

May 28th, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

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 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 29 – Jun 04, 2023

Monday: + Deceased Veterans of the Knights of Columbus
Tuesday: + Dorothy Thornton (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)
Wednesday: + Ken Beer (*Knisley & Dolan Family*)
Thursday: + Dominick Testani (*Regina Skurnowicz*)
Friday: + Joyce Moninghoff (*Loving Husband*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Thomas Angelucci (*A Family Member*)
Sunday 8am: + Katherine Geroni (*Jacqueline Bonfiglio*)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas through the Parish Office.



Memorial Day Mass will be held at the Old Church at 9am on Monday, May 29th

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

May 14th: Envelopes \$5,396
 E-Giving \$1,730

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. May 28: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm
Sat. Jun 03: 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 we celebrate the Pentecost Sunday. In the first reading, we see the dramatic episode of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and its effects on the Apostles. In the second reading, St Paul tells how the varieties of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the common good. In the Gospel, Jesus strengthens the Apostles, who were frightened of the Jews, by greeting them with peace and by giving assurance of the Holy Spirit. He also asks the apostles to forgive the sins of others. The gifts of understanding, peace, willingness to forgive and seeking forgiveness are some of the graces we can ask from the Holy Spirit today.

As believers, we need the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is to build up the community and bring unity. It must not be used for selfish purposes or to bring glory to oneself because the varieties of gifts come from the same Holy Spirit.

Many countries in the world need peace. Violence in several parts of the world has brought chaos and confusion. In our own country, people live with fear and confusion because of the rising hate politics. Amidst these circumstances, when we celebrate the feast of Pentecost today, let us pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit may dwell among the people and let there be peace among us.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



**1st Friday Adoration begins
June 2nd after the 9am Mass and
concludes Saturday morning at
9am Benediction & Mass**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

LOUIS A. CICALESE

&

JOSEPH SUDER

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



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!**



Many thanks to **Bucks County Nursery** for donating three beautiful flower arrangements for the First Holy Communion Mass. God bless you for your thoughtfulness & generosity.



Thank you **Mr. John Kuklinski** of **Relationships Photography**.

You went above and beyond our expectations and took beautiful pictures of our Confirmation and First Holy Communion Classes. God's Blessings be Upon You!



Congratulations to our Catechist **Kathy Angello** (left) who has received the St. John Paul II award for completing over 30 years of service.

Congratulations to our Catechists **Lynn Gammello** (center) & **Lisa Simkanin** (right) who have received the St. Pius X award for completing over 10 years of service.

These awards are presented once a year to persons who have given outstanding service to the parish in the area of faith formation.



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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 ?

- 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.

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

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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.



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of May 28th
TEAM 3**

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



**An earring was found after the First Holy Communion Mass on May 13th.
If you lost it, please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 to claim.**

June 3rd & 4th, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Helene Bell	Jean Furmaniak Brady Mattle Christine Wimpenny	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Bill Saxton Lisa Saxton	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Maggie Hooven Liz Katra
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black	Patti Keyser	Alyssa Byers Julia Byers Need 1 Volunteer	Rob Galdo Liz Torgerson



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:

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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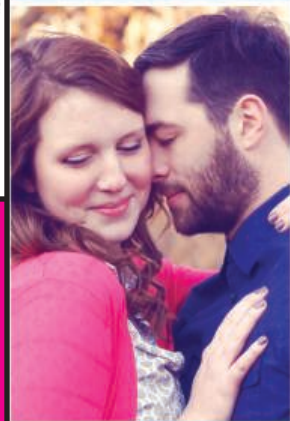
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