

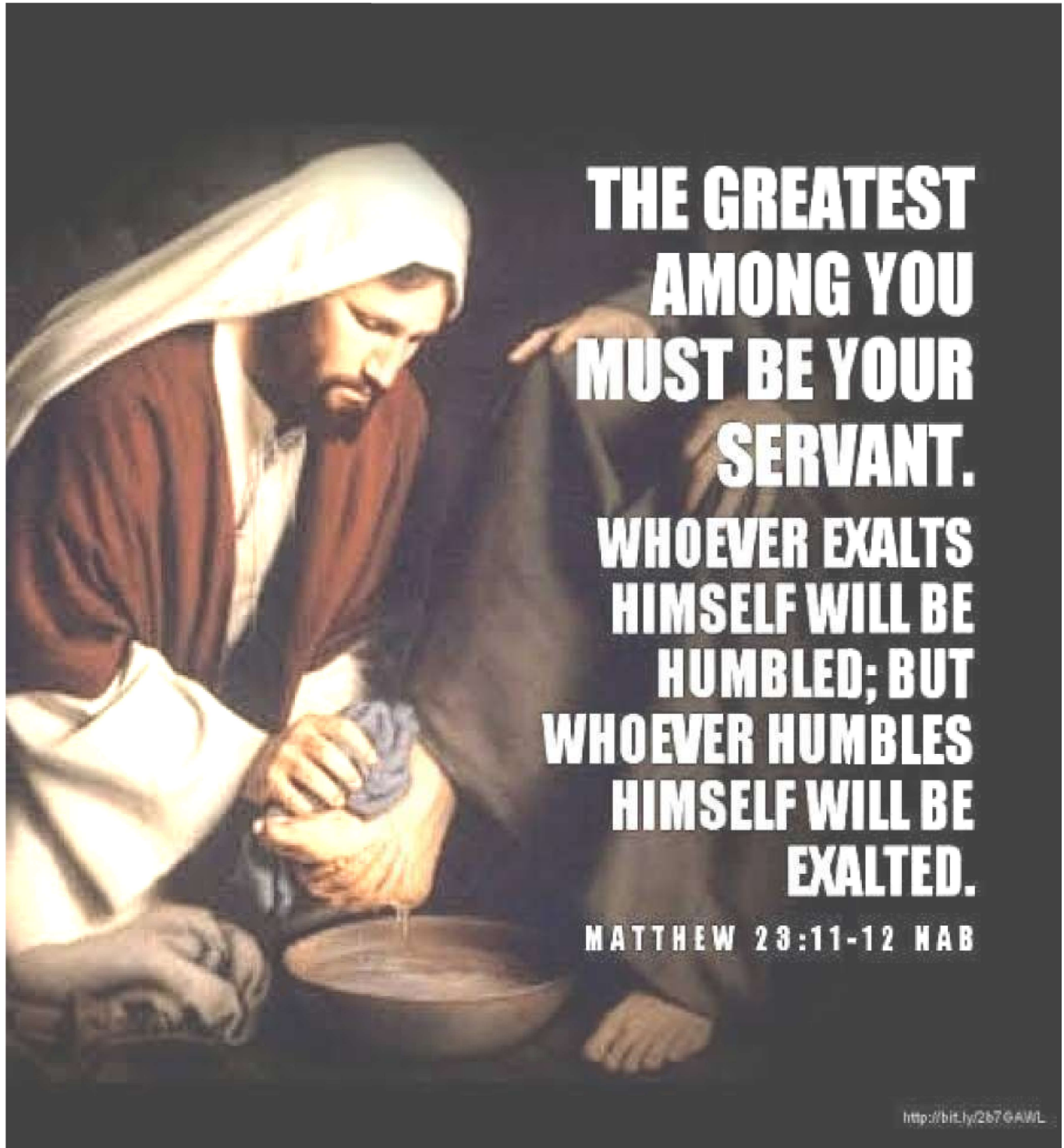
November 5th, 2023 – **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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 November 06 – November 12, 2023

Monday: Intentions of Nancy Giordano (*Samantha Campbell*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Wednesday: † Ethel Fachet (*Harold Rick*)
Thursday: † John Mehler (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)
Friday: † Bill Saxton (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: **Veterans Day - Knights of Columbus Vets**
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Bill Saxton (*The Garden Club*)

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 29th Envelopes \$4,330 * E-Giving \$1,807

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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Nov 05: SJB Book Club – St. Augustine Rm – 11:30am
Mon. Nov 06: Knights of Columbus – Marian Room - 7:30pm
Tue. Nov 07: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm
Wed. Nov 08: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm
Wed. Nov 08: Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass – 7:00pm
Sat. Nov 11: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

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.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND ARE GIVEN BY GEORGINA PUENTE IN MEMORY OF HER SISTER MARIE LOUZON.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

We need to become servant leaders in a serving community: The Church is a servant community in which the hungry are to be filled; the ignorant are to be taught; the homeless to receive shelter; the sick to be cared for; the distressed, to be consoled; and the oppressed, set to be free so that they may more fully realize their human potential and more readily enjoy life with God. So, the leaders should have a spirit of humble service in thought, word and deed. "The measure of a true Christian is not how many servants he has, but how many people he serves."

We need to live the Faith we profess. Religious people are all too often like the Pharisees and scribes, laying heavy loads on other people's shoulders without lifting a finger to help them. Instead of judging the poor, we should be serving them through our efforts for economic justice. Instead of criticizing others, we should be serving them through our efforts. Instead of ignoring the homeless, we should be serving them through efforts to supply them with adequate housing. *We need to live the Faith we profess.* Our Faith tells us that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the Heavenly Father. The only way for us to practice our Faith is to build a human community of love and justice.

We need to learn the art of self-examination, and accept the responsibilities which go with our titles. Instead of criticizing others for their failures, let us ask whether we are different from them in discharging our duties in the family and in the parish community. Let us remember that our titles should remind us of our specific responsibilities in society and our obligation to discharge them faithfully.

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

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 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.



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm. For information or to join, contact Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email KofC4545@aol.com.



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 prep@stjohnsottsville.org or call 610-847-5521.



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Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of School, tkoerber@rasjb.org - 610-847-5523.



NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB

The members of the Garden Club are asking for your help. We are in need of a variety of fresh-cut greens and holly, in order to create Christmas arrangements and decorations. We are requesting that your cuttings be brought to the church any time before Thanksgiving. Also please consider supporting the Nitty Gritty Garden Club's annual poinsettia and wreath sale. It is your support that allows the club to have sufficient funds to continue maintenance and manicuring of the fountain and gardens, trees and shrubbery around the church. Thank you and God bless!

For further information, contact Jeanne Keller (jeakel1@msn.com) or Mary Kosmin (mtkozmo@verizon.net)

Conquest for Boys & Challenge for Girls

are Catholic youth programs for K-4 & 5-8th grades that inspire children to grow in faith by building a friendship with Christ and living lives of virtue to make a positive impact on their families, friends and the world! We meet monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays right after 10:30 Mass!

Questions: ConquestForChrist@gmail.com



TO THE VETERANS OF SJB PARISH

We invite you to join us for a Veteran's Day Celebration at The Regina Academy at SJB.

Friday, November 10th, 2023

Refreshments at 2:00

followed by an Assembly at 2:30

Our staff & students would like to say thank you to our veterans with prayers, songs & recitations. If you'd like to join us, please RSVP by calling the school office at (610) 847-5523.



We at St. John the Baptist have planned the following:

1. SJB Book Club: currently reading *"This Is My Body"* by Bishop Barron - **all are welcome to join us now on the 1st Sunday of each month.**
2. Advent Bible Study: *"The Eucharist"* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa
3. Lenten Bible Study : *"Jesus and the Jewish Roots"* by Brant Pitre
4. April 13th - April 14th, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- *"Live the Mass"*

We are pleased to invite you to:
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Come check out some of the
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Adoration	Knights of Columbus
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Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts	Music Ministry
Cancer Support Group	Nitty Gritty Garden Club
Church Cleaning Ministry	Old St. John's Preservation Society
Evangelization Team	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Conquest and Challenge Youth Groups	PREP
Flame of Love Rosary Group	Pro-Life Ministry
Hospitality	Ushers

Meet with ministry team members to see the work happening in our parish! This is a great way to engage, enlighten, welcome, and get to know your church community. We welcome everyone to look around the Narthex and speak to our wonderful volunteers! Don't forget to let them know how much you appreciate all their efforts! We look forward to seeing you all!

Saturday, November 11th, 2023



**Knights of Columbus Council 4545
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	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Jane Ferry	Julia Byers Alyssa Byers Christine Wimpenny	Sue Rogers SJB Choir
SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter Need 1 Volunteer	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Gretchen Meyers Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Jim Black	Patti Keyser	Elia Logaivau Fatu Logaivau Need 1 Volunteer	Laura Fleck Karen Parash



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Helene Bell, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Melanie Fioretta, Betty Fleck, Tom Fleck, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy & Mark Hancharik, Maryann Hauber, Stephen Holznagel, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klenges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Loretta Malloy, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Helen Pepkowski, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Thomas Shepherd, Bella Sosa, 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:

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, 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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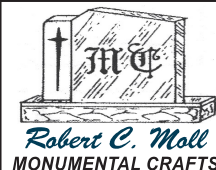
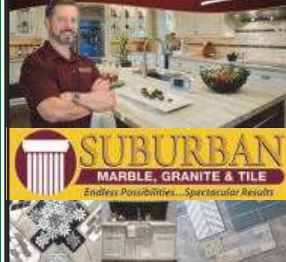
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