

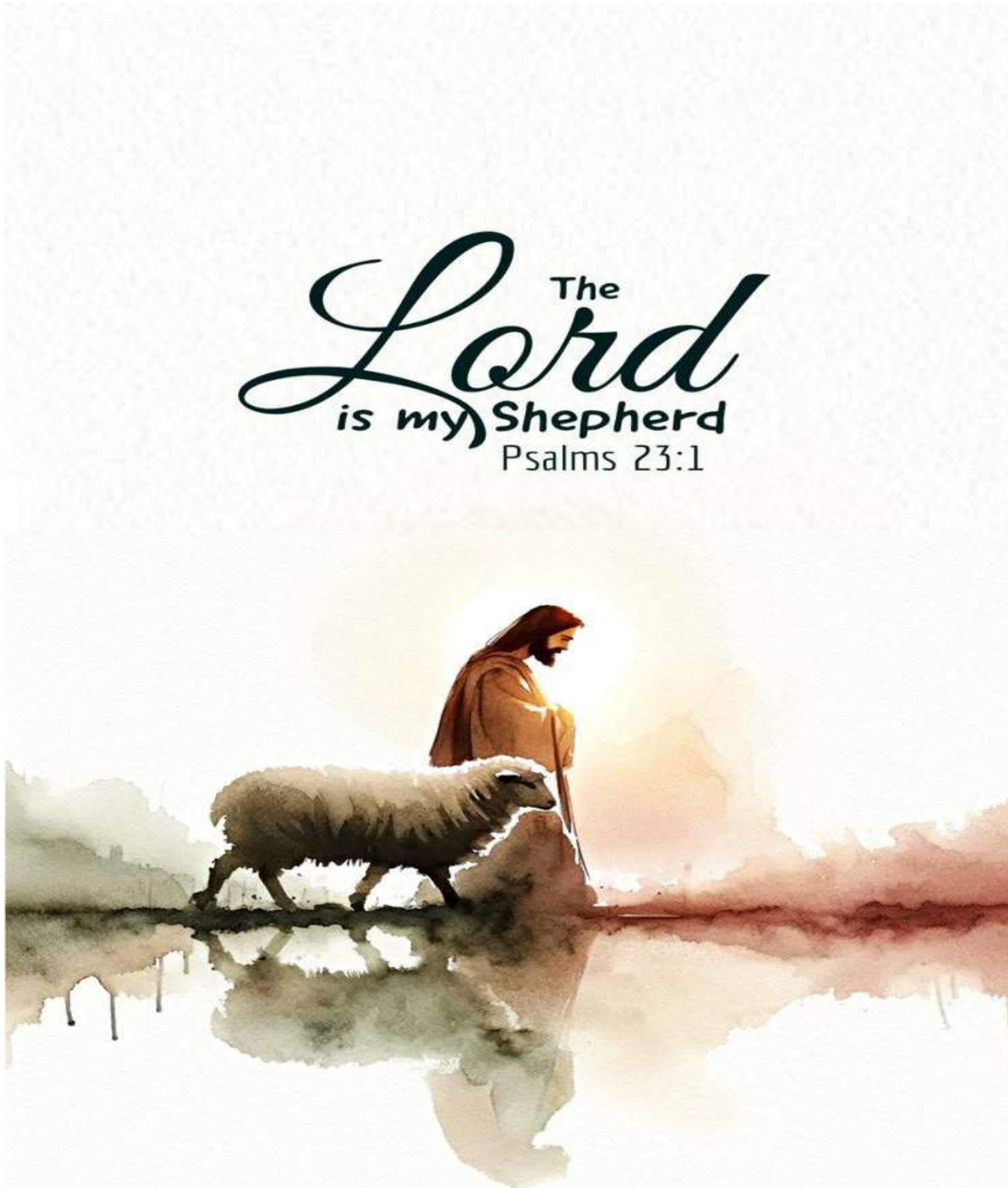
May 11th, 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 12th – May 18th, 2025

Monday: + Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Eleanor Widmer (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Wednesday: Intentions of Janet Reidler (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Thursday: + Jerry & Elizabeth Petritsch (*Geri Petrei*)
Friday: + Helene Bell (*Georgina Puente*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Gerry Roy (*Rachel Cormier*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: + Maryanne Comly (*Jim & Joan Black*)

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

May 4th – Envelopes \$3,529 - E-Giving \$1,605

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. May 12: Prayer Shawl - Marian Rm - 7:00pm
Tue. May 13: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. May 14: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. May 14: Prayers of Petition* - Chapel & Zoom - 6:30pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

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!

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS!

-To **JOHN BONNETT MINSTER** and **EPHRAIM ALEXANDER RECKNER-ALFARO** on receiving their Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 19, 2025

-To **PAIGE AVERSA** on receiving her Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Easter Sunday at the 10:30am Mass on April 20, 2025.

-To **JAMES BRIAN MILLER** on receiving his Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday May 4, 2025.

PLEASE WELCOME JOHN, EPHRAIM, PAIGE & JAMES WITH CONGRATULATIONS ON THEIR RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON THEM!

From your Pastor

In today's Gospel Jesus, the good Shepherd, assures us profound care, protection, and intimacy. Jesus' call to his followers is not just about belief but about a responsive relationship. Intentionally listening to the voice of the Shepherd and audaciously following him are the marks of the true discipleship. In this sense, following Jesus involves both listening to his voice and acting upon his commands. This emphasis on conscious listening and active following of Jesus assures us of our lasting security in him and strengthening of our mature faith in Jesus and the Father.

As we live in a world that is filled with uncertainties, we are reminded that we have a Shepherd, and nothing can separate us from his care and love. "My sheep follow me," Jesus says. Following Jesus requires actions, not merely empty belief but living according to his teachings. Each day, we are called to make choices that reflect our firm commitment to him, whether in our relationships and work or daily challenges and opportunities. True discipleship involves a continual and intentional following of the Good Shepherd.

Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, you know us by our name and guide us with love. Assist us to listen to your voice and follow You faithfully. Fortify our trust in your protection, knowing that no one can snatch us from your hand. May we always walk in your ways, trusting in your love and grace. In your holy name, we pray.

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.

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

NEXT WEEKEND!



The Evangelization Team will have 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 11th TEAM 5

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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



A Mother's Day Blessing

*Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
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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

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During May would you please consider donating: cleaning supplies including:



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God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

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the prompts to join our e-giving program.

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A Note from Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Universal Church concludes the tradition of *novendiales* with nine days of prayer for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Francis, we continue to lift our hearts in gratitude for the gift of his life and Petrine ministry. The Church of Philadelphia will forever cherish his time with us during the World Meeting of Families--Philadelphia in 2015. May Pope Francis rest in peace through the mercy of God.

Beginning on May 7, 2025, the College of Cardinals will open the Conclave and prayerfully discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of a new Supreme Pontiff for the Church.

The coming days offer an opportunity for all of us to pray for the College of Cardinals and the Church as a whole. I invite you to pray fervently for these intentions during celebrations of the Mass, frequent Eucharistic adoration, rosary devotions, and private prayer. In parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, holy hours have been scheduled for this purpose. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please visit archphila.org/conclave.

The following petition is also being shared with all parishes in our local Church for the Universal Prayer at Masses in the days leading up to the election of a new Pope.

For confident assurance in the work of the Holy Spirit, for all the members of the Church, and especially for the Cardinal electors, for the election of a new universal Shepherd and successor to Saint Peter for the needs of our times,

Let us pray to the Lord. / Lord, hear our prayer.

May Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, prayerfully intercede with the Lord to choose a shepherd after His own heart, and may God bless you abundantly.

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

MAY 18TH, 2025

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez & Joel Roney Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Jacob & Joshua Roney 1 Volunteer Needed	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Jim McHugh Renee Moyer	Marie Burke	Blake & Max Nowicki 1 Volunteer Needed	Needed
Regina Academy Mass SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Laura Gumprecht Leona Russell	To be determined	To be determined	Regina Academy Choir



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 Klenges, 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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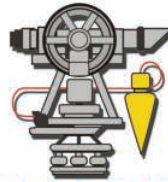
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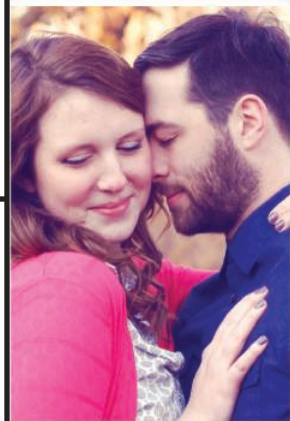
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