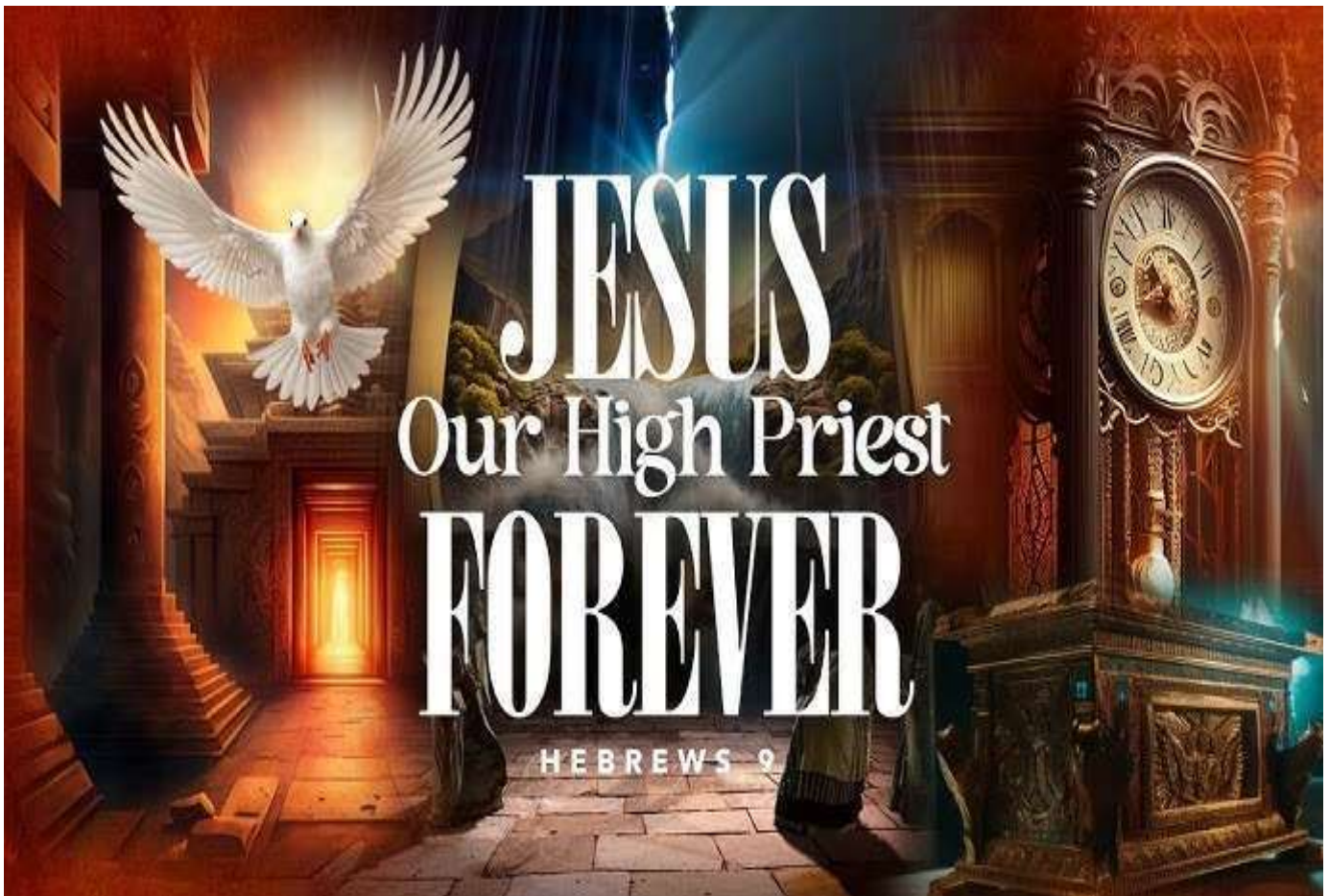


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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.

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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 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 18th – November 24th, 2024

Monday: + Kyle Jonathan Dougherty (Carol & Kari Giorgi)
Tuesday: + Chris Butler (Dan & Michele Walsh)
Wednesday: + Lorraine Lambing (Harold Rick)
Thursday: + Helene Bell (Gina Puente)
Friday: + Patricia Stangil (Your Loving Family)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: *The Intentions of Dan & Maryann Hauber*
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: + Uldine Kervick (John & Diane Erk)

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 10th Envelopes \$4,034 - E-Giving \$1,608

All Saints' Day \$1,199 - All Souls' Day \$633

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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THE MSC ANNUAL APPEAL IS THIS WEEKEND!

Today's 2nd collection is for our MSC Priests who have been serving in our Parish for more than 115 years. Your donations will be used to help care for the needs of elderly and infirm MSC Priests. Please donate generously. Thank you & God Bless!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Nov 19: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Nov 20: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am
Wed. Nov 20: 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 JONATHAN FREDERICK RONEY



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

The letter to the Hebrews portrays Jesus as the High Priest. For, as was the custom and tradition in the Jewish culture, the Jewish priest offered something externally in worship of God. Jesus, on the other hand, offered himself as the oblation to God. This self-oblation is so great that there is no longer any offering for sin. This is why Jesus is portrayed as the High Priest. Now, the High Priest, in turn, expects of us, His disciples, that we offer ourselves as a sacrifice freely and willingly to God.

Those who have ears to hear and are wise enough to understand what Jesus means would offer themselves to help the needy, to show their solidarity with the oppressed and raise their voices against the injustices of the society in which they live. By doing so, we not only help those who are in need of our support and strength, but also those who are even yet to be born; for when they are born, there will no longer be any need for offering. That is the true sense of the Kingdom of God on earth. The failure of all the aforesaid, therefore, would be frightening when ‘the Son of Man comes in clouds’ with great power and glory as told in the Gospel reading of the day. If we are to avoid it, all that we have to do is to offer ourselves for the realization of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Lord Jesus, help us understand the true sense of your self-sacrifice for us so that we, in turn, would sacrifice ourselves for the wellbeing of all those in need.

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 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.

CATHOLIC END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS AND PLANNING

PART 2 - THIS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
6:00 TO 8:00 PM, SJB CHURCH

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY
SJB AND KOC 4545

Faithful Catholics want to make healthcare and end-of-life decisions that are consistent with their beliefs. These choices become complicated quickly and most Catholics eventually have to make these choices, either for themselves, a parent, or a spouse. This program will discuss the difficult decisions and provide Catholic Church guidance, as well as planning materials and guides.



Discussion topics will include:

- POLST - Physician's Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment
- A Catholic guide to end-of-life's Critical Decisions
- A Catholic guide to Palliative Care and Hospice
- Catholic Funeral preparation and planning.
- Miscarriage and Still-Birth Resources
- Redemption through Suffering
- Last Rites
- Final Liturgy
- Living Will/Advanced Directives
- Estate Planning
- Gift Planning



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 narthex and on the parish website.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND THAT THE KNIGHTS WILL BE ACCEPTING ORDER FORMS AFTER MASS.

**ORDER PICK-UP: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
1 PM TO 3PM**



Join the Cleaning Team!

Wk. of November 17th TEAM 5

This is a once per month commitment.

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

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MONDAY EVENING 7PM-8PM. Our Lady's Chapel

WEDNESDAY MORNING 10AM-11AM. Our Lady's Chapel

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

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A Warm Welcome to:
Jessie Reckner-Alfaro
Ephraim Reckner-Alfaro
John Minster
Paige Aversa

as they continue their journey in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. They received the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcome at the 10:30am Mass on November 10th. **God's Blessings!**



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

SJB Community Outreach

A Woman's Place thanks all who donated so generously to their emergency shelter Wish List needs. 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.

Your donations are so appreciated and the SJB Community Outreach has been stellar! Anyone who has suggestions for further ways to help our broader community, please email Patti at pbkeyser128@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know needs help, please call A Woman's Place at [1.800.220.8116](tel:1.800.220.8116).

SJB Nitty Gritty Garden Club

2024 Christmas Poinsettia & Wreath Sale

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

Paid orders are due by Sunday, November 24th.

Poinsettia/Wreath Pick Up – December 7th & 8th.

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

Thank you for your support! God bless!



THE LORD'S PANTRY

Giving Tree will be set up in the Narthex beginning Saturday, November 30th.

This year ALL gifts will be in the form of gift cards.

Wrapped gifts must have original "Gift Tag" taken off the tree attached to the wrapping for identification purposes.

Gift cards may be purchased through the Parish Office.

Gifts need to be placed back under the tree by Sunday, December 15th. 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](#)

~SAVE THE DATE~ "Live the Mass"

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

Hello from across the campus!



Have a Blessed week, and please keep the children of the Academy in your prayers.

God Bless, *Tami Koerber, Head of School*

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

NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH, 2024

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SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Jim McHugh Renee Moyer	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Gretchen Meyers Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer Joan Beebe Lynn Gammello	Patti Keyser	Elia, Fatu & Siri Logaivau	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson
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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 Holznel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, Steve Katra, John Klinges, Pat Kreschollek, Chris Leahy, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Roseann McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchior, 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:

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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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