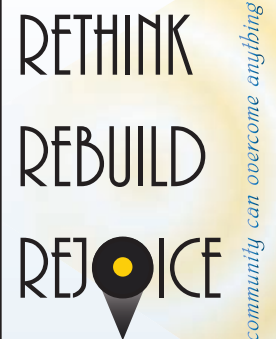
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