

May 14th, 2023 – 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 15 – May 21, 2023

Monday: + Katherine Geroni (*Maryann Delfino*)
Tuesday: + Bernice Fees (*Her Children*)
Wednesday: + Ernest Paul Rick (*Cousin Harold Rick*)
Thursday: **ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (*Parishioners' Intentions*)
Friday: + Yvonne Pyatt (*Mary Pat Meyer*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Aunt Josephine Tancredi (*Family Member*)
Sunday 8am: + Carmella Rome (*Her Sister*)
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 18th for The Ascension of the Lord

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 18th

9am Mass in the Old Church

7pm Mass in the Chapel in the New Church

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

April 30th: Envelopes \$5,008
 E-Giving \$1,685

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. May 14: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm
Sat. May 20: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9am

A Prayer for the People of the Ukraine

We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed.

O most glorious ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of you, He enlighten and save our souls.



From your Pastor

Today's readings bring out in a very strong way the importance of obeying the commands of the Lord. In the first reading, we see Philip go to a town in Samaria and proclaim Christ there. People paid attention, listened to him and saw the miraculous signs.

The Apostles sent Peter and John to them when they heard that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God. The second reading says, "Always have an answer ready when you are called upon to account for your hope, but give it simply and with respect." And the Gospel reading speaks of the promise of the Helper (the Holy Spirit). And it further says, "Whoever keeps my commandments is the one who loves me".

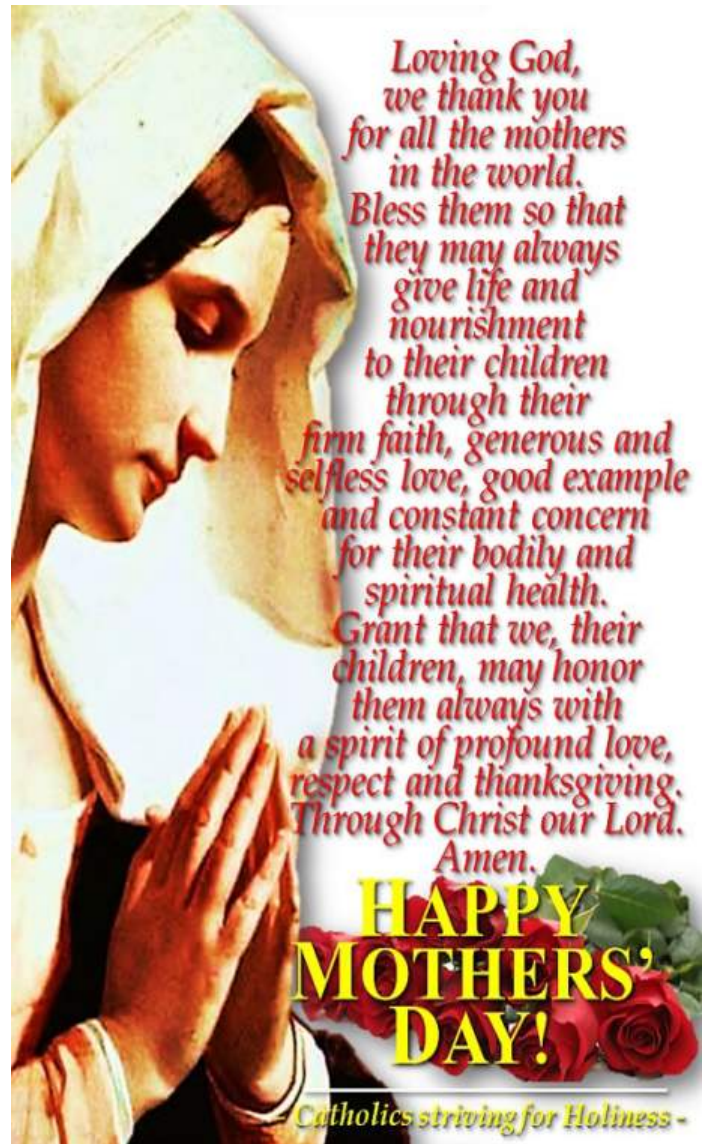
All three passages point out the aspect of joy in the Spirit as an outcome of heeding to the commandments of the Lord. In the first reading, the commandment of the Lord comes in the form of people of Samaria paying close attention to Philip's proclamation of the Christ and listening to him. This indicates the Samaritans' obedience to God by obeying Philip.

Likewise, obedience to the will of God is focused on in the second reading, though it is not mentioned in an explicit way. The commandment of the Lord is presented in the form of an invitation to the people to have an answer ready and to keep their conscience clear. And in the Gospel, the message of the Jesus is loud and clear: Whoever keeps my commandments is the one who loves me. He further promises that He would ask the Father to give another Helper to be with us forever.

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Joan Black at 215-795-2947

CONGRATULATIONS to the First Holy
Communicants of St. John the Baptist Parish
May the blessings of Christ be upon you always!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
This Weekend MAY 13th & 14th
Special Collection Envelopes can be found
in the pews during all of our Masses.

THIS WEEKEND! **PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS**



PLEASE STOP BY!



We will have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality and get to know your church family.

Online Contributing Made Easy



Visit our website www.stjohnsottsville.org and click on the above link. Follow the prompts to join our **e-giving program**. For more information please call the Parish Office.



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serving St. John the Baptist, Ottsville and St. Lawrence, Riegelsville, has started their **2023 Membership Drive**.

Our Council meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. For information or to join, please contact Grand Knight Bill Saxton or email KofC4545@aol.com.

Who are the Knights of Columbus ?

- A fraternal organization of Roman Catholic parishioners.

What do the Knights of Columbus accomplish ?

- We put our Catholic faith into action in support traditional values that help our families, support our parishes and members, and improve our community.
- Promote Pro-Life education, pregnancy counseling and the equal rights for babies in the womb.
- Assist with capital improvement projects at our churches.
- Plan and promote fundraising activities in support of our missions.

How much time and money are involved in joining ?

- We meet two times a month, the 1st Monday of the month for financial matters and the 3rd Monday of the month for the general membership meeting. Both typically last 1-2 hours.
- We are currently offering one year dues-free for all new members to get to know us.

Why join the Knights of Columbus ?

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- Deepen your faith by interacting with like-minded individuals, access to print and digital Catholic resources and participation in our activities.

If you would like to strengthen your family, help our parishes and our community; or just have any questions please contact Council # 4545 Grand Knight Bill Saxton or email us at: KofC4545@aol.com.

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 doing the Prayers to St. Peregrine.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.

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.



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of May 14th
TEAM 1**

This is a once per month commitment.

We need your input!

St John's Parish has launched a Survey based on the Disciple Maker Index Survey initiated by the Archdiocese in 2022. The Pastoral Council adapted a modified version of this survey to help us understand how to better serve your needs as parishioners. The Pastoral Council is committed to providing a summary of the survey results by the end of August.

The survey is available at all Masses and in the Parish Office. It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Completed surveys can be returned in the box in the Narthex, or to the Parish Office.

Also, we may need to get clarification on some of the responses by forming Focus Groups. If you are interested in participating in a Focus Group, should we need one, please provide your contact information, detach that page, and provide in the separate box in the Narthex.

All responses are confidential. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Questions? Please contact

sjbevangel@stjohnsottsville.org



The

Nitty Gritty Garden Club

Will be selling plants after Mass

on

May 27th and May 28th.

If anyone has any items from their gardens,
your contributions would be welcome!



To Members of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church,

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating 664.2 pounds of food to The Lord's Pantry from October to December – we truly appreciate it!

You continuing support and generous contributions help the pantry serve over 500 low-income families each month from the Palisades community and Plumsteadville.

The contributions you make help our neighbors in need, and make a real difference in the lives of hungry families.

Again, many thanks – we couldn't do it without you!

God Bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

May 18th
May 20th & 21st, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord
7th 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	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
ASCENSION THURSDAY NEW CHURCH CHAPEL 7PM	Claire Froman	Need 1 Volunteer	Brigid Froman	Ordinary Time
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam Crews Marion Wolf	Christina Crews	Siobhan Crews Amalia Crews Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter Renee Moyer	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Maggie Hooven Liz Katra
Regina Academy Mass SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	To Be Scheduled by Joan Black	Regina Academy Choir



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Melanie Fioretta, Tom Fleck, Gabriella Froehlich, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klingses, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Michael Moreni, Nancy Moreno, Ray Malachowski, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Linda Russo, Barbara Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, William Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Luke Touhill, 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, Jason Litschauer, Dan O'Connor, McKenna Pason, Dusty Rhodes, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, 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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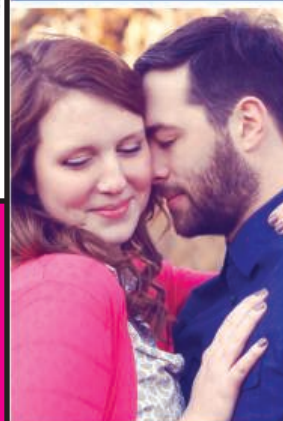
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