November 26th, 2023 - SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C. Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

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 <u>CONFESSION</u>: 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 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

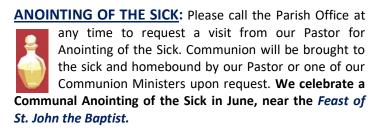


following at 11:45am. Parents and at least one Godparent are to attend our Enrichment class prior to the Baptism. You will need to call the Parish Office to register for this class. Godparents must be committed, practicing Catholics, over the age of 16, and if from another parish, must provide a

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.



<u>Mass Intentions</u> Week of November 27 – December 03, 2023

Monday: + Jim Adamson (Jack Lynch & Ed McMaster) Tuesday: Intentions of Jim & Joan Black (Fatima Community) Wednesday: Intentions of the Fretz Valley Prayer Group (Mike Kirk) Thursday: + Gerry Wixsted (Family Member) Friday: Intentions of Joan Beebe (Jim & Joan Black)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Mark & Betty Koch Happy Birthday, Mom! (All the Children)

Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions Sunday 10:30am: Intentions of Elaine Jocelyn (Terry & Wendy DeGroot)

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 19th Not Available

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Nov 26: Advent Bible Study - Marian Room – 9:00am New! Sun. Nov 26: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm Tue. Nov 28: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm Wed. Nov 29: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm Sat. Dec 02: Men of Faith – Marian Room – 9:00am

This weekend's Second Collection is for the

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL

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!



1st Friday Adoration begins December 1st after the 9am Mass and concludes Saturday morning at 9:00am, Benediction & Mass



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 Lord's teaching on the final judgment challenges every disciple of Jesus to be a herald of God's kingdom in today's broken world. We see that people are moving towards technology and becoming more and more self-oriented. We are confronted everyday with different value oriented people seeking different types of kingdom in their life. As we celebrate the Solemnity of 'Christ the King,' all readings invite us to reflect about the Kingdom.

God is inviting us to re-examine our way of life to inherit the kingdom. One day all of us have to be before the judgmentseat of God. Before him, it is not the bank balance we have, schools we build, the posts we own, the social status we have, the work we did that matter but how we love, care, how faithful and righteous we were in all our dealings that matter the most. Hence, God is inviting us to live a life of righteousness to inherit the kingdom especially to those who claim to follow Jesus and hope to endure to the end.

Thus, we will be blessed to see the King of kings. This King will not be like the kings of this world. In God's kingdom, no one is hungry, naked, sick, or alone. To bear witness to Christ as King is to be a messenger of this kingdom to serve others and thereby profess the celebration of God's glorious empire.

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

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 <u>KofC4545@aol.com</u>.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CEMETERY CLEAN-UP Saturday, December 2 at 9:30AM Helpers Welcome! Please Bring Gloves <u>Attention Parish Family</u>:

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.

SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB Christmas Poinsettia & Wreath Pick Up on December 2nd & 3rd.

Any questions, please contact Jeanne Keller at 610-999-8322. Thank you for your support! God bless!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

for children who attend public school, private non-Catholic school, or athome 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.



Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist The only Catholic, Classical School in Bucks County!

Authentic Catholic education that develops strong morals and character

- Small class sizes without screens
- Tight knit, like minded community
 Montessori Pre-K. Classical K-8th Grade



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist is Hiring!

The only Catholic classical school in Bucks County is seeking ardent Catholics who can teach across the curriculum and integrate the Faith as part of the formation of the memory, intellect, will and heart of the students.

We have openings for: Office Manager Full-Time 5th Grade Classroom Teacher (Full-Time) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Catechist (Part-Time) Substitute Teachers Teacher certification is not required.

Come and learn the beauty of Catholic, classical education! Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of



Join us as we gather to reflect on the Feast of the Holy Innocents by celebrating holy Mass. There will be a reception to follow the Massi Hosted by the Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition.

When: Thursday, December 28th, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish - 235 East State Street Doylestown, PA 18901

 Reception at St. Mary's Hall across the street

Questions? Contact the Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition at buckscountyprolife@gmail.com or call Karly Harney at (267) 337-5060.

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THE LORD'S PANTRY Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex.

This year ALL gifts will be in the form of gift cards.
Gift cards must have original "Gift Tag" taken off the tree attached to them for identification purposes.
Gift cards may be purchased through the Parish Office.
Gift cards need to be placed back under the tree by

Sunday, December 10th. Thank you and God BlessI

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







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Friday, December 1st Starting at 10 am

> Planned Parenthood 610 Louis Dr. Warminser, PA

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Join us as we share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community.

For more information, contact: rs, 267-733-7802, buckscountyprolife@gm

Organized nationally by the PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE

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

 Advent Bible Study "The Eucharist" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa beginning this Sunday, Nov. 26th. Learn about the essential connection between the Eucharist and the Scriptures and learn how to apply the principles in your own life. Bible study runs from Nov 26th through Dec 17th on Sundays at 9am in Marian Room.

Cost: \$10.00. Sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

- 2. Lenten Bible Study: "Jesus and the Jewish Roots" by Brant Pitre
- **3.** Apr 13th Apr 14th, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine *"Live the Mass"*

O Holy Night

FESTIVAL CAROLS IN THE KING'S COLLEGE TRADITION

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: ANDREW LUTZ-LONG ASST. DIR.: MARY BETH PENJUKE ACCOMPANIST: KRISTINE FOSBENNER

VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 – 3 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 19 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, PERKASIE, PA 18944

FREE WILL OFFERING PERFORMANCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US AT <u>WWW.VALLEYCHORALSOCIETY.COM</u>



Online Contributing Made Easy! Please visit our website <u>www.stjohnsottsville.org</u> 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! Questions: ConquestForChrist@gmail.com



FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE "A Quiet Country Retreat" 601 Rolling Hills Rd, Bedminster, PA

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

OVERNIGHT RETREATS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP UP TO 8 DAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR GROUPS UP TO 50 INDIVIDUALS

> WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE IN OUR LADY'S CHAPEL

MONDAY EVENING AT 7 PM – 8 PM WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 10 AM -11AM

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Liturgy of the Hours

ON THE 1st SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL Beginning at 10 am Rosary, confessions, Mass and lunch

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PRAYER

To schedule your retreat and for additional information please call Joan Black at 215-795-2947

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December 2 nd & 3 rd , 2023	
December 8 th , 2023	

1st Sunday of Advent

December 8 th , 2023				Immaculate Conception		
	Communion Minister	Lector		Altar Server	Music Ministry	
SATURDAY 5PM	Laura Gumprecht Lisa Saxton	Kim Zampirri		Alyssa Byers Julia Byers Christine Wimpenny	Sue Rogers SJB Choir	
SUNDAY 8AM	Need 2 Volunteers	Anita Colahan		Need 3 Volunteers		
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Claire Froman Ward Van Haute	Sean Lynch		Max Van Haute Hezekiah Van Haute Audrey Van Haute	Echoes of Christ	
Immaculate Conception FRIDAY 9AM	See Joan Black	See Joan Black		See Joan Black	Fred Furmaniak Liz Torgerson	
Immaculate Conception FRIDAY 7PM	See Joan Black	See Joan Black		See Joan Black	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci	

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, Jean Furmaniak, 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



