

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Monday: Intentions of Marlene McKenna**

*(Jim & Joan Black)*

**Tuesday: Intentions of Maxine Vogan** *(Joan Beebe)*

**Wednesday: + Sarah Fleck** *(Betty Fleck)*

**Thursday: Intentions of Janet Reidler** *(Jim & Joan Black)*

**Friday: + Bernadette Diesbourg** *(Jim & Joan Black)*

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday 5pm: + Walter Fleck** *(Betty & Herman)*

**Sunday 8am: + Jerry & Betty Petritsch** *(Loving Family)*

**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.

**WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$4,875 \* E-Giving \$1,609**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

**Tue. May 21:** SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

**Wed. May 22:** Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm

**Thu. May 23:** Nitty Gritty Garden Club - 7:00pm



**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 for all who are suffering.*



**Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound**

Are you or your family member(s) 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.**

**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!**

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and ushers in the beginning of the Church's global mission. The first reading unfolds to us the event as to how the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples.

The Holy Spirit strengthened them for their next mission. The frightened disciples eventually realized their capabilities and talents. They had the boldness to speak fearlessly in front of others. St. Paul speaks of this Holy Spirit as a gift for us in the second reading to Corinthians. We can use this gift in every situation. Be it danger, sorrow, joy, trial, or temptation. The active presence of Jesus Christ is wrapped in that gift for us. It demands our complete trust and faith.

We find Jesus giving a command to disciples about mission in today's Gospel reading. As he sends, he assures them the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit throughout their mission which will guide, protect, and give them words to speak. The Holy Spirit would assist them to either forgive sins or withhold sins.

Today on the feast of Pentecost Jesus Christ is asking us to receive the same Holy Spirit to preach the good news to all the people. Are we ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? The world needs our help. We will bring change in the life of others with the help 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.



**Memorial Day Mass will be held at the Old Church at 9am on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

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*Thank you. God bless.*

## National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passes through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

What a grace that we will have the opportunity to welcome and adore Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, passes through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia between May 30 and June 3. Please see below for the schedule of opportunities nearest to us to join the walking pilgrimage and pray in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

### Thursday, May 30, 2024

- **12:00 PM - Eucharistic Procession as the Blessed Sacrament Enters the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**
  - **Meet at:** Intersection of N Pennsylvania Ave & Hillcrest Ave in Morrisville (Across from Morrisville Presbyterian Apartments)
  - **Walking to:** Holy Trinity Church, 201 N Pennsylvania Ave, Morrisville, PA 19067
- **12:30 PM - Prayer and Benediction at Holy Trinity Church, Morrisville**
  - Holy Trinity Church, 201 N Pennsylvania Ave, Morrisville, PA 19067
- **2:30 PM - Eucharistic Procession at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Morrisville**
  - Saint John the Evangelist Church, 752 Big Oak Rd #4728, Morrisville, PA 19067
  - Procession will take place around the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist. All are asked to assemble in the church by 2:30 PM for the procession.
- **3:00 PM - Prayer and Benediction at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Morrisville**
  - Saint John the Evangelist Church, 752 Big Oak Rd #4728, Morrisville, PA 19067
- **7:00 PM - Evening Event at Saint Andrew Church, Newtown**
  - Saint Andrew Church, 81 Swamp Rd, Newtown, PA 18940
  - Join us for Adoration and testimonies.

**For more information:**

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I am writing to invite you to our upcoming schoolwide Art Show and Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Our school year is quickly coming to an end, and this event will be a great opportunity to see the wonderful artwork that our students have been working on throughout the year.

One of the highlights of the year has been the mastery of sewing, which has become a class favorite. We are excited to showcase the various pieces of art created by our talented students and hope to see you there.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to seeing you at our Art Show and Open House.

God Bless,  
Tami Koerber, Head of School

*A Message to God.....*



**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)

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*Thank you for supporting our  
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Blessings, The Evangelization Team!*

**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) if you are available. **Thank you!**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



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

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Adam Crews Lisa Saxton	Christina Crews	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Tom Keller Jim McHugh	Jeanne Keller	<b>Need 3 Volunteers</b>	Karen Parash SJB Choir
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Joan Beebe Claire Froman	Leona Russell	Khloe & Melissa Demusz Gretchen Meyers	Ordinary Time



**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, **Lou Cooper**, 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 Sabbath, 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:**

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***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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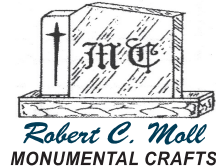
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