

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 28<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

4050 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942

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**There is  
none good  
but one, that  
is, GOD**

***-Mark 10:18***

**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  
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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 14<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Monday: † Joseph Cegielski (*Loving Family*)  
Tuesday: † Bill Saxton (*Loving Family*)  
Wednesday: † Jerry Roy (*Your Niece Rachel*)  
Thursday: † Bill O'Brien (*Mary Kosmin*)  
Friday: † Helene Bell (*Gina Puente*)

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions  
Sunday 8am: † Marie Vogan (*Maxine Vogan*)  
Sunday 10:30am: † Mary Dougherty (*Joan Beebe*)

**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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of COLUMBUS DAY. PREP Classes will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS**

October 6<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$8,848 - E-Giving \$1,458  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Mon. Oct 14: Prayer Shawl - Marian Room – 7:00pm  
Wed. Oct.16: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am  
Wed. Oct.16: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 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!

*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 that wisdom is preferred above gold and silver. "I prefer wisdom to scepters and thrones. I consider wealth as nothing compared with wisdom." Every object that is created in the world is perishable. We need to seek true wisdom rather than things that vanish, like political power, social influences etc. When Solomon chose wisdom rather than wealth, power and fame; God gave him everything along with wisdom. Likewise, when we place Jesus ahead of everything in life, he will grant us everything needed.

The second reading, too, warns us that we are accountable to God in the use of our blessings and gifts. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us regarding wealth and possessions and tells us not to be prisoners of possessions. We give much priority to things of the world than the values of Jesus; thus, we violate the very first commandment. Jesus invites each one of us to be his follower. But in this materialistic world, we become devotees of wealth and riches because the society in which we live measures success in terms of the wealth we amass. Today's Gospel is a call to detach from everything and be attached to the values of Jesus.

Eternal Father, we thank and adore you for the gift of your Son to the world who showed us the way to eternal life. Help us place our trust in you alone and instill in us the values of the gospel.

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.

### 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 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.***



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.

May their soul  
and the souls of all the faithfully departed  
through the mercy of God  
rest in peace.  
Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE REPOSE OF THE  
SOUL OF**

**DARLENE  
BITTENMASTER**



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> TEAM 5**

This is a once per month commitment.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024



The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024



Next weekend, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. As we prepare to observe this special day celebrated internationally, it is a time for us to remember our call to be Missionaries and to support those who bring the Gospel to the farthest corners of the earth. Please pray and consider your gift supporting the Church's Missionary activity in over 1,111 territories.

Join us in praying the Mission Rosary virtually on Monday evenings at 8PM. Go to [phillymissions.org](http://phillymissions.org) for the link.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.**

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### MSC 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** was enjoyed by all! Many thanks to the golfers and all who attended the banquet. This year \$17,500 was raised to help with the care of our elderly members! Our deepest gratitude to all who helped set up, serve dinner and clean up afterwards. This could not have been done without the help of all involved.

The MSC priests keep you all in their prayers.

Thank you and God Bless. *Peg Glancey*

### 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**



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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

### Welcome!

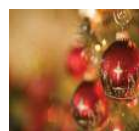
The Catholic Women's Conference is a unique event designed for all Catholic women – married, single, and consecrated. The mission of the conference is three-fold: to invite women into a personal and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, to form women in the truth about their feminine genius, and 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@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.ORG](mailto:SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSSVILLE.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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**EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT, ROSARY, LITURGY of the HOURS (books provided) and DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:**  
**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30pm. For information or to join, contact Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email [KofC4545@aol.com](mailto:KofC4545@aol.com)



**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)

**OR YOU CAN BE A SPONSOR**

Please consider a Sponsor level that works best for you:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Option 1: Listed on our Website Sponsor page \$200
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: Full Page Ad on our Website Sponsor page AND Dedicated sign\* at the event \$500
- \*Register by October 18th to guarantee a sign

All Sponsors are invited to set up a table at the Walk. 2 boxed lunches will be provided. Pledge donations are always welcome!  
 Go to [www.buckscountyprolife.org](http://www.buckscountyprolife.org) to easily select your sponsorship level

BCPLC (Voices for the Unborn) is a 501c charity organization

**MORE COMMUNITY OUTREACH!**

Random kindness is happening all over! Keep up the good work!

This month **A WOMAN’S PLACE** in Doylestown needs our help! A Woman’s Place is the only domestic violence organization in Bucks County and can be a life-saving resource for anyone experiencing intimate partner violence. Their emergency shelter needs the following items which you can deposit in the bins in the narthex until the end of October. Thank you and God Bless!

All donations must be NEW, Full-Sized, and NOT Expired

### Current Needs

- Laundry Detergent Pods
- 1-Ply Toilet Paper
- Paper Plates/cups and Plastic Utensils
- Drawstring Trash Bags (13 and 30 Gallon)
- Body Wash For Sensitive Skin
- Paper Towels
- Wash Cloths & Dish Towels
- Sponges
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Dish Soap

- Non-Perishable Food
  - Kid’s Cereal
  - Oatmeal
  - Pasta Sauce
  - Pasta/Rice
  - Microwave Shelf Stable Meals
  - Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti-O’s etc.
  - Single Pack Snacks
  - Kid’s Snacks

### Other Accepted Items

- Lotion (For sensitive skin)
- Vaseline
- Deodorant
- Cleaning Products
  - All-Purpose Spray, Toilet Cleaner
- Food Storage Containers (New)
- Plastic Wrap, Aluminum Foil, Ziploc Bags
- Baking Dishes/Sheets (new)
- New Bed Bug Covers (Twin, Full, Queen)
- Bath Towels
- First Aid Kit Items
- Over-the-Counter Medicine (Adult & Kids)
- Unscented Baby Wipes
- New Sheet Sets (Twin & Full)
- New Quilts (Twin, Full, Queen)
- Pillows
- Sizes 5 & 6 Diapers
- Air Freshener Spray

### Not Needed at this Time

- Furniture
- Baby Gear
- Toys
- Used Kitchenware
- Hand Sanitizer/Soap
- Bar Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Razors/Shaving Cream
- Face Wash
- Kid’s Shampoo/ Body Wash
- Toothbrushes
- Make up remover
- Canned Veggies, Beans, Potatoes, Tuna

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Laura Gumprecht Lisa Saxton Dave Slifer	Kim Zampirri	Julia & Alyssa Byers Christine Wimpenny	Needed
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Bea Romaszewski	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler <b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>	Anita Colahan Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Leona Russell Patty Salva Ward Van Haute	Patti Keyser	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	Laura Fleck Karen Parash



**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](mailto: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 Siebert, 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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