

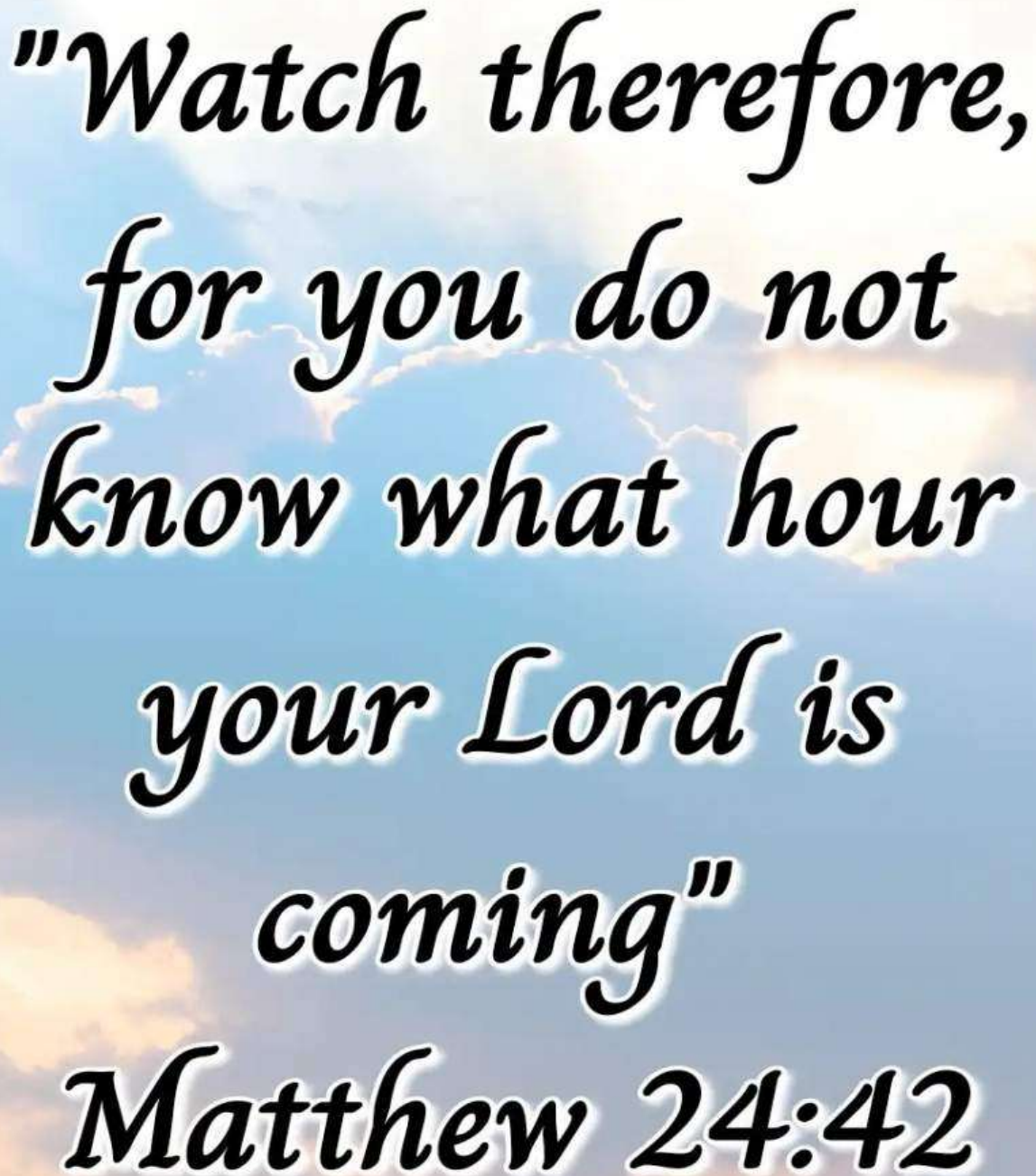
November 12th, 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*"Watch therefore,
for you do not
know what hour
your Lord is
coming"
Matthew 24:42*

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
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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 13 – November 19, 2023

Monday: † Raymond Carr (*Family Member*)
Tuesday: † Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Husband*)
Wednesday: † Jack Glancey (*Peg Glancey*)
Thursday: † John Zdanowicz (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)
Friday: † Ethel Facht (*Janet Reidler & Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: † Joseph Suder (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)
Sunday 10:30am: † MaryAnn Osmers (*Samantha Campbell*)

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 5th Envelopes \$3,854 * E-Giving \$1,863
All Saints Day \$908 * All Souls Day \$297

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Nov 12: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm
Mon. Nov 13: Prayer Shawl – Marian Room – 7:00pm
Tue. Nov 14: SJB Choir Practice – 7:00pm
Wed. Nov 15: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom – 6:30pm
Thu. Nov 16: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – 7:00pm
Sat. Nov 18: 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.



please join us for
the SJB MINISTRY FAIR
after Mass today!

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In today's Gospel Jesus uses the common customs of wedding procedures of those days to explain the nature of the Kingdom. In a strange manner, Jesus did not focus on bridegroom or on bride; rather, his entire focus is on the ten young women who are invited.

In day-to-day context, we are the ones who are invited. The Ten Virgins and Bridesmaids represent all the Christians because we await Christ to return at the end of time in glory. But when He returns He finds that half of them are unprepared. It is not because we are bad or did grave sins, it's just rather being lazy, superficial, uncaring and unprepared. Jesus certainly warns us that we can fail in our vocation to heaven through our own fault. So today we must prepare while there is still time.

People around us often say, "There's no time to prepare! We are caught up in works! There is hardly any time to think". But in reality we can be much more effective in what we do if we make use of the time given to us seriously. Today, as we also are waiting for the bridegroom to come to each one of us, so let's ask ourselves whether we have our lamps lit? Are we prepared and alert? Have we used our oil and remain in darkness? Or have we fallen asleep?

Sincerely in Our Lord

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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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**Wk. of November 12th
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Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of School, tkoerber@rasjb.org - 610-847-5523.

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to be held November 11th and 12th after each mass

Come check out some of the
great ministries we have at SJB

Featuring:

Adoration	Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers	Men of Faith
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!



SJB 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)

SJB Nitty Gritty Garden Club

2023 Christmas Poinsettia & Wreath Sale

Order forms are available in the narthex & on the SJB website.

Paid orders are due by Sunday, November 19th.

Poinsettia/Wreath Pick Up – December 2nd & 3rd.

Any questions, please contact
Jeanne Keller at 610-999-8322.

Thank you for your support! God bless!

SEE WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED!

1. SJB Book Club: currently reading *"This Is My Body"* by Bishop Barron. **All are welcome** to join us 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"*



Knights of Columbus Florida Fresh Fruit Sale

Please pick up your orders on **Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 AM - Noon** in the school parking lot. **Thank you for supporting the Knights!**

Thursday, November 23rd, 2023 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. This is a free event.

Location: Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community Center, [605 West Street Rd. Warminster, PA, 18974](https://www.google.com/maps/place/605+West+Street+Rd,+Warminster,+PA+18974)

More info contact: Ann Marie Gervino at agervino@noolp.org



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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!**

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NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 18th & 19th, 2023 | **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dave Slifer Marion Wolf	Anne Slifer	Rita Elsner Martin Elsner Christine Wimpenny	Denny Litzenberger Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 8AM	Tom Keller Jim McHugh	Jeanne Keller	Need 3 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Melissa Demusz Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna	Patty Leidner 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 Klings, 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, **Robert Parash**, 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:

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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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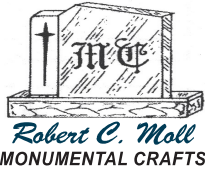
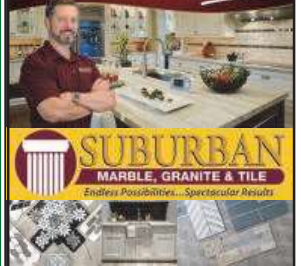
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