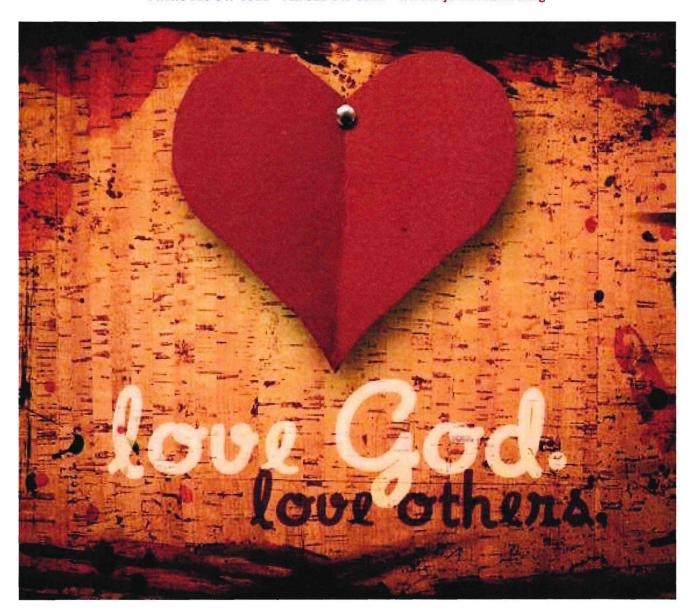
# The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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#### NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024 - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.

Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran

Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok 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.

<u>Register in the Parish</u>: Please contact the Parish Office to register when you move into our parish.

<u>Certificates of Eligibility</u>: 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



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 November 4th - November 10th, 2024

Monday: + Marie Louzon (Georgina Puente)

Tuesday: + Bill Saxton (A Friend)
Wednesday: + Bill Pulak (Peg Glancey)

Thursday: † Frank Costello (The Kosmin Family)
Friday: † Elaine Jocelyn (Jim & Cristina McHugh)

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm: † Helen Pepkowski (Dave & Anne Slifer)

Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 10:30am: + Kyle Dougherty (Bill & Maria Evans)

#### 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**

October 27th Envelopes \$6,390 - E-Giving \$1,620
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Tue. Nov 05: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

Wed. Nov 06: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8:00am

Wed. Nov 06: Intercessory Prayer - Zoom - 6:30pm

Wed. Nov 06: Evangelization Team Mtg – St. Augustine Rm – 7:00pm Wed. Nov 06: KNIGHTS VETERANS MEMORIAL MASS – 7:00pm Thu. Nov 07: Catholic End-of-Life Decisions & Planning – 6:00pm

#### 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!** 



# THE 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



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.** 

Mark your calendar! The Nitty Gritty Garden Club Make it & Take it Craft Night "Cardinal on a Branch"



Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm There is a sample of the project in the narthex. The cost is \$15, which includes all craft supplies and light refreshments.

Bring your own scissors, wire cutters, and hot glue gun.

Sign up in the narthex and pre-pay by Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Our Annual Christmas Fundraiser Sale starts this weekend through Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the proceeds will be shared with the Mini Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser. Order your poinsettias & wreaths early. Stop by the table in the narthex for an order form.

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today's readings highlight what we must do to relate with God. It is to keep the Commandment of God. The Commandment is to love the Lord all the days of our lives.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus affirms that loving God is the first Commandment, and that Commandment is complete in loving our neighbors. In order to express our true love for the Lord we must be ready to love our neighbors as well. Our neighbors are people belonging to other faiths, nationalities, race etc. The love that Jesus speaks of is greater than any other religious rituals, offerings and sacrifices.

In today's world, the challenge we face is to be communitarian in our deeds, in spite of all the popular culture that promotes individualism. Love is manifested in actions. Building a good relationship with one another is the need of the hour. Therefore, when we say, "I love and honor God", it necessarily means that I do something good for my neighbors. Giving oneself for others is the ultimate sacrifice as Jesus himself gives up his own life for others.

Let us ask God to give us the grace to open ourselves into a good relationship with one another.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish

# **ELECTION DAY**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024

The Chapel at **FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER** will be open to anyone who would like to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the Election and God's Will for our Country.

PLACE: FATIMA HOUSE - ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL

TIME: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ADDRESS: 601 ROLLING HILLS RD, BEDMINSTER, PA

# 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 us to 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.

#### 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 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.

#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, from September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish from 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM. Parents of New Students (1st graders or students who have never attended Religious Education classes at SJB) should contact the Religious Education Office by email: <a href="mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org">prep@stjohnsottsville.org</a> or phone: 610-847-5521 to arrange an appointment to register. To register a New Student, parents need for child: Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at SJB), Fee of \$200. for one child for PREP for year.

The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15th, 2025, during the Vigil Mass. Adults & Youth 7th grade or older, who are baptized practicing Catholics, who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025, and who are not presently enrolled in PREP, are asked to call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 to declare intention to receive the Sacrament or email: prep@stjohnsottsville.org

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FINANCE REPORT Summary Fiscal Statement for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024

#### INCOME

INCOME	
Offertory/Religious Education/Stole Fees	469,748
Donations and Bequests	93,566
Interest/Religious Ed Fees	15,344
Rent from Regina Academy	1,200
Total Revenue	579,858
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Routine Maintenance and Repairs/Utilities	65,929
Major Maintenance Refurbishments	35,724
Archdiocesan Assessments	72,500
Salaries and Benefits/Honoraria/Insurance	277,379
Church and Liturgical/Religious Education	60,238
School Building Maintenance/Utilities/Custodian/Paper Products/Cleaning Supplies	62,140
Total Expenses	573,910
Change in Net Assets carried over to current fiscal year	5,948

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOTES**

The Parish Finance Council met on September 10th, 2024 to review the full fiscal year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024).

The council expressed satisfaction and recommended that a summary fiscal statement be published in the parish bulletin, as provided above.

#### **Finance Council Members:**

Father Lucas, Ted Fahy, Chris Hackley, Mike Kirk, Mary Kosmin, Jim McHugh, Mary Miller, Vince Morelli, Jerry Peters & Carolyn Marchese (Business Manager)

#### Notes:

The original mortgage (2003) amount was \$1 million; payments are made annually by terms of the mortgage. (Current balance is \$45,000)

#### NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 – 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4545 and THE REGINA ACADEMY AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

are selling CAPTAIN CHUCKY'S CRAB CAKES just in time for Thanksgiving. Order forms with details are in the back of the church and on the Parish Website. Knights will be accepting order forms after Mass on November 2 & 3. November 9 & 10. and November 16 & 17.



A warm hello from across the campus! A heartfelt thank you

to all the parishioners who contributed to making our Open House such a wonderful success. We're thrilled to welcome new students who are excited about joining our school community. Our Student Council is gearing up for a delightful Christmas flower sale, with details just around the corner. We invite you to stop by the school anytime to see the children joyfully engaged in their activities.

Have a Blessed week, and please keep the children of the Academy in your prayers. God Bless, Tami Koerber, Head of School

#### TO THE VETERANS OF SJB PARISH

We invite you to join us for a **Veterans Day Celebration at** THE REGINA ACADEMY AT SJB



Monday, November 11, 2024 Refreshments at 2:00 followed by an Assembly at 2:30

Our staff and students would like to say thank you to our veterans with prayers, songs, and recitations.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP by Nov. 4th by calling the school office at (610) 847-5523.

#### Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



During November, would you please consider donating stuffing, cranberry sauce and turkey gravy. These products will not only benefit our struggling families

affected by the increased prices of staple products but help them enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. 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 generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers



#### Walking with Moms in Need

Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1 (Angler's Pier) 230 Creek Road, Doyl Saturday, November 9, 2024

Who: Walkers of all ages, family, friends and co-workers Pet friendly event. There is a 1.2 and a 2.5 mile course that is stroller & wheelchair access

The BCPLC Walking with Moms in Need fundraiser fo the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers.

n: Saturday, November 09, 2024, Rain or Shine am Registration begins. 10:30 am Walk starts for 2.5 miles. The 1.2 miles start soon afterwards

Pirnic tables available

Or you can bring a blanket with you

11:30 am Boxed Lunches Distributed

Entry Prices Adults - 520 Wheelchairs - 510 Children 12 & under - \$10 Pamily/Team of four (4) - 5 50 Strollers - free

T-shirts provided to all registrants (based on availability) oned lunch & bottled water are provided (if registered by October 20th) "box lunch provided by MEI Catering, Feasterville, PA

BucksCountyProLife.org to register on-line. Provide your box lunch preference to your cart. Pledge donations are welcome fory amount

#### Register online at BUCKSCOUNTYPROLIFE.ORG

#### OR YOU CAN BE A SPONSOR

Please consider a Sponsor level that works best for you:

Option 1: Listed on our Website Sponsor page

Option 2: Full Page Ad on our Website Sponsor page AND Dedicated sign\* at the event
\*Register by October 18th to guarantee a sign

All Sponsors are invited to set up a table at the Walk. 2 boxed lunches will be provided. Pledge donations are always welcome:

Go to www.buckscountyprolife.org to easily select your sponsorship level

BCPLC (Voices for the Unborn) is a 501c charity organization

This month A WOMAN'S PLACE in Doylestown needs our help! A Woman's Place is the only domestic violence organization in Bucks County and can be a life-saving resource for anyone experiencing intimate partner violence. Their emergency shelter needs the following items which you can deposit in the bins in the narthex through Sunday, November 10th. Thank you and God Bless!



All donations must be NEW.

#### **Current Needs**

- · Laundry Det rgent Pods
- · 1-Ply Toilet Paper
- Paper Plates/cups and Plastic
- Drawstring Trash Bags (13 and 30 Gallon)
- Body Wash For Sensitive Skin
- Paper Towels Wash Cloths & Dish Towels
- Sponger
- Shamnoo & Conditioner
- Dish Soep

#### Other Accepted Items

- Lotion (For sensitive skin)
- Vaseline
- Deodorant
- Cleaning Products
- · All-Purpose Spray, Toilet Cleaner
- Food Storage Containers (New) Plastic Wrap, Aluminum Foil, Ziploc Bags Baking Dishes/Shoots (new)
- New Bed Bug Covers (Twin, Full, Qu
- Bath Towels
- First Aid Kit Items
- Over-the-Counter Medicine (Adult & Kids)
- Unscented Baby Wipes
  New Sheet Sets (Twin & Full)
- New Quilts (Twin, Full, Queen)
- Sizes 5 & 6 Diss
- . Air Freshener Spray

- Full-Sized, and NOT Expired
- Non-Perisbable Food
  - · Kid's Cereal o Oatmeal
  - Pasta Sat
  - o Pasta/Rice
  - o Microwave Shelf Stable Meals
  - o Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's etc.
  - · Single Pack Snac

#### Not Needed at this Time

- Baby Gear
- Toys Used Kitchenware
- · Hand Sanitizer/Soap Bar Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Razors/Shaving Cream Face Wash
- Kid's Shampoo/ Body Wash
- Toothbrushes
- Make up remover
- Canned Veggies, Beans, Potatoes, Tuna

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NOVEMBER 9TH & 10TH, 2024

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Lynn Gammello Peg Glancey	Kim Zampirri	Martin & Rita Elsner Brady Mattle	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY	Nancy Kaczinski	Marie Burke	Alexander & Justin Nice	Patty Leidner
8AM	Donna & Natalie Nice		Need 1 Volunteer	Sue Rogers
SUNDAY	Jim & Joan Black	Tony Luna	Melissa & Khloe Demusz	Sue Rogers
10:30AM	Anne Luna		Olivia Luna	SJB Choir



# PLEASE PRAY FOR...



#### **OUR SICK:**

Jessie Alfaro, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Eileen Carlineo, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maryanne Comly, Lou Cooper, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, Steve Katra, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiore, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jimmy O'Hanlon, Jeff Olimpo, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, 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:**

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, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, Steven Siegert, 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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