

May 4th, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 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 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 May 5th – May 11th, 2025

Monday: + Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Tuesday: + Anthony Brandariz (*Mike McHugh*)
Wednesday: + Adam Barndt
(*Regina Academy Faculty & Staff*)
Thursday: Intentions of Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Friday: + Bill Saxton (*Georgina Puente*)

Mother's Day Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

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

April 27th – Envelopes \$6,118 - E-Giving \$1,789

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. May 06: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. May 07: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. May 07: Prayers of Petition* - Chapel & Zoom - 6:30pm
* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**
Wed. May 07: Evangelization Team 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!



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.



From your Pastor

The readings of today are so important for a clearer appreciation of the Easter liturgies. We feel inspired and renewed in the first reading by hearing how Peter and his companions stood up to the authorities who had forbidden them to speak in the name of Jesus. Peter was nothing before he was called by Jesus. Once again after the death of Jesus he feels a sense of hopelessness. But after Jesus' coming again to his life, he feels confident that his Lord is with him. That is why we see in the first reading a refined and renewed Peter with the love of risen Lord. In John Gospel 15:5 - we see "you can do nothing without me." If Jesus is in our lives everything is possible through him, and we also will be confident like Peter who encountered and welcomed the risen Jesus to his life once again.

In the Gospel, we see that Peter decides to go back to fishing - his former life. We are always struck by how quickly, after a religious celebration, even a religious experience like Easter, that we so quickly return to our former life and its patterns. The Risen Lord recalls Peter by repeating the way he called him the first time. It reminds us that we often need to be renewed in our call, and our ability to recognize the Lord right before us, by remembering how we were first called. We need to be renewed and reanimated by the memory that Jesus has much more power than we do.

Let us realize that our nets are pretty empty and we need to jump into the water of transformation and swim to the shore to get closer to the one who can fill any empty nets - the Lord who can fill any emptiness.

**Yours in Jesus Christ,
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.

ProLifeDoc

**DR. BILL LILE
PRESENTATION**

May 8th, Thursday, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at
St Katherine Parish Center
9700 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19114

OR

May 9th, Friday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at
Saints Simon & Jude Church
8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester PA 19382

Dr. Bill Lile is a neonatologist from FL. He will tell the story of extensive lifesaving and life-enhancing surgeries for children in the womb. **Website: www.ProLifeDoc.org**

Events are free & donations are accepted.

For info, contact Mike McMonagle at 215-393-3610
or ProLifeEducationFoundation@gmail.com



**THE
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TEAM WILL BE
HAVING A BAKE
SALE ON
MAY 17TH & 18TH.**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT OUR ACTIVITIES. PLEASE DROP OFF BAKED GOODS IN THE NARTHEX BY 3:30PM ON SATURDAY MAY 17TH.

QUESTIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO LAURA AT SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSTVILLE.ORG.

FEAST DAY HIGHLIGHT FOR MAY



May is the month to celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. She is our Spiritual mother and watches over us with the love of a mother's heart.

"May Our Blessed Mother, Mary, wrap us in her mantle of care and protection!"



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of May 4th
TEAM 4**

This is a once per month commitment.

**Tea With Therese:
Celebrating 100 Years of Sainthood**

Join author and EWTN guest Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, of LiveCatholic for a Ladies Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. Therese of Lisieux on Sunday, May 18, from 2-4 PM in the Memorial Dining Hall at the Malvern Retreat House. The afternoon will feature an assortment of teas, treats, a video about the life of the Little Flower filmed on location in France, gift basket raffle, giveaways and resources for purchase. Seating is limited! Visit www.livecatholic.org to register.

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MONDAY EVENING 7PM–8PM. Our Lady's Chapel

WEDNESDAY MORNING 10AM–11AM. Our Lady's Chapel

THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH:

12PM-1PM. ST. Joseph's Chapel (large chapel, name on front of the building)

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

HOLY HOURS FOR THE PAPAL CONCLAVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Cardinals of the Church have announced that the Conclave during which they will discern and elect a new Pope begins on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites you to join us in prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist as we ask Him to give us a Supreme Shepherd after His own Heart.

Let us join with the universal Church in asking Jesus to give us a Supreme Shepherd after his own Heart. The hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Litany of the Good Shepherd and Benediction.

All are welcome to attend as many holy hours as desired. No registration required. For the full schedule and more details, visit archphila.org/conclave.

Schedule of Holy Hours in Bucks County:

Monday, May 5

- St. Jude, Chalfont (Bucks) – 7:00 PM – in Church – English

Tuesday, May 6

- St. Isidore, Quakertown (Bucks) – 7:00 PM – in Church - English, Spanish

NEXT WEEKEND!
PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS
PLEASE STOP BY!



Next 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 WILL BE SELLING AND TAKING ORDERS FOR GIFT CARDS AFTER ALL THE MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 10 & 11. PLEASE VISIT US IN THE NARTHEX TO GET YOUR ORDER FORM AND SIGN-UP FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS! THANK YOU.

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and click on the **Parish**

Giving link above. Follow the prompts to join our e-giving program. For information, please call the Parish Office.

EVENT: QUO VADIS DAYS JUNE 23-26, 2025

The Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will once again host the annual Quo Vadis Days camp for all high school young men! Quo Vadis is an inspiring 4-day, 3-night camp including dynamic talks, prayer, engaging activities, fellowship with the Philadelphia seminarians, and much more! This camp centers around the concept of "Lord, where are you going?", to ask the Lord his plan for your life and learn more about the person of Jesus Christ. This year the theme will be "Anchor of the Soul" where we will hear dynamic talks about Christ as our hope and what it means to be anchored to Jesus throughout the journey of life. Come to learn how Christ is speaking in your life and how to respond to his call!

Location: Black Rock Retreat Center
(1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566)

More Info Please Visit: HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
WORTHWHILE WEAR THRIFT STORES



Worthwhile Wear Thrift Stores (in Plumsteadville, Collegeville, and soon to be in Horsham) exist to raise funds to support survivors of human trafficking.

From their website worthwhile.org:

Over 800,000 people are trafficked against their will across international borders each year. For those who escape, many are left with the scarring aftermath of trauma and addiction from being treated like a commodity.

Worthwhile is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to reaching and serving survivors of human trafficking. Through our free comprehensive programs, we work to give survivors a sense of belonging, value and independence.

When people first discover the story behind Worthwhile their initial reaction is to ACT. We invite you to join us in taking ACTION in the 2025 National Act Challenge.

For every mile you log in the Act Challenge, you help raise awareness about human trafficking and funds for our programs. Miles are earned by walking, running, biking, swimming, or paddling. The Challenge begins May 1 and ends July 31. You can join for free anytime!

Please pick up a flyer in the narthex for more information about the 2025 Act Challenge and/or the Worthwhile Wear Program. Visit their website Worthwhile.org or contact parishioner Patti Keyser, SJB Community Outreach Coordinator at pbkeyser128@gmail.com or 610-297-6595

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MAY 11TH, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Lynn Gammello Peg Glancey	Kim Zampirri	Martin & Rita Elsner 1 Volunteer Needed	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Bea Romaszewski Vanessa Williams	Needed	Alaina Butler Blake & Max Nowicki	Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer Patty Salva Ward Van Haute	Leona Russell	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, 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 Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabbath, 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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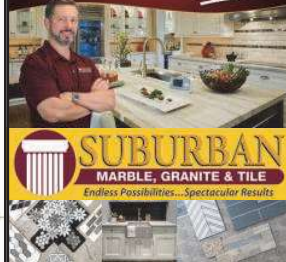
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