

May 5th, 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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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 May 6th – May 12th, 2024

Monday: † Bill Saxton (*A Friend*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Wednesday: † Ross Brinkert (*Patti & Bruce Keyser*)
Thursday: **Ascension of the Lord** (*Parishioners' Intentions*)
Friday: Intentions of Laura Gumprecht (*Jim & Joan Black*)

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, May 9th - The Ascension of the Lord

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THURSDAY, MAY 9TH**

9am Mass in the Old Church
6pm Mass in the New Church

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

April 28th Envelopes \$6,596 * E-Giving \$1,676
MSC Seminary Appeal – India - \$6,566
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. May 06: Knights of Columbus – Marian Room - 7:30pm
Tue. May 07: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm
Wed. May 08: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm

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!

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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Love is from God, everyone who loves is born of God and knows Him. His love is sacrificial. God sacrificed His only Son for us and the Son in turn gave us his own life. The Son is the incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus did not love us out of compulsion, obligation or duty but he loved us the way his Father loved him and he reciprocated it out of the love he has for his Father.

Jesus highlights in the Gospel, the communion between him and his disciples. He gives them love and joy so that they may share it with others. The love of Jesus for his disciples is the same love that exists between Him and the Father. Today Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us even to the point of sacrificing our lives for others. Jesus' love goes beyond all barriers of creed, race and class of people.

We are called to detach ourselves from every one of these barriers and attach ourselves to the heavenly Father so that the Lord may abide in us and we may abide in him. The indwelling of God in us is possible only when we sacrifice ourselves to follow and live the word of God in our lives which requires us to transcend our likes in loving everyone.

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 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Rehearsal is on Friday, May 10th at 6:30pm
in the Church.



The Sacrament Mass is on Saturday,
May 11th at 10:30am.

Please pray for the children of our Parish, who will receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, for the first time on Saturday, May 11 at Saint John the Baptist Church:

Tina Frances Baratelli
Jordan Elaine Boston
Julian Christopher Brigidi
Caroline Maggie Bucich
Cali Lynn Butler
Charlotte Anne Cash
Taylor Grace Cash
Henry John Clendenny
Stella Elizabeth Dolan
Gabriele Matthew Giarretta
Nora Catherine Mc Carthy
Max John Nowicki
Liliana Harper Ruffino
Nevaeh Ann Soder
Ivey Elizabeth Watson



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**Wk. of May 5th
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I wanted to share with you some exciting news from campus. This week, The Academy performed C.S. Lewis's "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" and it was a phenomenal success. The cast, crew, and director worked very hard to put on an outstanding show, and it did not disappoint. Thank you to our parishioners for their unwavering support.

As the end of the school year approaches, it's hard to believe how fast time has flown by. Our school is a faith-filled environment where children are eager to learn. If you're interested in learning more, please feel free to stop by for a tour today. Reach out to the office today. office@rasjb.org

God Bless, Tami Koerber, Head of School



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.

PREP

**PARISH RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic school, or at-home secular learning experiences, is provided at St. John the Baptist on Monday evenings from September through May.

Any family not yet registered should contact the Director of Religious Education at 610-847-5521 or prep@stjohnsottsville.org

NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB

Mother's Day Event

"MAKE & TAKE" Fresh Flower Arrangement

May 8th, 7:00 pm, \$20.00

ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED, INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS. BRING YOUR CLIPPERS AND ENJOY! REGISTER AND PRE-PAY BY MAY 5TH AT THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

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- Father Lucas - Chairman
- Mike Kirk - President/Moderator
- Mary Kosmin - Secretary
- Carolyn Marchese - Finance Manager – St. John the Baptist
- Chris Hackley, Jim McHugh, Mary Miller, Vince Morelli, Jerry Peters
- Ted Fahy - Pastoral Council Representative

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 saying Prayers to St. Peregrine.

Please join us in praying or all who are suffering.



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For more information please call the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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



THE SJB EVANGELIZATION TEAM IS HAVING A BAKE SALE FOR MOTHER'S DAY! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BAKE YUMMY TREATS FOR US (EX. COOKIES, BROWNIES, CUPCAKES, RICE KRISPIES TREATS, ETC.). PLEASE WRAP OR BAG YOUR ITEMS FOR EASY SALE. NO REFRIGERATED ITEMS, PLEASE!

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR YUMMY TREATS ON SATURDAY MAY 11TH AT 4PM IN THE NARTHEX.

Any questions: Laura Gumprecht at sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org"



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Special Collection Envelopes will be in all pew pockets next week during all of our Masses

A message from Archbishop Pérez...

"Your generous response to the Catholic Charities Appeal ensures that critical and life-sustaining works of charity throughout our local Church can serve the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on us for real help and hope each year.

Your gift uplifts the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable. The Appeal is the largest annual fundraising initiative in our Archdiocese because it fuels our ability to share the love of Christ by imitating his example of service to those most in need.

Those needs are many and they grow constantly. Please join me in supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal so we can continue to serve all those who come to us."

*- Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez,
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

A Testimonial...



OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE

"My son Finn is 6 years old – he is a rambunctious, fun-loving little boy who also happens to have Down Syndrome. He has no idea that he's disabled, and he wouldn't want it any other way. He doesn't let his disabilities hold him back. Finn attends Our Lady of Confidence School, one of the three Schools of Special Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I am a Catholic School teacher, so it was very important to my wife and I that Finn receives a Catholic education. Finn loves going to school every day. He and his classmates are treated with respect and dignity. It takes a special kind of person to dedicate their life to a mission, and that's what the school provides. This is a welcoming, safe place that values our children. **They deserve to have the best life possible because they are God's creation. The Catholic Charities Appeal makes all this possible. Any donation will really help make a difference. These children are not always given a fair chance, and by supporting the Appeal, you are providing them with a safe place to learn and grow in their Catholic faith.**"

– Bill, Parent, Our Lady of Confidence School

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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PRAYER

To schedule your retreat and for additional information please call Joan Black at 215-795-2947

MAY 5TH, 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11TH & 12TH, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
ASCENSION THURSDAY OLD CHURCH 9AM	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	-
ASCENSION THURSDAY NEW CHURCH 6PM	Lynn Gammello Laura Gumprecht	Need 1 Volunteer	Christine Wimpenny Need 2 Volunteers	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Rita & Martin Elsner Need 1 Volunteer	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Justin & Alexander Nice Gretchen Meyers	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Laura Gumprecht Ward Van Haute	Patti Keyser	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	Patty Leidner Karen Parash

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR...** 

OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Joe Fekete, Melanie Fioretta, Betty Fleck, Tom Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Stephen Holznagel, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klings, Pat Kreschollek, **Lorraine Lambing**, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Helen Pepkowski, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Don Stahley, 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:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony James 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



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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