

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
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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 13<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Monday:** Intentions of Bernadette Strzelecki  
*(Jim & Joan Black)*  
**Tuesday:** † Betty Rick *(Betty Fleck)*  
**Wednesday:** Intentions of Jim & Joan Black *(Joan Beebe)*  
**Thursday:** † Bernice Fees *(Her Children)*  
**Friday:** Intentions of Ellie Widmer *(Jim & Joan Black)*

**Pentecost**

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.

**Prayer of Blessing ON MOTHER'S DAY**

God of all fruitfulness,  
God of all Holy Women,  
of Sara, Ruth and Rebecca;  
God of Elizabeth- mother of John,  
of Holy Mary- mother of Jesus,  
listen to our prayers and bless the mothers  
and grandmothers gathered here today.

Bless them with the strength of your Holy Spirit;  
they taught us how to stand and to walk,  
how to speak, to play, and how to pray to you.

Bless them with a place at your Eternal Dinner Table;  
they fed us while we were helpless  
and later showed us how to feed ourselves.

Bless them today with health and happiness,  
with joy and laughter,  
with pride in us, their children,  
and surround them with friends who are loyal and true.

We also remember today the nameless women,  
who, down through the ages,  
planted and harvested, cooked and baked,  
washed and cleaned, fed,  
clothed and nursed the world.

And finally, we ask you, God of all tenderness,  
to descend upon us all,  
in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

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**WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS**

May 5<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$4,873 \* E-Giving \$1,671  
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**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Mon. May 13: Prayer Shawl – Marian Room - 7:00pm  
Tue. May 14: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm  
Wed. May 15: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Risen Lord Jesus' exaltation is celebrated as the feast of the Ascension. During the forty days after His resurrection, many people experienced Him in a glorified body. Through the readings of the day, Jesus lets all the believers know that to be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer.

The Ascension of the Lord speaks about Jesus' move into Heavenly Glory. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power for the Apostles. He commands them to be His witnesses, throughout the whole world, by bringing the Good News to all and living out His teachings in their lives. In the second reading, St. Paul says that we are united with each other through our faith in Christ. There is one Body and one Spirit.

Paul also teaches us that God revealed His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and His exaltation over all angelic forces. It is in the Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the Life and Glory of God. This feast is the celebration of Jesus' Glory after going through suffering and cruel death, the Glory in which we, too, hope to take part in one day. This feast tells us that the Church must be a Community in mission, guided by the Holy Spirit and confident of God's protection even in the midst of suffering and death. Jesus is in each one of us and with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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## The Sacrament of First Holy Communion



*Congratulations to the children of our Parish, who have received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, for the first time on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Saint John the Baptist Church. May His joy and strength live in their hearts forever!*

**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**



Altar flowers in front of the altar have been donated by Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Tumolo, Sr. in loving memory of their mothers,  
*Elena Tumolo and Blanche Nigro*



**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.

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**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!

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- 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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*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](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545  
meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, contact  
Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email  
[KofC4545@aol.com](mailto:KofC4545@aol.com)



## BAKE SALE

THE **SJB** EVANGELIZATION  
TEAM IS HAVING A BAKE  
SALE THIS WEEKEND!  
PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK  
UP A YUMMY TREAT... OR  
TWO!

*Thank you for supporting your  
Evangelization Team!*



God's Blessings on the Baptisms of  
*Angelo Canterelle*  
*Robert Michael Lavin III*



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

**Please find Special Collection Envelopes in pews  
this weekend during all of the Masses.**

*A message from Archbishop Pérez...*

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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*

### First Friday Adoration

We are in need of two Adorers for the First Friday Adoration hour of **8pm-9pm** on a regular basis.

Also, we need two Adorers for the Adoration hour of **9pm-10pm** for the months of June to October (only).

Please contact Anita Colahan at [amcolahan@epix.net](mailto:amcolahan@epix.net)  
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**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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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Jane Ferry	Julia & Alyssa Byers Brady Mattle	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Jackie Butler Nancy Kaczinski	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler <b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>	Patty Leidner
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Jim & Joan Black	Regina Academy Parent	Regina Academy Students (3)	Regina Academy Choir



**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 Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Lorraine Lambing, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, 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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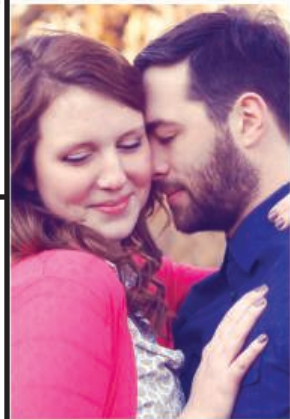
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