

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.**

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**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 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 7<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Monday: Intentions of Michael McHugh (*Rachel Cormier*)  
Tuesday: † Mr. & Mrs. Roy (*Granddaughter Rachel*)  
Wednesday: † Ida Longchamps (*Rachel Cormier*)  
Thursday: † Lorraine Thaler (*Harold Rick*)  
Friday: † Helene Bell (*Jim & Cristina McHugh*)

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm: † Jerry & Betty Petritsch (*Loving Family*)  
Sunday 8am: † Bill Saxton (*Loving Wife Lisa*)  
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions & Intentions of Fr. Ray Diesbourg, MSC on his Golden Jubilee Celebration of Ordination

**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 29<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$5,107 - E-Giving \$1,704  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Sun. Oct. 06: Conquest/Challenge – School Gym - 11:30am  
Tue. Oct 08: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm  
Wed. Oct. 09: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am  
Wed. Oct. 09: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm  
Thu. Oct 10: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm

**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!

*Golden Jubilee Celebration  
of Ordination*

**FR. RAY DIESBOURG, MSC**



October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday 10:30 Mass

A luncheon will follow.

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

The first reading tells us how God envisioned men and women to be partners, particularly in the context of marriage. The Hebrew word ‘ezer’ was used to describe the woman as ‘helper’. Now, ‘ezer’ appears 21 times in the Bible, out of which 16 times it is used to show God as the helper and savior. The usage of the word ‘ezer’ gives a better understanding of how men and women ought to relate to each other. By all means, it does not mean that women are subordinate to men. Men and women are unique and different as they are, yet they complement each other. Husband and wife thus complement each other. In no way, either of them is subordinate to the other.

In the Gospel, we read that Jesus when confronted with the question of divorce upholds the sanctity of marriage and alludes to the point that marriage was part of the creation. In doing so He affirms the presence of the Divine in the institution of marriage. Therefore, He says, “what God has joined together, let no one separate”. Marriage is a covenant, and it entails commitment and sacrifice.

Today there are more and more broken marriages due to the lack of commitment and sacrifice. The second reading speaks of hope and shows us how Jesus endured sufferings to bring about salvation. Jesus suffered because He loved us. Likewise, when the marriage partners love each other, it would surely involve pain and suffering, but with the grace of God, the partners in marriages, too, would be able to endure any suffering and flourish in their lives.

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.

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### 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.*

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### Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



Are you or your family member(s) 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.**



**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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### NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY FOR THE UNBORN

Oct 5, 6, 7 - PRAY the ROSARY with your congregation, with your family and friends, or individually. For more information or to sign up for this Crusade, email [rosarycrusade123@gmail.com](mailto:rosarycrusade123@gmail.com).



**MSC Oktoberfest – October 13, 12:00-5:00 pm at the Reading Liederkrantz. Hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.!**

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# PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion Classes for Children who attend Public School, or non-Catholic Private School, are held on Monday evenings, from September to May at St. John the Baptist Parish. (6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.) Parents of New Students (first graders or students who have never attended Religious Education classes at St. John the Baptist) should contact the Religious Education Office by email: [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org) or by phone: 610-847-5521 to arrange an appointment to register. To register a New Student, parents need for child: Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate (unless baptized at St. John's), Fee of \$200. for one child for P.R.E.P. for year.

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## The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, during the Vigil Mass.

Adults and Youth 7<sup>th</sup> 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 call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 to declare intention to receive the Sacrament or email: [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)



**Join the Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of October 6<sup>th</sup> TEAM 4**

This is a once per month commitment.



### Walk with One: Each of Us Can Do This!

An Initiative of the National Eucharistic Revival: There is someone in your life *right now* whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying "yes" to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the *Walk With One* initiative. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

For more information and related resources, visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one>

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### GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE CAMPUS!

I'm thrilled to report that we've had an amazing first month at The Academy. The students are absolutely loving their classrooms and teachers. Additionally, the outdoor trails have been cleared, and the Academy is now back to holding nature studies in the outdoor setting. Thanks to Mrs. Elsner and her love of bugs, the children are grateful to be in the fresh air, exploring the wonders of God's handiwork.

The Academy Parents on Fire group is hosting a fun Adult Fall centerpiece-making event on Friday, October 11th at 6 pm. If you'd like to join us, please contact Sandra Elsner at 215-589-5433. Hurry—spaces are filling up fast, so be sure to RSVP soon to secure your spot!

Save the Date for the Academy's 10th Anniversary "Donum a Deo" Gala: Saturday, Nov 2, at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now! Please see the table in the narthex or contact the school. Have a Blessed week, and please keep the children of the Academy in your prayers.

God Bless, *Tami Koerber, Head of School*

### The Knights of Columbus Council 4545

1¢ 1¢ PENNY PARTY 1¢ 1¢

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

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

**No one under 16 years of age admitted**

### 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 1st and 3rd Sundays right after 10:30 Mass beginning this Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Questions: [ConquestForChrist@gmail.com](mailto:ConquestForChrist@gmail.com)

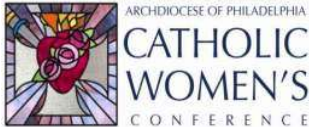
### Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-

During October, we hope you might consider donating much needed



**Cough Drops, Vitamin C Drops, tissues and Chunky Soups.** These products will benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staple products. 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*



**Welcome!**

The Catholic Women's Conference is a unique event designed for all Catholic women – married, single, and consecrated. The mission of the conference is three-fold: to invite women into a personal and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, to form women in the truth about their feminine genius, and to equip women to be a leaven for the world, living their feminine gifts in service to the family, the Church and all aspects of society.

**Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**  
**654 FERRY ROAD, DOYLESTOWN, PA**  
**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**  
**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO LAURA**  
**AT [SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSTVILLE.ORG](mailto:SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSTVILLE.ORG)**



**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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- Mike Kirk - Finance Council Representative

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**MONDAY EVENING 7PM–8PM.** Our Lady's Chapel  
**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

**SJB Ministry of the Month – PRO - LIFE**

OCTOBER is RESPECT LIFE MONTH



**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 on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 – 7:30pm. Please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 for more information. Registration is required.



**Walking with Moms in Need**

Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1 (Angler's Pier)  
 230 Creek Road, Doylestown, PA  
 Saturday, November 9, 2024

<p><b>Who:</b> Walkers of all ages, family, friends and co-workers. Pet friendly event. There is a 1.2 and a 2.5 mile course that is stroller &amp; wheelchair accessible.</p> <p><b>What:</b> The BCPLC Walking with Moms in Need fundraiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers.</p> <p><b>When:</b> Saturday, November 09, 2024, 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.                  12:00 pm Speaker.</p> <p>Picnic tables available.                  Or you can bring a blanket with you.</p>	<p><b>Entry Prices</b>                  Adults - \$20                  Wheelchairs - \$10                  Children 12 &amp; under - \$10                  Family/Team of four (4) - \$50                  Strollers - free</p> <p>T-shirts provided to all registrants (based on availability)                  *Boxed lunch &amp; bottled water are provided (if registered by October 20th)                  *box lunch provided by MEI Catering, Feasterville, PA</p> <p><a href="http://BucksCountyProLife.org">BucksCountyProLife.org</a> to register on-line.                  Provide your box lunch preference to your cart.                  Pledge donations are welcome (any amount).</p>
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Register online at [BUCKSCOUNTYPROLIFE.ORG](http://BUCKSCOUNTYPROLIFE.ORG)

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 \*Register by October 18th to guarantee a sign

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 Go to [www.buckscountyprolife.org](http://www.buckscountyprolife.org) to easily select your sponsorship level

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OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam & Christina Crews Weez Roney	Jane Ferry	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Tom Keller Jim McHugh	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler <b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>	Laura Fleck Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Samantha Campbell Claire Froman	Frank Balbirer	Elia & Fatu Logaivau <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>	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, 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, 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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