

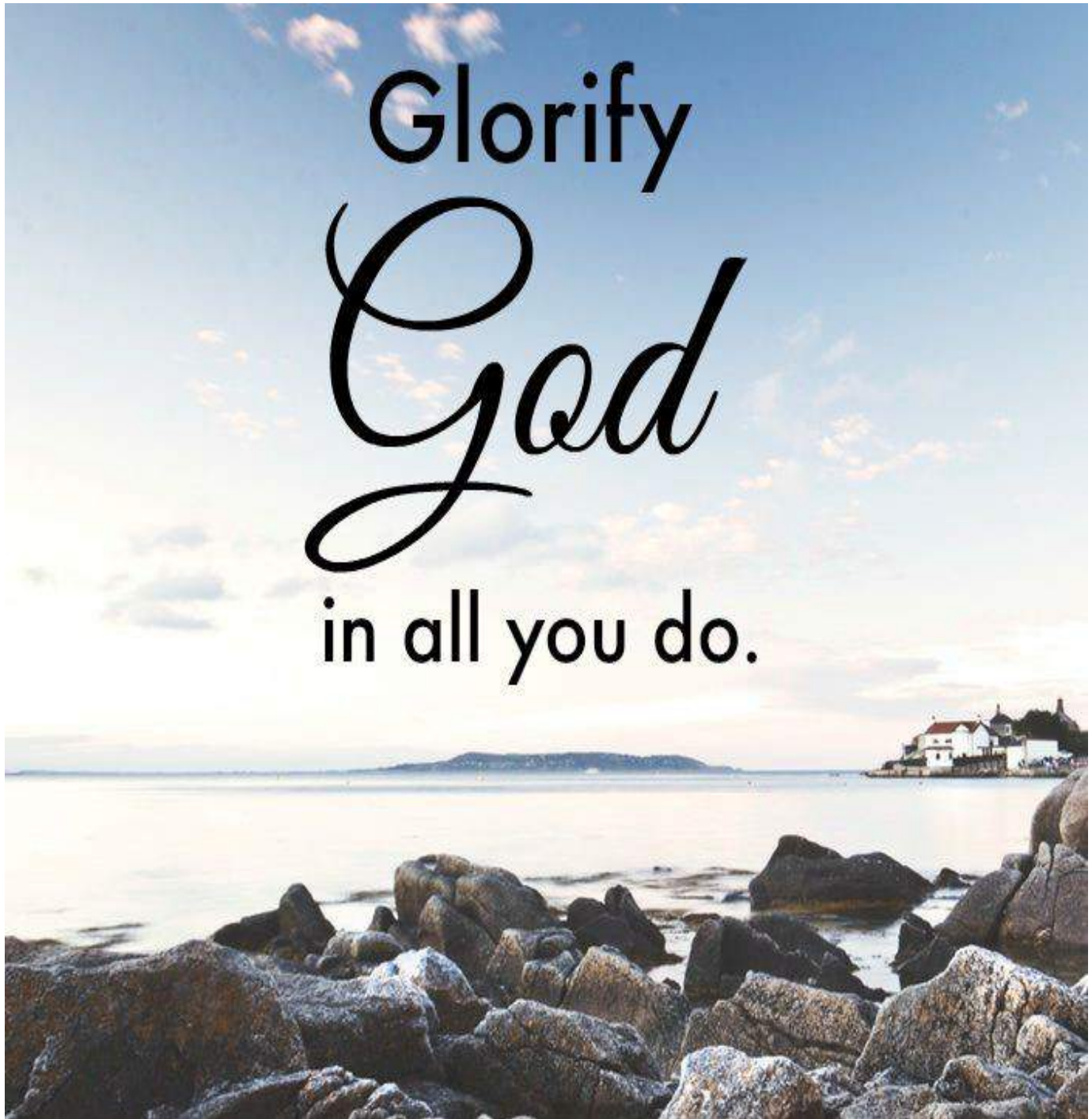
May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran  
Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese  
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpock  
Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese  
Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

### 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 22 – May 28, 2023

Monday: + Patty Burke (Mike & Colette Kirk)  
Tuesday: + Katherine Geroni (Sharon Delfino)  
Wednesday: + Philip Pisano (Brian Keenan)  
Thursday: + Bruce White (Tom & Sue Rogers)  
Friday: + James Robinson (Jack Lynch)

#### Weekend Masses – Pentecost Sunday

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.

### *God's Blessings on the Baptisms of*



Josephine Mariae Antonelli  
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Kasey Victor McCollum  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Mikaela Jade McNichol  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

May 7<sup>th</sup>:            Envelopes    \$4,022  
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### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Thu. May 25: NGGC Mtg – Church– 6pm  
Thu. May 25: Evangelization Book Club – Church– 7pm  
Sat. May 27: 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

The season of Easter is nearly at an end. The central theme of today's readings is a challenge to us to rejoice in our suffering for the Faith because the more we suffer; the more we are identified with Jesus who has liberated us from the bondage of sin by his suffering and death. The first reading tells us how the apostles waited in prayer for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit, who would enable them to preach and bear witness to Christ in spite of persecutions. In the second reading, Peter challenges his early Christian audience and us to view and accept sufferings as an opportunity to be more fully one with Jesus.

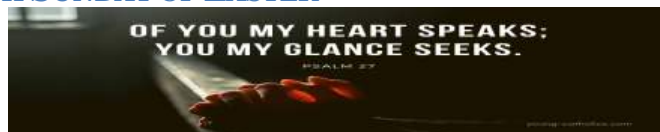
*Today's gospel reading tells us that we need to glorify Christ by the lives we live:* When we love, even when it costs who will stand with the poor and oppressed, who will use their money as a gift from God to bless other lives, who will use their money to guarantee that the Gospel is preached all over the world, we glorify God.

We also glorify God by our prayer life and our faithful observance of the Lord's Day. We glorify Jesus by offering Him humble and selfless service in our brothers and sisters – distributing lunches to the homeless begging on the street-corner, volunteering at homeless shelters, teaching children, helping with after-school care. Finally, we glorify God by speaking kind, merciful, loving and encouraging words to everyone we encounter, and praying for them and their needs.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. **Psalm 27**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12pm-1pm** Adoration &  
Prayer for Vocations

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** 10am Rosary,  
Confession, Mass & Lunch

For directions, reservations, more  
info, please call:

Joan Black at 215-795-2947

## MOTHER MARY - HELP US TO IMITATE YOU

"Devotion to Mother Mary is not spiritual etiquette; it is a requirement of the Christian life," says Pope Francis. Pope Pious XII promoted the pious practice of honoring Mother Mary in the Catholic Church. Mother Mary, Mother of Jesus and of the Church, plays an important role because she gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our savior Jesus Christ. She set a great example of committed "Yes" to the will of God and showed us the way to the Father through her son Jesus. Therefore, this month is precisely devoted to Mother Mary to honor, praise and revere for the significant role that she carried out in her life.

The three inspirations that we can imbibe and actualize from our Mother Mary are i) "Yes" to the will of God: she said "Yes" to God's salvific plan without knowing the consequence. It is a call for us to be open to the spirit of God and engage ourselves in the mission of God solely relying on divine providence. ii) Obedient to God's word: she boldly carried out what was communicated to her by God and treasured everything in her heart. This shows her faithfulness to God and commitment till the end of her life, which in a way invites us to be faithful in our work too.

iii) Availability: When her cousin Elizabeth was gifted with a child in her womb, she knew that Elizabeth was favored by God and placed herself at the service of her cousin. It invites us to give our lives to others in all circumstances. Let us ask our dear mother to bless us with these virtues of her as we recite our rosary every day.



## Quo Vadis Days

June 26-29, 2023

### HIGH SCHOOL MEN!!

There are 10 days remaining to register for **Quo Vadis Days!**

Quo Vadis is a great opportunity for high school men (incoming freshmen to graduating seniors) to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new friends, to grow in discipleship, to hear great talks, and to participate in awesome activities. This year's camp will be held **Monday, June 26th through Thursday, June 29th** and the Vocation Office staff and seminarians are excited to welcome the high school men! **The registration deadline is May 31, 2023** - registration fee is \$25-\$300, sliding scale (pay what you are able).

**To register, please visit the website**

**[heedthecall.org/quovadis](http://heedthecall.org/quovadis)**

**or contact Jillian Minnich Speranza  
at [jminnich@archphila.org](mailto:jminnich@archphila.org).**

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Visit our website [www.stjohnsottsville.org](http://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.



## Knights of Columbus®

### Father Stommel Council # 4545

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

Our Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. For information or to join, please contact Grand Knight Bill Saxton or email [KofC4545@aol.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month for financial matters and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ?

- Make a difference in our world by serving others.
- Add your voice to the 2 million fellow members defending your values and faith.
- Protect your family with exclusive access to financial investments and insurance policies.
- 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](mailto: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.



## 2023 Eucharistic Congress

The Gift of Finest Wheat: This is My Body Given Up for You

Saturday, September 30, 2023 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA

- Holy Mass at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez begins the day.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM concludes the day.
- There will be talks on the Mystery of the Eucharist by compelling speakers.
- Tracks are available in English and Spanish as well as a Teen Track (ages 14-17) and a Children's Track (ages 6-13).
- There will be opportunities for Adoration, Confession and other Devotions.
- Please bring your own lunch and there is plenty of parking available.

Registration is now open! Speakers will be announced soon.  
Adults \$25.00 per person, no charge for youth under age 18.

Full details and registration:

[phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress)



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## Nitty Gritty Garden Club

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May 27th and May 28th.

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



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Wk. of May 21<sup>st</sup>  
TEAM 2

This is a once per month commitment.

June 12-16, 2023 - 8am-12noon

## Event: Faith and Film Camp

St. Andrew Catholic Church in Newtown, PA with the help of Personally Catholic Films is hosting a Faith and Film Camp from June 12-16 for teens entering grades 6-12! We'll introduce the teens to the cinema cameras, drones, audio equipment, editing software and lighting techniques used by Personally Catholic Films in our latest movie, *Rescued from Darkness* now on Amazon and AppleTV, our Catholic cable television shows and even our local parish video work! But more importantly we'll share how a personal relationship with God as a Catholic can shape our lives and our creative process!

[www.personallycatholic.com/faithandfilmcamp](http://www.personallycatholic.com/faithandfilmcamp)

May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Joel Roney Weez Roney	Kim Zampirri	Alice Elsner Martin Elsner Rita Elsner	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Megan Gilbert	Alaina Butler Alexander Nice Need 1 Volunteer	-
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Leona Russell	Veronica Alliegro Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau	Ordinary Time



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 Klings, 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 Sabath, 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:

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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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