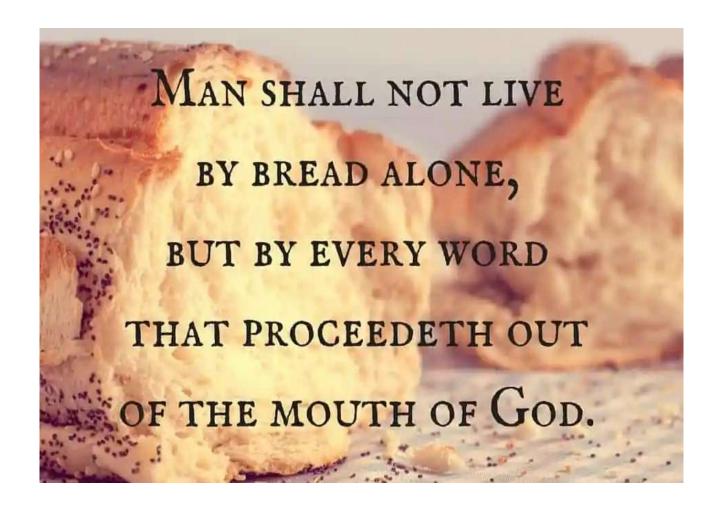
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MASS TIMES

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

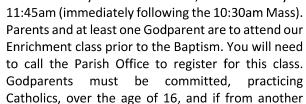
CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or by appt.

<u>Register in the Parish</u>: Please contact the Parish Office

to register when you move into our parish.

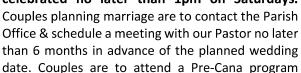
<u>Certificates of Eligibility</u>: May be issued only to registered parishioners who currently reside within our parish boundaries, who have been registered parishioners at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, who have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their 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 at



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.



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 March 10th – March 16th, 2025

Monday: Intentions of The Froman Family (Marion Passman)

Tuesday: † Joe Cegielski (Dorothy & Bonnie)
Wednesday: † Betty Wismer (Husband Ed)
Thursday: † Bill Saxton (Georgina Puente)

Friday: + Jack Wanjek (Regina Academy Faculty & Staff)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Intentions of the 2025 Confirmation Class

Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 10:30am: + Jerry & Elizabeth Petritsch (Geri Petrei)



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

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

March 2nd – Envelopes \$6,266 - E-Giving \$1,707 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Mar 10: Prayer Shawl - Marian Rm - 7:00pm

Tue. Mar 11: Viewing of *The Chosen* - Marian Rm - 7:00pm

Wed. Mar 12: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am

Wed. Mar 12: Intercessory Prayer * -Chapel & Zoom- 6:30pm

* EMAIL LAURA AT <u>sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org</u> TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.

Wed. Mar 12: Evangelization Team Mtg-St. Augustine Rm/Zoom-7pm



Our Lenten Bible study this year will be the document 'Hope Does Not Disappoint' by Pope Francis. This is the Pope's

proclamation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Come join us on Sundays at 9:15am *starting March 9th*. Sign up in the Narthex.

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!



CONFESSIONS
AT 6:30PM &
MASS IN THE CHAPEL
AT 7:00 PM
ON WEDNESDAYS
DURING LENT.

From your Pastor

We believe that whoever calls Jesus Christ in their struggles, temptations and problems will surely be saved because salvation is made available to all in and through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Jesus being fully divine and fully human except in sin overcame the tests of devil with the help of the Abba experience at his baptism.

After the Abba experience at the baptism, Jesus is led to the desert and was tempted thrice. It was here that Jesus first and foremost overcomes the temptation of power, the temptation of honor and status, and finally the temptation of authority. If we look at the world outside, we can see various glimpses of temptations such as a beggar feeling tempted to steal a piece of bread to satiate his hunger, a person with an inferior self-image feels tempted to attain more power and positions so that he could be well respected in society.

A young man is tempted by worldly things, a diabetic is tempted to indulge in eating sweets, a crooked person is tempted to put on the facade of being holy only externally and so on. Let us introspect oneself what is my long-lasting temptation that destroys my peace and my relationship with God and with others? In the first reading as Israel called on the Lord in their suffering to redeem them, similarly we also call the Lord to redeem us from the deadly temptations that come our way.

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 us to 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 to St. Peregrine for those who are suffering from cancer and other diseases.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.

Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



Are you or a family member unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion? If you'd 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.

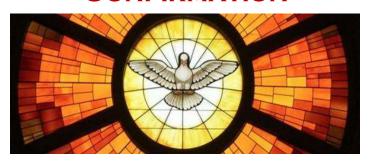


All are Welcome to our Parish's Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent at 6pm in the Narthex. We will serve soup, crackers, bread & desserts. Afterwards, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for those who can help set up at 5:30 and for anyone who can bring soup & desserts for dinner. For information, please call Mary at 215-896-4034.

Thank you & God bless!

2025 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Next Saturday Evening, March 15th, at the 5:00 P.M. Mass, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on ten youth of our parish. Archbishop Nelson Pérez is scheduled to celebrate the Mass and to administer the Sacrament. All are invited to worship with us and to participate in this great parish event. Archbishop Pérez will joyfully greet parishioners after Mass in the Narthex.

Come! Praise God! Worship Him! FEAST DAY HIGHLIGHT FOR THE



How can we celebrate the Feast of our spiritual father? Perhaps by spending time reflecting upon his life and his "yes" to the Lord in becoming the foster father for Jesus here on earth.

THIS WEEKEND! 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!





We'll be selling and taking orders for gift cards after all the Masses this weekend. Please visit us in the Narthex to get your order form and sign-up for program benefits! Thank you!

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



During March, would you please consider donating Paper Towels, Toilet Paper & Tissues to benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staples. We believe

that with God's blessings and the help of our community, we can show our support for those most in need. Thank you for your generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

MARCH PRO-LIFE PROMOTION



Each weekend in March the Pro-Life Ministry will be selling gifts cards for Saint Margaret of Castello Maternity Home. This Maternity Home is a residential

home for pregnant women offering support, guidance, and physical security in a loving atmosphere throughout a woman's pregnancy. We also provide services to pregnant women and parents in the community. Our services are free of charge. Please visit our table in the Narthex for the list of gift cards needed. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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An Invitation from... Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Brothers and Sisters,

Please join me and sign up for a conversation about our Church. Your voice and presence are essential as we plan a new way forward together as the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. Join an Info Session to Share Your Thoughts.

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Archbishop Pérez recently released a pastoral letter, at the core of which is a call to a pastoral change of heart, a conversion to the lifestyle and mindset of a missionary disciple. The letter shares with us the Archbishop's vision for the future of the Church of Philadelphia through an introduction to the initiative known as "The Fourth Way". It also inaugurates a period of consultation regarding this initiative. The Archbishop's letter and video can be found on the website trustandhope.org.

All Catholics of the Archdiocese are invited to attend a consultation session to learn more about this plan and offer your input. Dates, locations and registration for the consultation sessions can be found on the website. The closest sessions are at:

- St. Agnes, Sellersville, PA Thursday, March 20th -6:30 – 8:30pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA Thursday, April 24th - 6:30 – 8:30pm



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(Friday eve, Saturday & Sunday)

TIME: Friday 7pm Mar 28th - Sunday 4pm Mar 30th
WHERE: Ave Maria Retreat House at the
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Friday evening snacks are provided by the Evangelization team.

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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

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Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm. For information or to join, contact

Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email KofC4545@aol.com

MARCH 15TH & 16TH, 2025

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM Confirmation Mass	TBD	TBD	TBD	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna & Natalie Nice	Marie Burke	Alexander & Justin Nice 1 Volunteer Needed	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Samantha Campbell Melissa Demusz Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna Christine Wimpenny	Laura Fleck Karen Parash



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Lou Bucci, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camillier, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maryanne Comly, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jimmy O'Hanlon, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, Judy Woodroffe

> If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone you know, please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 or email tojo@epix.net.

If someone no longer needs prayers, please advise the Parish Office so that we may keep the list up to date.

May God protect and watch over our troops **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

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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