

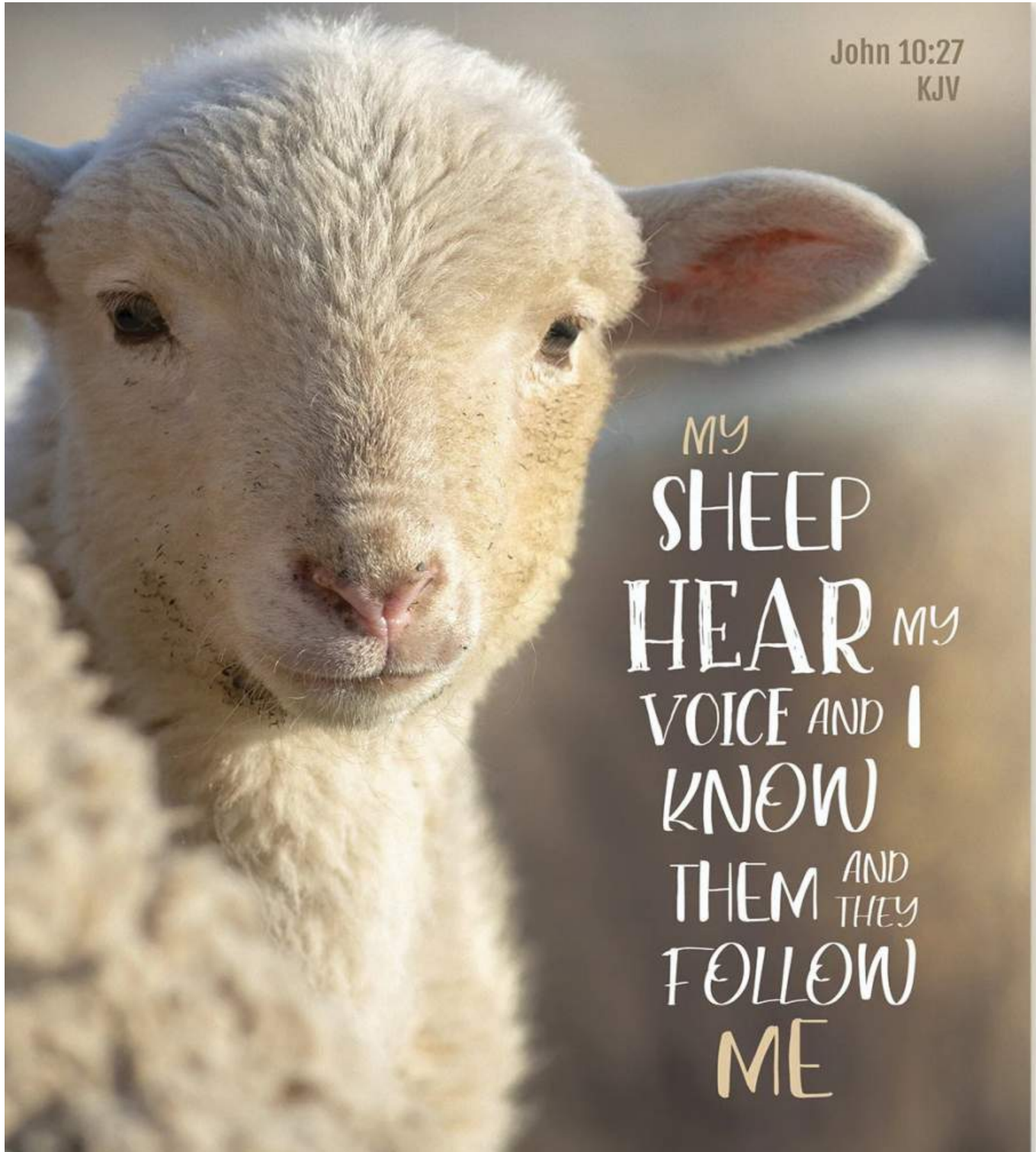
October 1st, 2023 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.
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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 October 02 – October 08, 2023

Monday: + Carmella Rome (Sister)

Tuesday: Intentions of Fr. Lucas – **Happy Birthday!**
(Office Staff)

Wednesday: + John Zdanowicz (Mike & Colette Kirk)

Thursday: + Bill Saxton (Harold Rick)

Friday: Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Butkovich & Family
(Mary Pat Meyer)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 8am: + Joseph Suder (Jackie Ryan & Family)

Sunday 10:30am: + Joey Walsh (Mom & Dad)

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

September 24th Envelopes \$7,245 * E-Giving \$1,466

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Oct 01: SJB Book Club – St. Augustine Rm – 11:30am

Mon. Oct 02: K of C – Marian Room – 7:30pm

Tue. Oct 03: SJB Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Wed. Oct. 04: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel – 6:30pm

Sat. Oct 07: 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.

**1st Friday Adoration begins
October 6th after the 9am Mass and
concludes Saturday morning
at 9am Benediction & Mass**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council # 4545

PENNY PARTY

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

Doors Open 5:00pm

**Cost of admission ticket \$5.00 includes a coffee & dessert
Come test your luck, it only costs a penny per chance!**

FROM YOUR PASTOR

All three readings of this Sunday highlight the foundational principles of obeying God and also of being accountable for our actions. It stresses on the aspect that the judgment of God is largely dependent on the faith and the conduct of individuals.

The prophet Ezekiel reminds Israel, who were captives in the Babylonian exile, that it was their waywardness that resulted in their present situation. God was loyal to his promise, but Israel forgot the promises they made to him. Saint Paul in his letter warns us against selfishness and vainglory. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of obedience to God and faithfulness towards one's own duty.

Do I take responsibility for my action? Do I take responsibility for my life? There is a common tendency among us to pass the blame on to something else or someone else. We find ways and means to avoid taking responsibility and find different ways to justify our actions. It is often an easy escape to blame outside factors. Personal accountability of oneself and of one's own action is a sure sign of human growth and maturity. Being accountable demands of us humility, truthfulness and a desire to change.

Let us pray for ourselves - Dear Jesus, as I come before you, help me to accept myself as I am. Give me the willingness to learn and recognize the need to be accountable to each other as well as to you. Help me to be faithful in all my duties. Provide me with your grace to fulfill them diligently and with love.

Sincerely in Our Lord

REV. S. LUCAS MSC

Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



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.

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 your family member 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.



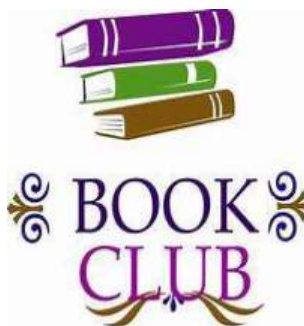
RCIA, the process in which adults become full participating members of the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, will be starting back up in September.

Please contact Tom & Jeanne Keller
at sjbrcia@stjohnsottsville.org
or call the Parish Office for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Father Stommel Council # 4545 **meets** the 1st and 3rd
Mondays at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, contact:
Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email KofC4545@aol.com.



SJB BOOK CLUB

To accommodate those who do not like driving at night, we will be changing the Book Club meeting to the first Sunday of the month, starting Oct 1st, after the 10:30 am Mass.

PREP

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.



SJB Parish Picnic

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the parish picnic possible! It was a great success! A special thanks to Chris and Eileen

Leahy who purchased all of the hamburgers & hotdogs, the great volunteers who helped cook, set up and clean up, and Father Lucas, the leader of this great church family! We had a very good turnout and a great time!



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart USA Province

The **MSC Annual Appeal** is **October 14th & 15th**. Please donate generously to our MSC Priests who have been serving in our Parish for more than 115 years. Your donations will be used to take care of the needs of elderly and infirm MSC Priests.

Walking with Purpose Women's Studies
beginning October 5th at 7:15pm
St. Jude Church, 321 S. Butler Ave., Chalfont

Do you want to join with other women as we study and grow together in our relationship with the Lord? *Walking with Purpose* is a small faith-based women's study that is spreading throughout the country. We have a study for every woman - choose which is best for you!

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point - If you're new to WWP, start here

Beloved - This is the starting point for women 18-35

Discovering Our Dignity - This is a more advanced study

Visit our website for details and registration! stjudechalfont.org/www
Contact person: Katy Callum, kcallum1@gmail.com

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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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St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle

Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket! The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets and will be broken down as follows:

1st Prize- \$5,000 2nd Prize- \$2,000 3rd Prize- \$1,000 & Four \$500 prizes.

Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle proceeds support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861 or email us at raffle@stmarypolish.org.

PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville is sponsoring a **CROP Hunger Walk** on October 29th. This fundraiser will help fight hunger locally and around the world. The Lord's Pantry will receive 25% of the funds raised & will be participating.

To register for the walk or to make a donation, please go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023>. In the top right corner search for The Lord's Pantry Team. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK



OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

Registration Opens @ 1:00 pm
Starts and ends at
St. Peter's Lutheran Church at
720 Edgewood Rd., Riegelsville, PA 18077

Walk as far as you want:

Location	Each Way (Miles)	Round Trip (Miles)
Durham Aqueduct (Routes 212 & 611)	1.25	2.5
Trauger's Farm (Island Rd.)	2.25	4.5

25% of donations go to support
The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville
75% goes to feed the hungry around the world

Scan to register or donate:



Call 610-346-8500 or email
crophungerwalk@durhamlutheran.org for
registration material.

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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



We at St. John the Baptist have planned the following:

1. SJB Book Club: currently reading *"This Is My Body"* by Bishop Barron - **all are welcome to join us now on the 1st Sunday of each month beginning Oct. 1st.**
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 - April 14, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- *"Live the Mass"*

**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of October 1st
TEAM 1**

This is a once per month commitment.



Walking with Moms in Need

Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1 (Angler's Pier)
230 Creek Road, Doylestown, PA
Saturday, November 4, 2023

Who: Walkers of all ages, family, friends and co-workers.

Pet friendly event. There is a 1.2 mile & a 2.5 mile course that is stroller & wheelchair accessible.

What: The BCPLC Walking with Moms in Need fundraiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers.

When: **Saturday, November 04, 2023**, Rain or Shine

09:30 am Registration begins.

10:30 am Walk starts for 2.5 miles. The 1.2 miles start soon afterwards.

11:30 am Boxed Lunches Distributed. ***MEI Catering, Feasterville, PA**

12:00 pm Speaker.

You are encouraged to bring a blanket with you.

Entry Prices:

Adults - \$20 * Wheelchairs - \$10 * Children 12 & under - \$10
Team of four (4) - \$50 * Strollers - free

If registered by October 20th

T-shirts will be available for purchase

Boxed lunches* & bottled water are provided

To register on-line please use the link below and provide your box lunch preference to your cart.

Pledge donations are welcome (*any amount*).

BucksCountyProLife.org Walk with Moms tab



PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE OCTOBER 16, 2023 Harrisburg, PA

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes are organizing a bus to Harrisburg, PA to support the sanctity of human life in PA. Please join us!

Departure From: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA

Time: 8:00AM

Departure from PA State Capital Building: Between 1:30pm to 3:00pm depending on modification to the final schedule.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

10:00 AM – Prayer and Praise Pre-Rally

11:00 AM – Pennsylvania March for Life Rally

12:00 PM – Pennsylvania March for Life

We hope to meet with some of our legislators during the visit. The cost is \$20 per person. Teenagers and younger are free. If you would like to join us, please email Kathleen Wilson at Twav5@aol.com to register. Please indicate in the subject line "March for Life bus - PA RSVP". If there are any questions, please call Kathleen at 215-262-3998.

For updates, information, updates and FAQ visit: PA.MarchforLife.org

October 7th & October 8th, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Marion Wolf	Jane Ferry	Jacob Roney Joel Roney Christine Wimpenny	Karen Parash Liz Torgerson
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Alexander Nice Justin Nice Need 1 Volunteer	Denny Litzenberger Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Elia Logaivau Fatu Logaivau Olivia Luna	Sue Rogers SJB Choir



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, 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, 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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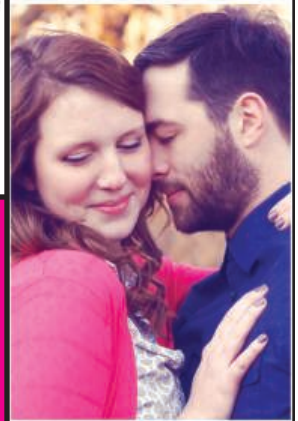
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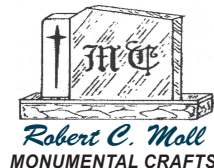
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