

May 25th, 2025 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Leo P.P. XIV

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. +

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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 26th – June 1st, 2025

Monday: **Memorial Day**
† *The Knights of Columbus Deceased Veterans*
Tuesday: Intentions of Laura Gumprecht (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Wednesday: † Theresa Sobczak (*Aunt Barbara*)
Thursday: **Ascension of the Lord** - Parishioners' Intentions
Friday: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † The Balbirer Family (*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.

The Parish Office will be closed on:
Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.
Thursday, May 29th - The Ascension of the Lord

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH

9am Mass in the Old Church
7pm Mass in the New Church

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

May 11th - Envelopes \$4,707 * E-Giving \$1,727
May 18th - **Not Available due to early bulletin submission**

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. May 27: SJB Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. May 28 Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. May 28: Prayers of Petition* - Chapel & Zoom - 6:30pm
* Email Laura at sjbevelangel@stjohnsottsville.org to join in prayer, or to submit prayer requests.

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

The vast majority of us aim for perfection, which is obligatory for development. But we tend to impose our ideas, certain traditional beliefs and laws on other people very often. We also seem to have a predisposition to overreact when these seemingly insignificant standards are breached, seeing others as impure and in the process, we end up isolating ourselves thinking that we alone are right.

Ironically, we may find ourselves breaking these same rules when it suits our needs, dismissing them as trivial. This inconsistency makes us partial judges, often aligned decisions to serve our vested interests.

Today's reading encourages us to seek and serve God's will at all times, remaining in his love as he remains in us. In the first reading, the disciples, guided by the Holy Spirit, boldly decide not to impose circumcision on converts. God himself is the temple - the holy place in the New Jerusalem. The will of God is the only guiding principle of our lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus urges us to stay in God's love by doing his will. He assures us of joy and hope in his ever-abiding presence and promises the Holy Spirit to lead us into God's will. It is important that we attune ourselves to the promptings of the Spirit that we may be preachers of good news rather than our ideas.

Lord, help us to always seek and joyfully fulfil your will, which is the only one thing necessary.

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



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!"



Congratulations to the children of our Parish, who have received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, for the first time on Saturday, May 10th at Saint John the Baptist Church:

*Nicholas Daniel Antonelli
Julian Richard Bateman
Benjamin Christopher Boscoe
George Lyons Clendenny
Ashton Theodore Farero
Palmer Rae Haldeman
Robert Michael Lavin, III
Vincent Joseph Mariano
James Mason Miller
Kaegan Christopher Scott
Keller Andrew Scott
Arabelle Shemanski
Adelyn Jane Soderman
Sienna Elena Tumolo
George Carter Zolnoski
Hailey Dawn Zolnoski*



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 | (908) 500-3398

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

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



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Please consider a leaving a legacy to St. John the Baptist Parish. A gift to SJB in your will enables you to support the Church and makes a difference in the lives of future generations.

Thank you. God bless.



Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

During May would you please consider donating: cleaning supplies including:



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to benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staples. We believe that with God's blessings and the help of our community, we can show our support for those most in need. Thank you for your loving generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

The Evangelization Ministry
National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia



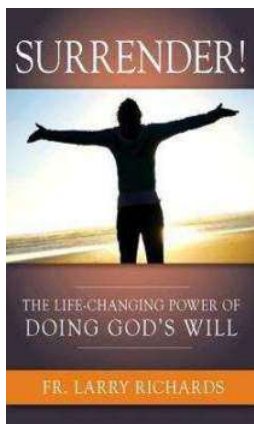
Save the Date: A Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Rita in Philadelphia on Saturday June 28th, 2025. The Shrine gift shop will be open and there will be a noon Mass.

We will leave the SJB parking lot at 9:30am. Carpooling will be available.

Contact Laura at sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org with any questions.

Sponsored by the Evangelization Ministry.

**READY FOR SOME SUMMER READING?
JOIN THE SJB BOOK CLUB!**



We will be reading **Surrender: The Life-Changing Power of Doing God's Will** by Fr. Larry Richards. We will meet the last Sunday of June, July and August at 9:15am. The sign up is in the Narthex. The book costs \$10, and payment is due at the first meeting.

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prompts to join our e-giving program.

For information, please call the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



TWO EVENTS:

Saint John the Baptist Parish is gathering a team to participate in a July walk to log miles for **Worthwhile Wear Thrift's ACT Challenge fundraiser**. If you are interested in walking 1-3+ miles at Lake Nockamixon State Park, keep checking here for details about how to sign up and for the exact date in July, which is to be determined! **There is no cost for this activity and all are welcome!** Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to have fun for the worthy cause of supporting survivors of human trafficking!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in Collegeville!!

If you are looking for a short-term volunteer job, we can use all the help we can get!!! Two Wednesdays, May 21st and May 28th, any amount of time from 10am to 3pm, help is needed sorting clothes (long sleeves, short sleeves, long pants, shorts, etc.) at the Worthwhile Thrift Store, 305 2nd Ave. suite 201, **Collegeville**, PA, to get ready for the new, soon to be opened Horsham location on Blair Mill Rd.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING 10AM–11AM. Our Lady's Chapel

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 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.

JUNE 1ST, 2025

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
ASCENSION THURSDAY OLD CHURCH 9AM	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
ASCENSION THURSDAY NEW CHURCH 7PM	Lynn & Gianna Gammello 1 Volunteer Needed	Needed	3 Volunteers Needed	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Ted Fahy Peg Glancey	Kim Zampirri	Blake & Max Nowicki Christine Wimpenny	Needed
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Nancy Kaczinski	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler 2 Volunteers Needed	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Laura Gumprecht Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Olivia Luna 2 Volunteers Needed	Echoes of Christ



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Lou Bucci, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camillier, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, **Craig Herrman**, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klenges, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, Judy Woodroffe

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.

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



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony J. Fleck, Joseph V. 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, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Steven Siegert, Kendall Smith

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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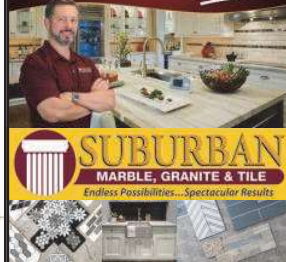
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