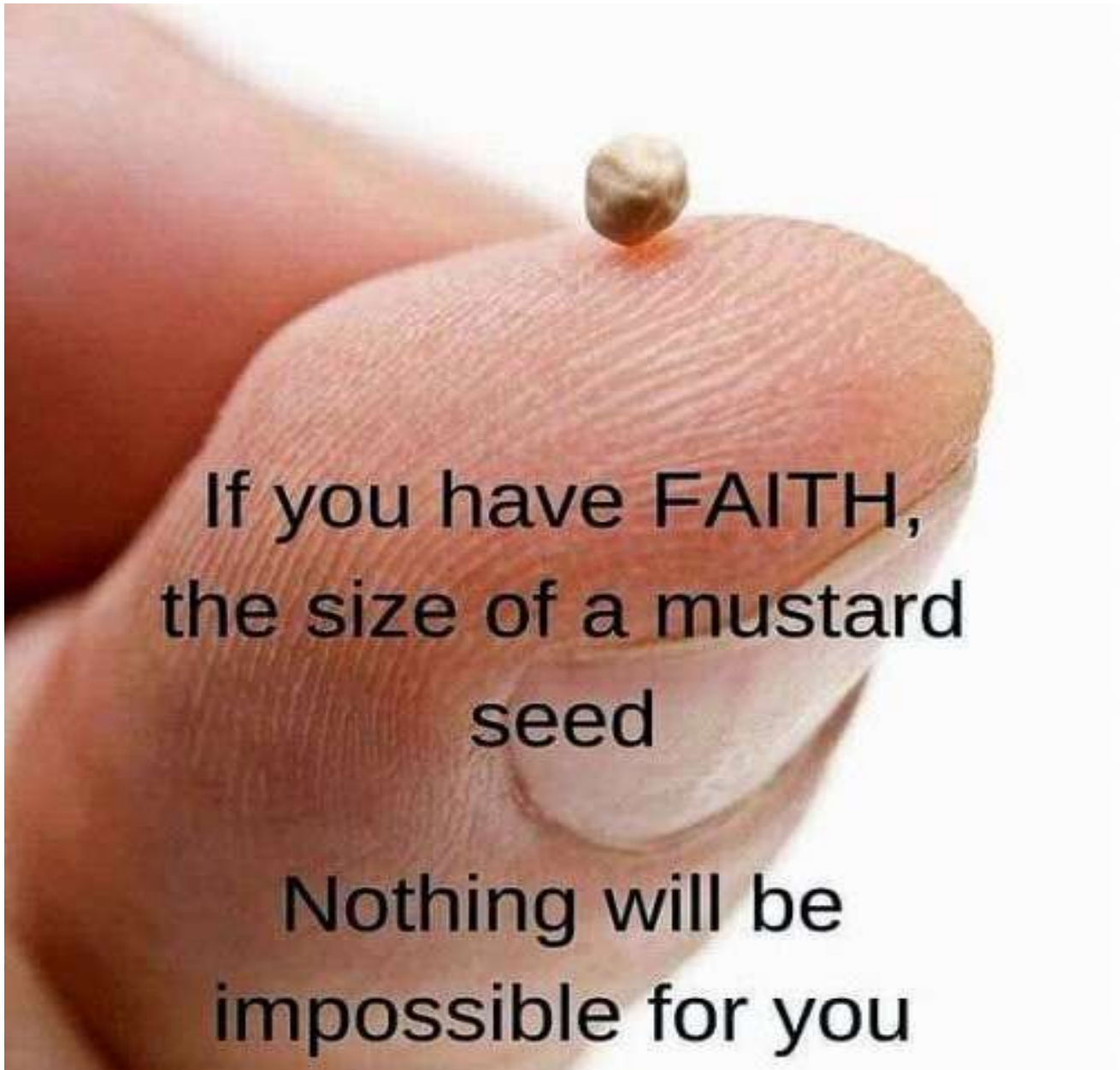


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**Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!
Fr. Lucas and the parish family of St. John the Baptist
would like to welcome all of our visitors and new members.**

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Beginning Nov. 1st, the Vigil Mass will start at 4:30pm.
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 to act as Godparent or Sponsor may be issued only to registered parishioners who have been registered here at St. John the Baptist Parish at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their faith in our parish. If married, your marriage must have been witnessed and blessed by a Catholic Priest or have special permission approved by the Archbishop. A person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason is not eligible to be a sponsor and, therefore, we cannot issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism may be scheduled to take place on a Saturday at 10am or 11am; or on a Sunday at 11:45am (immediately following the 10:30am Mass). 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 6th – October 12th, 2025

Monday: Intentions of Bob Shopf (*Bernadette Strzelecki*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Michael McHugh (*Rachel Cormier*)
Wednesday: † Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Thursday: † Richard Junod (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Friday: † Bruce Patin (*Mary Kosmin*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: † Philip Gumprecht (*Laura Gumprecht*)
Sunday 10:30am: † Brian Junod (*Jim & Joan Black*)

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 28th - Envelopes \$5,244 * E-Giving \$1,665

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Oct 05: Evangelization Team Meeting
St Augustine Rm - 9:15am *New Day & Time!*
Wed. Oct 08: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Oct 08: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 6:30pm
*** EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**
Thu. Oct 09: Garden Club Work Session – 5pm-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!



St. John the Baptist Music Ministry

Mass of Restoration – Sunday, October 5th

A new Mass Setting, along with new music selections, will be introduced by *Echoes of Christ* this Sunday, October 5th at the 10:30 AM Mass. Handouts for the Mass Setting will be available.

Looking forward to your attendance.

From Your Pastor-



Faith is a surrender and a total commitment to God. It affects a person in all aspects of life. Faith also involves an intellectual element and truth. It is a relationship with God that transforms the totality of our being. Faith is not a passive surrender, but it calls for an active commitment to live out our experience as God's people. Faith in Jesus indeed is a liberating experience. Trusting in God has a spiritual, redemptive, and social value.

Increase our faith: The continuation of faith is fulfilled in willfully extending our service to uphold human dignity. Moral uprightness is needed in society because it finds fulfilment in service to humanity. Faith in God and service to others is a universal law. Christian Faith without action ends up in vain. What is needed today? Faith builds the community as one body.

In our service to others, the dignity of human persons must be seen in all fields of social work. Selfless service and sacrifice for the sake of others are the divine qualities. The whole universe is active and alive because of the selfless service of people who work tirelessly in establishing God's Kingdom. Living in the presence of God and working for the upliftment of the poor and needy will lead us to live a life of solidarity and equanimity.

Heavenly Father, deepen our faith so that we may be able to live a life of service to others.

**Yours in Jesus Christ,
Rev. S. Lucas, MSC
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish**



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.



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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
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TUESDAY, S.A.M. OCTOBER 7TH 2025
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LEGAL COMMUNITY



The Mass is open to the public, and people of all faith backgrounds are welcome to attend the Mass.

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Join us for a night of fun. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

Cost of admission ticket of \$5.00 includes coffee & dessert.

Come test your luck, it only costs a penny per chance!

No one under 13 years of age admitted

SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB

Our last WORK SESSION this year for the garden club will be this **Thursday 10/9 from 5:00 to 6:30.**

We appreciate all and any assistance.



OCTOBER 5TH, 2025 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER 601 ROLLING HILLS RD

OPEN HOUSE- PLEASE JOIN US!

October 11th (Saturday) at 1:00 PM



- Rosary in St. Joseph's Chapel
- Refreshments - Tour of Retreat Center

For more information, call 215-795-2947

Joan Black, Director

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YOUR LIFE? JOIN US AT FATIMA HOUSE

On Mondays at 7 PM and Wednesdays at 10 AM we have an Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We pray the "Liturgy of the Hours", the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. No experience necessary! Daily & Overnight Retreats.

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS & INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL JOAN BLACK AT 215-795-2947



MARIA MIDDLETON'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY MASS



CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP NELSON PEREZ
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 at 6 PM
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF
CZESTOCHOWA

"Think hope." These were the last words Maria Middleton was able to write in her journal, a message that continues to inspire countless lives. From the time she began her journal at age 11 with the words "God is merciful," Maria lived with courage, kindness, and a deep trust in the Lord. Her spirit of hope, faith, and love touched many around the world and continues to guide us today. Join us as we honor Maria's life, legacy, and the enduring message she left us: to always **Think Hope**.

Copies of:
Think Hope: Maria Middleton's Life of Unyielding Trust in God
will be available after Mass.

More information about Maria can be found on the Think Hope website:
ThinkHope.org



A Message from Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

As we continue this grace-filled school year, we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the children and families of Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist through classical faith-based education. The Academy is more than a school, it is a living extension of our mission to form disciples, nurture virtue, and cultivate joy in the Lord.

We recognize that not everyone may feel closely connected to the Academy, and we understand that questions or concerns may arise. We invite you to see firsthand the beauty unfolding on our campus. We celebrate Mass together as a community three times a week and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation the last week of the month. This past week we prayed the Rosary outside as a community for police officers on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel. We feel incredibly blessed to be able to express our faith openly and watch the children grow in wisdom and love. These moments are not just educational, they are deeply spiritual, and they belong to all of us.

I am very happy to report that two of our Academy families have registered with the parish within the past week. We are thrilled that these families will be receiving the sacraments at St. John the Baptist Church.

We are excited about what October has in store for us. Don't forget to mark your calendars for October 16th at 6:00pm, when we'll have the special opportunity to participate in the celebration of Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in memory of Maria Middleton and the 5th Anniversary of her passing into eternal life and joy with God. Archbishop Nelson Perez, who had a very special relationship with Maria, will be celebrating the Mass.

If you've never visited our school, or if it's been a while, we warmly welcome you to arrange a tour, attend a school Mass, or simply stop by to say hello. We believe that when hearts are open, grace flows and we would be honored to share the joy and blessings that the Lord is pouring into our community.

Together, let us continue building a community rooted in faith, united in purpose, and generous in spirit.

With gratitude and hope,
Brian Dulin, President
Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

As Autumn brings changing colors on the trees and cooler temperatures, would you please consider donating these warming foods during October?



- Chunky Soups**
- Canned Meats**
- Chicken/Beef Broth**

You will benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staples. 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 loving generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

**NEXT WEEKEND - PLEASE STOP BY!
PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS**



Next weekend we will have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality & get to know your church family.

We will be selling and taking orders for gift cards after all the Masses next weekend. Please visit us in the Narthex to get your order form and sign-up for program benefits!



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of October 5th
TEAM 1**

This is a once per month commitment.



**PARISH RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

**2025 – 2026 Registration is Open for PREP
Class time: 6:15 – 7:30pm Monday in the school**

Registration Forms for Returning Students for 2025-26 have been mailed. Parents of New Students of any grade level for 2025-26 should contact the Parish Office: prep@stjohnsottsville.org OR 610-847-5521.

Parents/Guardians of 7th grade students, who are parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church who are attending Catholic School and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Church in 2026, should contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org by September 30th, 2025.

SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB



A fun time was had by those attending our garden club craft night!

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE



St. John the Baptist Parish will be hosting a **Change for Life Campaign** to support Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center. We ask that parishioners please take a bottle home for the month of

October, fill them with change or donations, and return them to church by All Saints Day weekend, November 1st & 2nd. All proceeds will benefit Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center. **Thank 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.

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 October 11th & 12th, 2025 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Lynn & Gianna Gammello 1 Volunteer Needed	Patti Keyser	Blake & Max Nowicki Christine Wimpenny	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Renee Moyer	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler 2 Volunteers Needed	Anita Colahan Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Samantha Campbell Wendy DeGroot Patty Salva	Sean Lynch	Melissa & Khloe Demusz 1 Volunteer Needed	Sue Rogers SJB Choir



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camillier, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Carol Engel, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Barney Fontenot, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy Hancharik, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Kimberly Markulec, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Mike Palmer, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Thomas Rimmer, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, Lisa Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Riley Telesco, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Danielle Watson, 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:



May God protect and watch over our troops



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony J. Fleck, Joseph V. Fleck, Lane Charles Frankenfield, 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, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Jared Scott, Steven Siegert, Kendall Smith

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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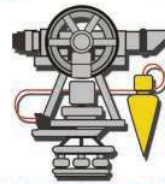
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