

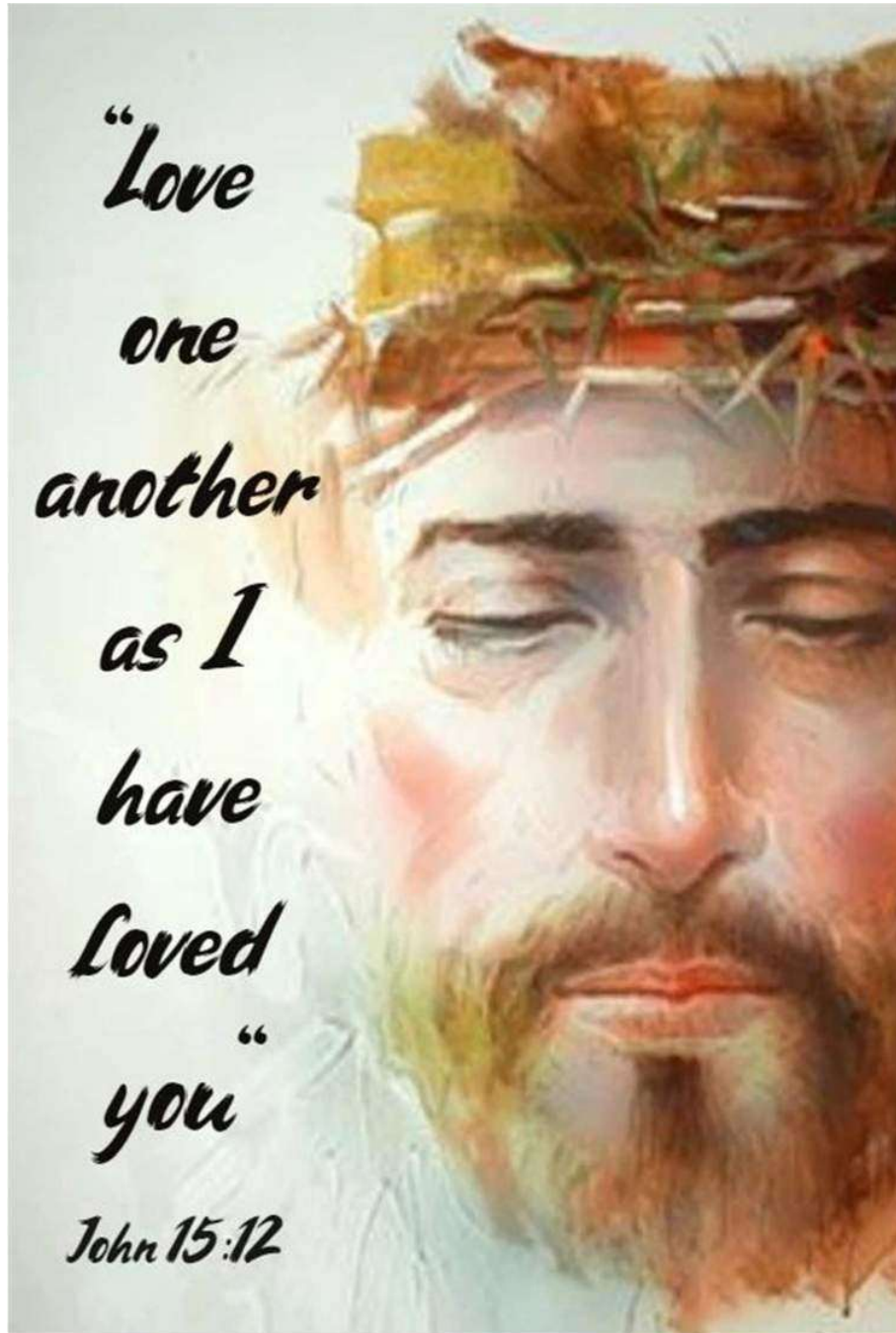
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### PARISH STAFF

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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 19<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Monday: † Jimmy Weikel (*Friends*)  
Tuesday: † John Sabath (*Loving Wife Barbara*)  
Wednesday: † Freeh-Johnson Family  
(*David & Mary Grace Tillotson*)  
Thursday: † Eleanor Nadolski (*Kosmin Family*)  
Friday: † Bill Saxton (*Georgina Puente*)

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Anna Schwak (*Rachel Cormier*)  
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions  
Sunday 10:30am: † Carl Bahnck (*Rosanne McCarty*)

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> – **Not Available due to early bulletin submission**

### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. May 20: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm  
Wed. May 21 Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am  
Wed. May 21: Prayers of Petition\* - Chapel & Zoom - 6:30pm  
\* **EMAIL LAURA AT [sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org) TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**  
Thu. May 22: Garden Club – St. Augustine Rm - 6pm

### 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!**



**THIS WEEKEND!**

**The Evangelization Team is having a BAKE SALE.**

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**QUESTIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO LAURA AT [SIBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG](mailto:sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org).**

## From your Pastor

Alfred North Whitehead, an English process philosopher, uses the phrase “Being is Becoming” to describe the ongoing nature of existence. For humans, to become is to journey within, listen to our inner being, and grow in values that make us more humane and better contributors to family, community, and society.

For Christians, our call is to become Christ-like. The creation of a new heaven and new earth in Revelation invites self-transformation, where we collaborate with God in building a world free of sorrow, death, and pain. This happens when we step beyond ourselves and enter into the life of the marginalized. By being with them, experiencing their life, it would take us a long way towards becoming. That would make our words of empathy, consolation, and courage more impactful when we partake in the ministry of healing and strengthening, as Paul and Barnabas did for the early Church.

This ‘becoming’ is only possible through grace, as we follow Christ’s commandment and example. Love here is twofold: it begins with God and must manifest in service, recognizing that God dwells in and identifies with the suffering. Mother Teresa said, “If love is your greatest weakness, you are the strongest person in the world.” Let love weaken us daily so that we may become disciples who are more human and stronger in God’s sight.

Lord Jesus, open my eyes that I may see the other with tenderness of heart. Transform me to become like You.

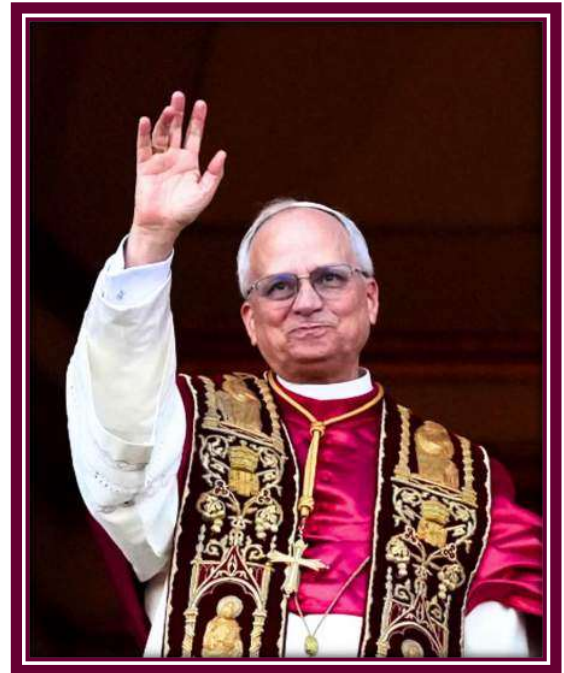
**Yours in Jesus Christ,  
Rev. S. Lucas MSC  
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish**

## POPE LEO XIV:

### "PEACE BE WITH ALL OF YOU"

We join Catholics across the United States and around the world in celebrating the historic election of Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost.

A dedicated member of the Augustinian order, Pope Leo XIV begins his ministry with our prayers and support as we rejoice in this milestone.



All-good and generous Lord, watch over our Holy Father, and in your benevolence, keep him in your care. As we go about our daily lives, remind us to share our Catholic faith with conviction and charity, following the example of our Pope. Give us each day the depth of your love to pray for our leader with an undivided heart. Keep us focused on the mission of your Church, that Christ may bless all keepers of the faith, especially our Holy Father when he teaches, preaches, and lives God's love and mercy for all to imitate.

Through Christ, our Lord, 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.**



## 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!"*



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**Wk. of May 18<sup>th</sup>  
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### 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  
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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.**

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St. John the Baptist's Music Ministry would like to  
welcome more members into our existing groups as well  
as the formation of a Young Persons Choir Group. If you  
have that special talent as a singer or musician, please  
reach out to Patty Leidner or Rob Galdo. We really  
would be very happy to welcome you and become part  
of our Ministry. Thanks So Much!

The Choir, Ordinary Time, Echoes of Christ, and Cantors  
are always looking for new members including  
Musicians, Organists, Pianists as well as other  
Instrumentalists. New Groups are welcome. No special  
training needed, just a willingness to join in and  
contribute. Please see the contacts below:

### Choir, Cantor, Musician, Group:

Patty: [pl\\_1967@hotmail.com](mailto:pl_1967@hotmail.com) | (908) 500-3398

Ordinary Time: Liz: [foxtail@epix.net](mailto:foxtail@epix.net) | (610)-608-6365

Echoes of Christ: Rob: [robgaldo@aol.com](mailto:robgaldo@aol.com) | (215-435-5427)





Last weekend, Altar Flowers were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Tumolo, Sr., in honor of the 2025 First Holy Communion Class.

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## STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ UPON THE ELECTION OF OUR NEW HOLY FATHER, POPE LEO XIV

*Archbishop Nelson J. Perez issued the following statement regarding the election of Pope Leo XIV as the Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church by the College of Cardinals.*

On this historic occasion Catholics in the Philadelphia region and around the world rejoice abundantly! The election of our new Holy Father and his appearance on the balcony at Saint Peter's Square in Rome today fills us with great hope and joy. Together with the bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and lay faithful of the Church of Philadelphia, I express prayerful fidelity to Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert F. Prevost. People from our area already have a special closeness with the Holy Father. He is the first pope from the United States of America and a graduate of Villanova University! With glad hearts, we lift up prayers of Thanksgiving for his election and eagerly anticipate all that will flow from his Petrine Ministry for the good of souls and the good of our world.

I have had the pleasure of working and conversing with the Holy Father as a member of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America during his time as its president. I witnessed first-hand a wonderful, gentle, humble, and spiritual man of God who is a true gift to the world.

Pope Leo XIV will be a pastor not just for Catholics, but for every person of good will. He is a man of deep faith and extraordinary intellectual ability who understands the pastoral needs of our richly diverse Church as well as the challenges of our modern society. I know that his papacy will be marked by a desire for genuine Christian encounter with all people and that it will be filled with the compassionate love of Jesus Christ.

As a family in faith, our union with Pope Leo XIV is part of God's plan for His Church on earth. We stand ready to serve as Missionary Disciples for Christ relying upon the Holy Father's wisdom and pastoral guidance.

Let us all join in giving thanks to almighty God for His providential care and for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit working through the College of Cardinals. May Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Saint Peter, and his saintly successors present the prayerful intentions of Pope Leo XIV to God our Father.

*Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia - May 8, 2025*



This photograph was taken during a meeting of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America in Rome in June of 2024. It features Archbishop Pérez with Pope Leo XIV, then-Cardinal Prevost.

**MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Adam & Christina Crews Lisa Saxton	Jane Ferry	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Gretchen Meyers	Ordinary Time
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Nancy Kaczinski Donna & Natalie Nice	Marie Burke	Alexander & Justin Nice <b>1 Volunteer Needed</b>	Sue Rogers SJB Choir
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Joan Beebe Samantha Campbell Wendy DeGroot	Patti Keyser	Elia, Fatu & Siri Logaivau	Patty Leidner Karen Parash



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**



**OUR SICK:**

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**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](mailto: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***



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**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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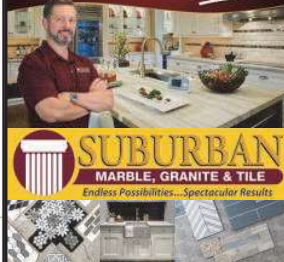
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