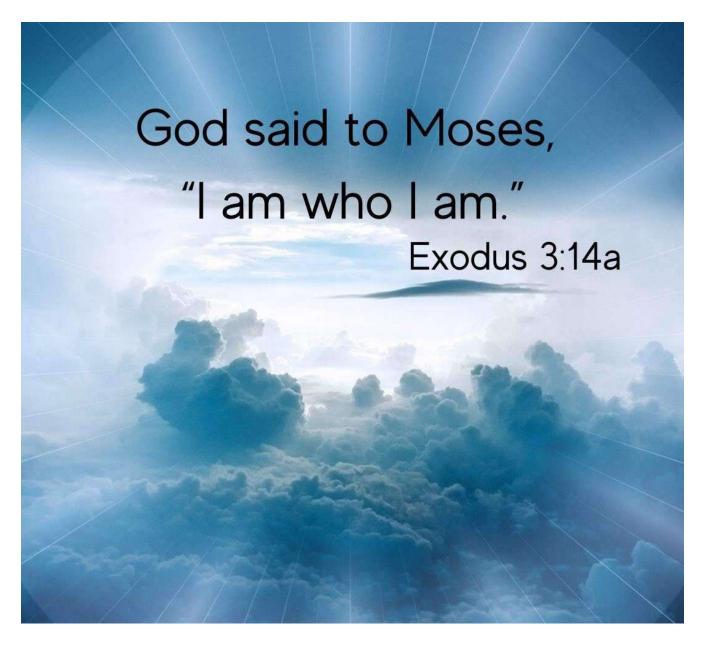
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MARCH 23RD, 2025 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

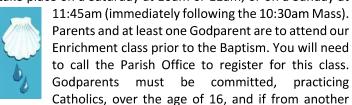
CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or by appt.

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

to register when you move into our parish.

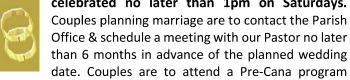
<u>Certificates of Eligibility</u>: May be issued only to registered parishioners who currently reside within our parish boundaries, who have been registered parishioners at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, who have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their 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 24th - March 30th, 2025

Monday: * Bill Saxton (Georgina Puente)

Tuesday: † Robert Anton Leidner (Sue Rogers & SJB Choir)

Wednesday: + Vic Petrei (Geri Petrei)

Thursday: † Marie Louzon (Georgina Puente)
Friday: Special Intentions (Dan & Maryann Hauber)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Cathy Kasnel (Rachel Cormier)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: INTENTIONS OF....
Frank Balbirer (Marion Passman)

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 16th – Envelopes \$4,082 - E-Giving \$1,511 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Mar 23: Lenten Bible Study –St Augustine Rm- 9:15am **Tue. Mar 25:** Viewing of *The Chosen* - Marian Rm – 6:15pm

Tue. Mar 25: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm **Wed. Mar 26**: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am

Wed. Mar 26: Intercessory Prayer * -Chapel & Zoom- 6:30pm

* EMAIL LAURA AT sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO

JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.

Thu. Mar 27: Garden Club Mtg –St Augustine Rm-7pm

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!



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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF NANCY MORENO

A Funeral for Nancy, sister of Kathy Angello, will take place at St. John the Baptist Parish on Monday, March 24th at 11:00am. The interment will take place in Western Pennsylvania.

From your Pastor

Grace qualifies the unqualified. This thought instantly comes to mind when we read this passage of encounter between the Burning Bush and Moses. Moses, a frightened fugitive, while shepherding his flock, encountered God, the YHWH. God reveals Himself to Moses - the theophany. God was inviting Moses to take part in His caring and compassionate mission of liberating his people. Moses becomes aware of his own limitations.

God's call and His promise of accompaniment encourage Moses to respond affirmatively to the mission ahead. God calls Moses to enter into the transcendental holiness. God knows our hearts. He knows us in our limitedness, yet He invites us all and fills those dark sides with His radiant presence.

While the crowd-culture takes over law in their hands, the Spirit of God is inviting us to challenge that mighty crowd-culture. Our state of being might also be like that of Moses. We will have the same fear as Moses had; we will be asking the same questions which Moses asked i.e. 'Who am I' and 'What am I supposed to tell people?'. God will be with us. He will speak through us. Are we ready to remove our comfort zones and walk in the presence of Him?

God wants to speak to us, pours out his love for us, reveals his plans for us and wants to lead us to our destination for which we are created.

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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.



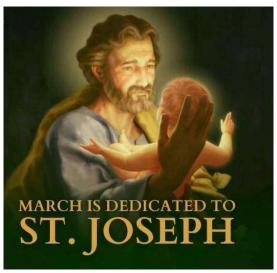
CONFESSIONS
AT 6:30PM &
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IN THE CHAPEL
ON WEDNESDAYS
DURING LENT.



Our Lenten Bible study this year will be the document 'Hope Does Not Disappoint' by Pope Francis. This is the proclamation for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Come join us on Sundays at 9:15am. Sign up in the Narthex.

FEAST DAY HIGHLIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



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.

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 SAINT MARGARET Ministry will be selling gifts cards for Saint Margaret of Castello Maternity Home. This Maternity Home is a residential home for

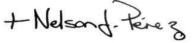
pregnant women offering support, guidance, and physical security in a loving atmosphere throughout a woman's pregnancy. We also provide services to pregnant women and parents in the community. Our services are free of charge. Please visit our table in the Narthex for the list of gift cards needed. THANK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



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.



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 session is at:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA -Thursday, April 24th - 6:30 - 8:30pm



Congratulations to our new, fully initiated members of the Church who are filled with the Holy Spirit!

These youth received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday, March 15th at Saint John the Baptist Church. Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez administered the Sacrament.

Joseph Michael Carlo Brigidi
Cheyenne Rose Anne Frankenfield
Colby Jordan Teresa Graber
Francis Shea Olaf Loughran
Sean Brendan Francis Loughran
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Friday 7pm Mar 28th - Sunday 4pm Mar 30th at Ave Maria Retreat House at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

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FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH:

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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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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish from 6:15PM-7:30PM. Parents of New Students (1st graders or students who have never attended Religious Education at SJB) should contact the Religious Education Office at 610-847-5521 or prep@stjohnsottsville.org to arrange an appt. to register. To register a New Student, parents need the child's Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at

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MARCH 29TH & 30TH, 2025

The 4th Sunday of Lent

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam Crews Lynn Gammello Lisa Saxton	Christina Crews	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Nancy Kaczinski Bea Romaszewski	Marie Burke	Blake & Max Nowicki Need 1 Volunteer	Cantor & Musician Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Wendy DeGroot Patty Salva	Ward Van Haute	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	Ordinary Time



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, Christie Feikel, 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, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, 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.

OUR TROOPS:



May God protect and watch over 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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