

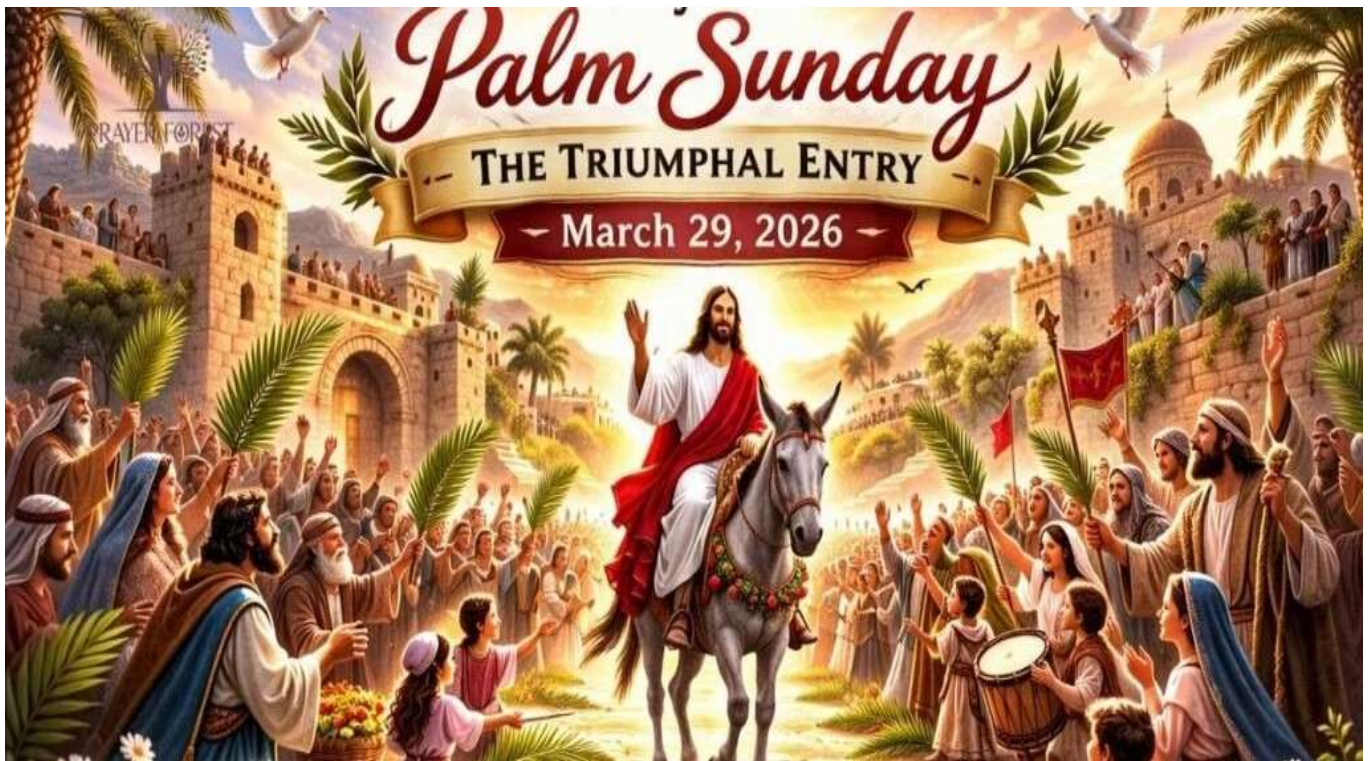
MARCH 29TH, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!

**Fr. Lucas and the parish family of St. John the Baptist
would like to welcome all our visitors and new members.**

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PARISH STAFF

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Mon- Fri: 9:00am (Thursday at old St. John's Church)
Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm
CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:20pm or by appt.

Register in the Parish Please contact the Parish Office to register when you move into our parish.

Certificates of Eligibility to act as Godparent or Sponsor may be issued only to registered parishioners who have been registered here at St. John the Baptist Parish at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their faith in our parish. If married, your marriage must have been witnessed and blessed by a Catholic Priest or have special permission approved by the Archbishop. A person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason is not eligible to be a sponsor and, therefore, we cannot issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism may be scheduled to take place on a Saturday at 10am or 11am; or on a Sunday at 11:45am (immediately following the 10:30am Mass). 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 March 30th – April 5th, 2026

Monday: Intentions of Joan Beebe (*A Friend*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Paulette Frankfield (*A Friend*)
Wednesday: † Chris Leahy (*Family*)
HOLY THURSDAY: Parishioners' Intentions
GOOD FRIDAY: Parishioners' Intentions

Easter Weekend Masses

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 8pm: Parishioners' Intentions
EASTER SUNDAY 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
EASTER SUNDAY 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND
EASTER MONDAY.

No PREP ON MONDAY. APRIL 6TH.

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas, through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

March 22nd - Envelopes \$3,979 - E-Giving \$1,774
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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Mar 29: Lenten Bible Study – Marian Rm - 9:15pm
Tue. Mar 31: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Apr 01: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am



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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE **MONDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 6:30PM**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available this Monday for all who desire to receive the Sacrament in preparation for Easter. Children of the Parish Religious Education Program will be participating during their class time.

Peace and Joy are among the fruits of this Sacrament.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT



CONFESSIONS
AT 6:30PM
MASS AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CHAPEL

From Your Pastor-



Today's readings help us learn about the importance of the coming of Jesus into this world. So, the Jews had been longing for a great leader, like one of their Kings of old, who would lead them to victory against the Roman invaders. They thought that Jesus might be that leader. At this time of Passover many Jews gathered in Jerusalem to remember how God had saved them from slavery. But the actions of Jesus are crystal clear that he is no earthly king or soldier – he comes as the King of peace, love and forgiveness.

This is why he chose to enter the city by riding on a donkey, commonly used for carrying loads, rather than a battle horse. It is important at this time of focusing on the agony and desolation of the passion, that we also remember the fact of the resurrection, as described by the evangelists and witnesses who viewed it from the perspective of the risen Christ ascending into glory.

Jesus continued proclaiming the truth even if it meant he would die. He went through rejection, misunderstanding and violence by others and he experienced loneliness. When we are rejected or upset, note the emotion we feel at that moment. It is indescribable. We can very well recall how Christ experienced that particular emotion and draw strength by knowing we are walking with Christ. He goes before us always. We know through his death came his resurrection. As we journey through difficult times, we are reminded that new life is emerging.

Let us pray for the grace that the Passion of Jesus inspires us to know how much he loves us. Lord, give us the strength to surrender our sinful self to you.

**Yours in Jesus Christ,
Rev. S. Lucas, MSC
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish**



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.

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!

Good Friday

The Chapel will be open between 9AM and 12 Noon for anyone who would like to spend time in prayer with our Lord.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM

Good Friday April 3rd

Veneration of the Cross, 3PM

Stations of the Cross follows immediately.

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday, April 4th, 8PM

Easter Sunday Masses April 5th, 8AM & 10:30AM

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**GOD'S
BLESSINGS
ON THE
BAPTISMS OF**

**DIANA JANE MAHONY
VALERIE HELEN MAHONY**
**BAPTIZED ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 22, 2026**

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



**Would you please consider
donating these items:**

**Chunky soups
condiments (ketchup, mustard,
salad dressings, mayo)**

**coffee * tea * juice * cream of mushroom soup
canned chicken/ham * whole tomatoes * shampoo
snacks * laundry detergent * scalloped potatoes**

Giant or dollar store gift cards are also appreciated!

You will 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 loving generosity! **God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers**



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of March 29th
TEAM 1**

This is a once per month commitment.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545
meets every 3rd Monday at 7:30pm.
For information or to join, Contact
Grand Knight Mark Janik
KofC4545@aol.com



A Message from The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Greetings from across campus,

This past week has been a tremendous blessing for our entire Regina Academy community. We had the privilege of holding our own week of perpetual Adoration. The Academy began with Holy Mass on Monday morning, celebrated by Father Jomar, and then processed to the music room, where our Adoration chapel was lovingly prepared for the week. The Blessed Sacrament remained exposed until its solemn closing on Friday at 3:00 PM.

We are deeply grateful for the grace of welcoming Jesus so intimately into our school. Our youngest students, in particular, were filled with awe and curiosity. Their time before the Blessed Sacrament sparked heartfelt conversations about Jesus and His life. One child joyfully shared, "Oh my gosh, Mrs. Meyer, I prayed a whole rosary for my dad." Moments like these remind us how powerfully Christ touches the hearts of children.

As we look ahead, the Academy eagerly prepares for a blessed Holy Week, entering more deeply into the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Please know of our prayers for you and your family during this sacred time. May your Holy Week be filled with grace, peace, and the closeness of Christ.

God bless, **Brian Dulin**, President
Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist



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Happy Spring and Thank You!

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April 2nd & 3rd, 2026 | **Holy Thursday & Good Friday**
April 4th & 5th, 2026 | **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
HOLY THURSDAY 7PM	Adam Crews Robyn Piccinic Shelby Rogers	Christina Crews	Nicholas Antonelli Julia & Alyssa Byers Siobhan & Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Echoes of Christ
GOOD FRIDAY 3PM	Joan Black Lynn & Gianna Gammello	Marie Burke Sean Lynch	Julia & Alyssa Byers Christine Wimpenny 1 Volunteer Needed	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 8PM	Lynn & Gianna Gammello Weez Roney	Sean Lynch 2 Volunteers Needed	Julia & Alyssa Byers Rita Elsner Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Sue Rogers SJB Choir
EASTER SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna & Natalie Nice	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Alexander & Justin Nice	Katie Minster Karen Parash
EASTER SUNDAY 10:30AM	Samantha Campbell Wendy DeGroot Patty Salva	Leona Russell	Elia, Fatu & Siri Logaivau	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci

OUR SICK:



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Jessie Alfaro, Caleb Cerino, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., Robert Balbirer, John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camilleri, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Robert Ferrari, Betty Fleck, Barney Fontenot, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Emilio J. Gonzales, Kathy Hancharik, Dan Hauber, Sylvia Holznagel, Doreen Illis, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Kimberly Markulec, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Ethan Meyers, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Mike Palmer, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Mary Pucci, Janet Reidler, Thomas Rimmer, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Lisa Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Riley Telesco, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, **Thomas Wardle**, Danielle Watson, Ed Wismer

If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone you know, please call the Parish Office 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, Lane Charles Frankenfield, 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, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Jared Scott, 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

A Prayer for OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

James Gammello, Gianna Gammello, Michael Kosmin, Natalie Nice, Violet Williams

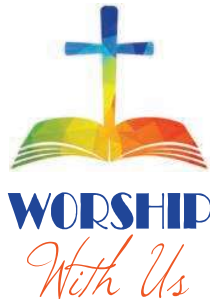
Heavenly Father, we lift up all college students to You today. We ask that You surround them with Your protection, keep them safe, guard their health and keep them strong and well. Protect their spiritual and emotional well-being as well. Keep them from negative influences and temptation, and ground them in faith, wisdom, and Your word. Grant them the discernment to make wise choices and the courage to flee evil. Please go where we cannot, give strength where we are weak, and bring them safely home. May they feel Your presence and know Your love surrounding them each and every day. We trust in Your power to protect and guide them. Amen.



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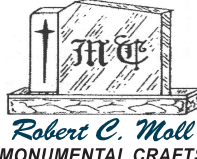


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