## November 19th, 2023 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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#### NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **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.

<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 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 20 – November 26, 2023

Monday: † Robert Bell (Mike & Colette Kirk)
Tuesday: Intentions of Chris Leahy (Family)
Wednesday: † Carmella Rome (Sister)

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Mass in the Old Church

Parishioners' Intentions

Friday: + Dorothy Thornton (Janet Reidler)

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm: \* John & Ethel Fachet (Betty Fleck)

**Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions** 

Sunday 10:30am: + Fran Torgerson (Mike & Colette Kirk)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9AM-5PM

Parish Office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas through the Parish Office.

## **WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS**

November 12<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$4,165 \* E-Giving \$2,131
Thank you for your generosity!

### **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Mon. Nov 20: Knights of Columbus Council – School Gym - 7:30pm

Tue. Nov 21: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

**Wed. Nov 22:** Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm **Sat. Nov 25:** Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

**Sun. Nov 26:** Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm

#### Next weekend's Second Collection is for the



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## 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!



## FROM YOUR PASTOR

The parable of the Talents is more than an exhortation to use our qualities well. It is about the Kingdom, which is entrusted to us as the Master leaves for a long journey. When he returns, he expects his servants to have put to work the riches he had entrusted to them. The first two risked and doubled what they had been given. They were praised for their commitment to their master, to the Kingdom. The third servant, who was afraid of the master, lost even the one talent he had.

The money that is given to the servants is not their own. The money they earn with the capital is not theirs to keep. The servants are only stewards of the master's investment, and it is the quality of their stewardship that the master seeks to measure. We should maximize the use of our talents not for our own selfish purposes, but to honor God. We know that we work in a fallen world because of the curse of sin. Our work will be difficult in these situations. But, we should feel satisfied and joyful for doing our best with what God has given us and in the place where his providence puts us, seeking to succeed in order to honor him.

Let us prays for ourselves - Lord, You have given us many things and qualities for the growth of the Kingdom. We may be always happy with what we have, making use of them for Your glory.

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.

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## **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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### THE LORD'S PANTRY

Giving Tree will be set up in the Narthex beginning next Saturday Nov. 25th.

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 10th. Thank you and God Bless!

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CEMETERY CLEAN-UP



Saturday, December 2 at 9:30AM Helpers Welcome! Please Bring Gloves **Attention Parish Family:** 

Prior to the clean-up, please remove

any ornamental items you may have placed on the grave of a loved one that you would like to keep.

All non-Christmas items will be removed.

## **Applications for The GIVEN Institute's** 2024 program are now open!

GIVEN's year-long program of faith formation, leadership development and dedicated mentoring includes attendance at the Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum June 8-12, 2024 at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and 1-on-1 mentorship with an established Catholic female leader in the Art of Accompaniment Mentoring Program until May 2025.

If you are a woman between the ages 21-35 and are seeking leadership training, faith formation, community and support to better understand and pursue your particular mission and vocation, the program is designed just for you! You'll grow in relationship with Christ and understanding of your gifts as you implement a unique Action Plan that helps you follow God's call. The application deadline is January 15.

GIVEN is also accepting applications from lay and consecrated women aged 36+ who would like to serve as mentors or volunteers.

For full details, visit www.giveninstitute.com/forum



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any questions, please contact Jeanne Keller at 610-999-8322. Thank you for your support! God bless!

## We at St. John the Baptist have planned the following as part of the Eucharistic Revival:

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- *"Live the Mass"*

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

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



Online Contributing Made Easy! Please visit our website <a href="https://www.stjohnsottsville.org">www.stjohnsottsville.org</a> and click on the above link. Follow the prompts to join our e-giving program. For more information please call the Parish Office.

## 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 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam Crews Weez Roney	Christina Crews	Siobhan Crews Amalia Crews Brady Mattle	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Alexander Nice Justin Nice	Sue Rogers SJB Choir
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer Ward Van Haute	Patti Keyser	Max Van Haute Hezekiah Van Haute Audrey Van Haute	Ordinary Time



## 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 Klinges, 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:**

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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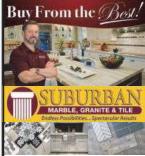
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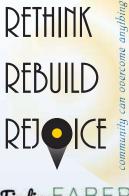
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