November 10th, 2024 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

<u>Register in the Parish</u>: Please contact the Parish Office

to register when you move into our parish.

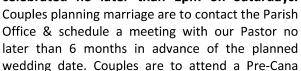
<u>Certificates of Eligibility</u>: May be issued only to registered parishioners who currently reside within our parish boundaries, who have been registered parishioners at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, who have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their 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.



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 11th - November 17th, 2024

Monday: Veterans Day

Intentions of the Knights of Columbus Veterans Tuesday: † Jerry & Betty Petritsch (Loving Family) Wednesday: † Ann McDevitt (The McDevitt Family) Thursday: † Divina Dayawon (Jim & Cristina McHugh)

Friday: † Jack Glancey (Peg Glancey)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † John Zdanowicz (Loving Family)
Sunday 8am: † Helen Pepkowski (Harold Rick)
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.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

November 3rd Envelopes \$4,230 - E-Giving \$1,453 World Mission Sunday (UPDATED) \$2,651

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The collections for All Saints' & All Souls' Days will be included in next weekend's bulletin.



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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Nov 11: Prayer Shawl – Marian Room – 7:00pm Wed. Nov 13: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am Wed. Nov 13: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm

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!



God's Blessings on The Baptism of

DELILAH ROSALIE REIDLER



PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS

All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family. Hope to see 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.**

FROM YOUR PASTOR

During their birthdays, children are taught to give away candies in order to inculcate the habit of giving. Christianity considers the act of giving as a virtue. However, it doesn't mean that all those who give are generous, rather only those who give until it hurts them. It is because the act of giving entails sacrifice and pain in exercising their freewill and love to give away even the essentials.

In the first reading, the Zarephath woman's sacrifice brings her an escape not only from the famine but also from life. In the second reading, Jesus' one-time sacrifice brings salvation to the entire humanity. In the Gospel, Jesus brings to the limelight the sacrifice made by the poor widow in order to restore her dignity and honor. He goes on to highlight the exercise of her freewill and love which brought her salvation.

In our context numbers of workers make a lot of sacrifices for the good of the nation. On the contrary, they have not yet witnessed the works of God being active in their sacrifice. Like Jesus, the mission to us is that we bring to the limelight the sacrifices of such oppressed people and restore them their dignity and honor so that they also receive life and find their salvation.

Lord, help us be generous like the poor widow and imitate your Son in bringing to the limelight the sacrifices of the oppressed in order that they receive their dignity and honor.

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 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

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, September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish from 6:15PM-7:30PM. Parents of New Students (1st graders or students who have never attended Religious Education at SJB) should contact the Religious Education Office at prep@stjohnsottsville.org or 610-847-5521 to arrange an appt. to register. To register a New Student, parents need the child's 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 contact the Parish Office at **prep@stjohnsottsville.org** or **610-847-5521** or to declare intention to receive the Sacrament.



Last Chance to Sign Up! Thursday, November 14th at 7:00pm THE NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB

Make it & Take it Craft Night "Cardinal on a Branch"

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 10th.

Our Annual Christmas Fundraiser Sale will continue through Sunday, November 24th. 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.







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 9-10, and November 16-17.



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



This Sunday, at the 10:30 A.M. Mass, St. John the Baptist Community will celebrate *The Rite of Acceptance* for those who are unbaptized and seeking to become Catholic Christians in the months to come, and *The Rite of Welcome* for those persons who are already baptized in another Christian community but are seeking the fullness of Truth in the Catholic Church. In the Rite of Acceptance, each of these unbaptized persons will be claimed for Christ, as the Sign of the Cross is placed on the forehead and on each of their senses, accompanied by prayers for each. In the Rite of Welcome, the Sign of the Cross will be placed on the forehead of each of these Christians, as a REMINDER of their Baptism, since those who are baptized have already died with Christ and travel a path to rise with Him at the end of this life.

In the Rite of Acceptance, those seeking to become Catholic, ACCEPT the Catholic Church and life in Christ as the way to Salvation. The Church (Christ and His People) ACCEPT the Seekers as fellow travelers on the journey to life with God in our heavenly home.

In the Rite of Welcome, the Christians who desire to live the Catholic Faith, express that desire publicly as the Catholic Community WELCOMES them on the path to full communion with the Catholic Church, after further study and preparation.

Catholics in the pew are reminded that God has given us an amazing Gift, the Gift of Baptism and sharing in the divine life of God, through His Son, Jesus. We are also reminded that we are not given this Gift to keep to ourselves, but to share with others. We are reminded that we are called to bring other persons to Christ and to help others to know Him

Let us pray for these persons who have taken this courageous step and ask God to strengthen them with His grace. Let us ask God to strengthen us with the Wisdom and Understanding to lead others to know Him.

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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

GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE CAMPUS



I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone in the parish who supported our school by attending the gala or buying a raffle. Your presence and contributions made a significant difference, and we truly appreciate your generosity and commitment to our community. Thank you once again for helping us make the event a success!

BLESSINGS, TAMI KOERBER, HEAD OF SCHOOL

VETERANS OF SJB PARISH



We invite you to join us for a Veterans Day Celebration at 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.

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MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Homemade or re-gifted items are needed. Tables will be set up in the Narthex during the month of December. All proceeds will be used for the

maintenance of SJB. Thank you!

PLEASE CONTACT KIM ZAMPIRRI @ 215-260-7592

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 MocC4545@aol.com

~SAVE THE DATE~ "Live the Mass"

ENCORE Women's Retreat at Czestochowa Shrine. Friday Eve, March 28th to Sunday afternoon, March 30th, 2025

LAST CHANCE TO HELP!

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!



Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner with all the Trimmings



Will you or someone you know be alone this Thanksgiving? Then join us or invite them to join us at Nativity of Our Lord Parish

for Thanksgiving Dinner! Individuals, couples, and families are welcome. Please arrive at 1:45 to be seated. Give thanks with us and enjoy a delicious dinner. There will be a kid's craft table and door prizes! Please call the parish office to make your reservations at 215-675-1925 Please make your reservation between October 21 & November 21. *This is a free event.*

Location: Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community Center, 605 West Street Rd. Warminster, PA, 18974

More info contact: Ann Marie Gervino agervino@noolp.org or view flyer

NOVEMBER 16TH & 17TH, 2024

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	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry	
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Ted Fahy Lisa Saxton	Kim Zampirri	Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson	
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Donna Nice Bea Romaszewski	Marie Burke	Need 3 Volunteers	Katie Minster Karen Parash	
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Laura Gumprecht Ward Van Haute	Sean Lynch	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci	



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Larry Baker, 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, 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:

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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