

OCTOBER 12TH, 2025 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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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 13th – October 19th, 2025

Monday: † Angelina Cioffi (*Joanne & Jerry Peters*)
Tuesday: † Joe Cegielski (*Dorothy & Bonnie*)
Wednesday: † Jerry & Elizabeth Petritsch (*Geri Petri*)
Thursday: † Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Friday: † Sabath & Joseph Families (*Barbara Sabath*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: † Marie Vogan (*The Vogan Family*)
Sunday 10:30am: † Chris Leahy (*Family*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of **COLUMBUS DAY**.

PREP Classes WILL be held on October 13th.

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas, through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

October 5th - Envelopes \$3,860 * E-Giving \$1,774

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Oct 13: Prayer Shawl - Marian Rm - 6:30pm
Wed. Oct 15: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Oct 15: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 6:30pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sjbevanangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

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!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, 2025



Next weekend, the church invites us to rediscover our Missionary vocation.

This year, Pope Leo XIV, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "*Missionaries of Hope*

Among the Peoples", inspired by Saint Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." (Rom 5:5) Please consider how you will participate next Sunday through your prayers and support. *Thank you.*

From Your Pastor-



Being born as American, we have a strong Christian culture and tradition. Each individual is brought up in this faith.

All these faith and belief systems lead us to Worship God, and most often, this makes us feel good and content. All these help us to be virtuous.

Ultimately, we receive salvation in and through Christ Jesus. Today's readings reveal the power of God's merciful love and faithfulness. In the first reading, we find a man called Naaman who washed in Jordan at the command of Elisa and was healed by God. St. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, reminds us that only in Christ, we can obtain salvation. Again, in the Gospel, men suffering from leprosy were healed. Though they were chained with the defilement of sickness, their faith in God and Christ Jesus, brought them salvation. Faith led them to a gradual transformation in their personality.

Thus, they became new persons, the disciples of Jesus. Henceforth, we can admit that faith strengthens us to bear all the sufferings in life for the sake of Christ. Faith, as a healing remedy, affects us to thank and praise God just like the healed leper and Naaman.

Let us pray saying - O Lord, open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your works in all the events of our life. Let our faith be sustained even in all the struggles and endeavors of our life's journey.

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.

THIS WEEKEND - PLEASE STOP BY! PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS



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

Gift cards will be sold in the Narthex this weekend after all Masses. Buy \$100 in gift cards now through Sunday November 9th after Masses or in the Parish office and get a chance to win a \$250 Giant gift card. The drawing will be held after the 10:30 Mass on November 9th, no need to be present to win. A portion of all gift card sales benefit the Parish and you, at no cost to you!

Thank you for your support.

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.

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



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**

Dear Parishioners,

What a fantastic week it's been at Regina Academy, filled with learning, laughter, and the joyful energy of our students! The children are buzzing with excitement as we enter a month full of activities, both in the classroom and outdoors. Our upper school students are especially eager to grab their baseball gloves and showcase their athletic talents on the field.

Mr. Al Patton, our 1st to 8th grade gym teacher, has an inspiring year planned for our physical education program, and we're grateful for any donations of gently used gym equipment you may have tucked away in your garage. Feel free to drop items off at the school office at your convenience.

Our student council has officially launched its first act of service this year: a coat drive for the Mother of Mercy House in Kensington, a beautiful tradition begun by Maria Middleton. If you're able, please consider donating a coat. We have drop off boxes in our school lobby. Every gift brings warmth and hope to those in need.

In addition to the coat drive, our student council visits parish shut-ins three times a year, bringing flowers and cheerful greetings. If you have a loved one in the parish who would appreciate a visit, please let us know by contacting the office at: office@rasjb.org.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Bonfire on October 17th! This beloved event is a highlight of the season, and our students are excited to help plan and organize it. We hope you'll join us for an evening of fellowship and fun.

We're also overjoyed to share that Riley Bailey will be baptized today. Through the loving guidance of our faculty and staff, she is beginning her journey into the Catholic faith. Later this month, the McKinney children will also receive the sacrament of Baptism. It is a privilege to walk alongside these families as they embrace their divine calling and discover who God has created them to be.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Your presence in our school's life is a blessing, and we are grateful to be united in faith and mission.

Have a blessed week,
Brian Dulin, President
Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist



Join the Cleaning Team!

Wk. of October 12th TEAM 2

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.



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The Knights of Columbus help men and their families grow in faith in the spirit of charity by helping others. We empower our men to become better husbands, better fathers and better disciples of Jesus Christ. All practicing Catholic men, 18 years or older, are invited to join our Council. You may join online today by visiting kofc.org/join. When prompted, please enter council # 4545. Use promo code "BLESSED MCGIVNY" to receive your first year of membership free, or contact Mark Janik, Grand Knight at KofC4545@aol.com, or see one of our Brother Knights after Mass. **Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets every 3rd Monday at 7:30pm.**



SAVE the DATE:
Morning of Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday November 15th
9:00am - 11:00am
Speaker: Fr. Andrew Torma

Be on the lookout for further information.



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October 18th & 19th, 2025 | **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Kim Zampirri 1 Volunteer Needed	Needed	Martin & Rita Elsner Christine Wimpenny	Martin Elsner
SUNDAY 8AM	Renee Moyer Bea Romaszewski Vanessa Williams	Marie Burke	Alexander & Justin Nice 1 Volunteer Needed	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Wendy DeGroot Claire Froman Laura Gumprecht	Joan Black	Elia, Fatu & Siri Logaivau	Anita Colahan Karen Parash



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, **Mary Pucci**, Janet Reidler, Thomas Rimmer, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, 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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