

November 24th, 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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 25th – December 1st, 2024

Monday: † Herman Freeh (*Harold Rick*)
Tuesday: † Louis & Catharine Johnson (*Bob & Anne Durison*)
Wednesday: † Rejean Gagnon (*Her Niece Rachel*)
Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day Mass in the Old Church**
Parishioners' Intentions
Friday: † Michael Fischetti (*Rachel Cormier*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † John Zdanowicz (*Jim & Cristina McHugh*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Kyle Dougherty
(*Janet & Joseph Marchione*)

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 17th Envelopes \$5,043 - E-Giving \$1,502
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Nov 27: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am
Wed. Nov 27: 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

RAYLYN JOYCE SHANNON



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

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ, the King of the whole humanity. Questions like, “Was Jesus a king on the earth? Didn’t He censure the earthly kings at times? Would He like to be called a king?” would baffle us, for He never wanted to be a ‘ruler’ of people, rather a leader of people. Still, we call Him ‘Christ, the King’. For, He is different from the ordinary understanding of a worldly king. Christ, the King, unlike a worldly king, leads His people towards eternal life from the front and would even give up His life for the sake of His people. For, He loves his people and takes care of them as His beloved sons and daughters.

It is because of the love that He had for His people, He didn’t cling on to His Godliness, rather humbled himself and came to this world to save humankind from its sins. He died for us humans on the Cross to fulfill the plan of God, the Father. He suffered for our sake, died and was resurrected on the third day. This is how the God who didn’t cling to His Godliness became the King of all. Yes! If we have a king who is righteous and ready to even lay down His life for our sake, aren’t we supposed to imitate Him and His values? Wouldn’t He be happy on account of us that we live as His loyal subjects and people?

Lord Jesus Christ! Grant us the grace to be united with You and the courage to live and die for Your sake

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 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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CEMETERY CLEAN-UP



**Saturday, November 30th
at 9 AM**

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.



PREP 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.

LOVE IN THE FACE OF REPENTANCE REVEALS MERCY!



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th - 6:30 P.M.

All Parishioners are invited to receive The Gift of God's Grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. P.R.E.P. students will have Class at regular time and participate in the opportunity to receive the Sacrament.

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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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



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

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**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 24^h.

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

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



We are in need of a variety of freshly cut greens and holly in order to create Christmas arrangements and decorations. We request that your cuttings be dropped off at the church or at Janice Bebb's house from Friday, Nov. 29th to Saturday, Nov. 30th. The fresher they are cut, the better.

Thank you and God bless!



THE LORD'S PANTRY

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

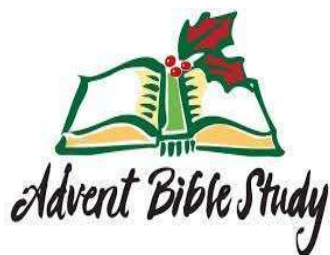
This year ALL gifts will be in the form of gift cards.

Wrapped gifts must have the 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!



The Evangelization Team would like you to join us for weekly Advent Bible study! Study begins on Dec 1st and ends Dec 22nd. This year we are offering the study on Sundays or Mondays. See the Narthex to sign up.

~SAVE THE DATE~ "Live the Mass"

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

**THE NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB
Make it & Take it Craft Night "Cardinal on a Branch"**



Thank you! A fun time was had by all!



K of C and Regina Academy



Annual Christmas Party

**Dec 15, 2024 • Noon to 3:00 P.M.
RA@SJB School Gym**

All are invited! This is the perfect time for all RA@SJB Families, St. John the Baptist, St. Lawrence Parishioners, and the regional community to come together and have a wonderful Christmas celebration.

- Drinks Pretzels---Popcorn---Coffee/Tea---Goodies
- Pizza & Cotton Candy!
- Decoration Making / Craft Tables
- Toy Train Display
- Christmas Tree
- and of course... a visit with gifts from Jolly Old St. Nick!



	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam Crews Lisa Saxton Need 1 Volunteer	Christina Crews	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Blake Nowicki	Anita Colahan Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Need 2 Volunteers	Anita Colahan	Need 3 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Anne Luna Leona Russell Patty Salva	Tony Luna	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna	Echoes of Christ



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Larry Baker, Lou Bucci, 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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