

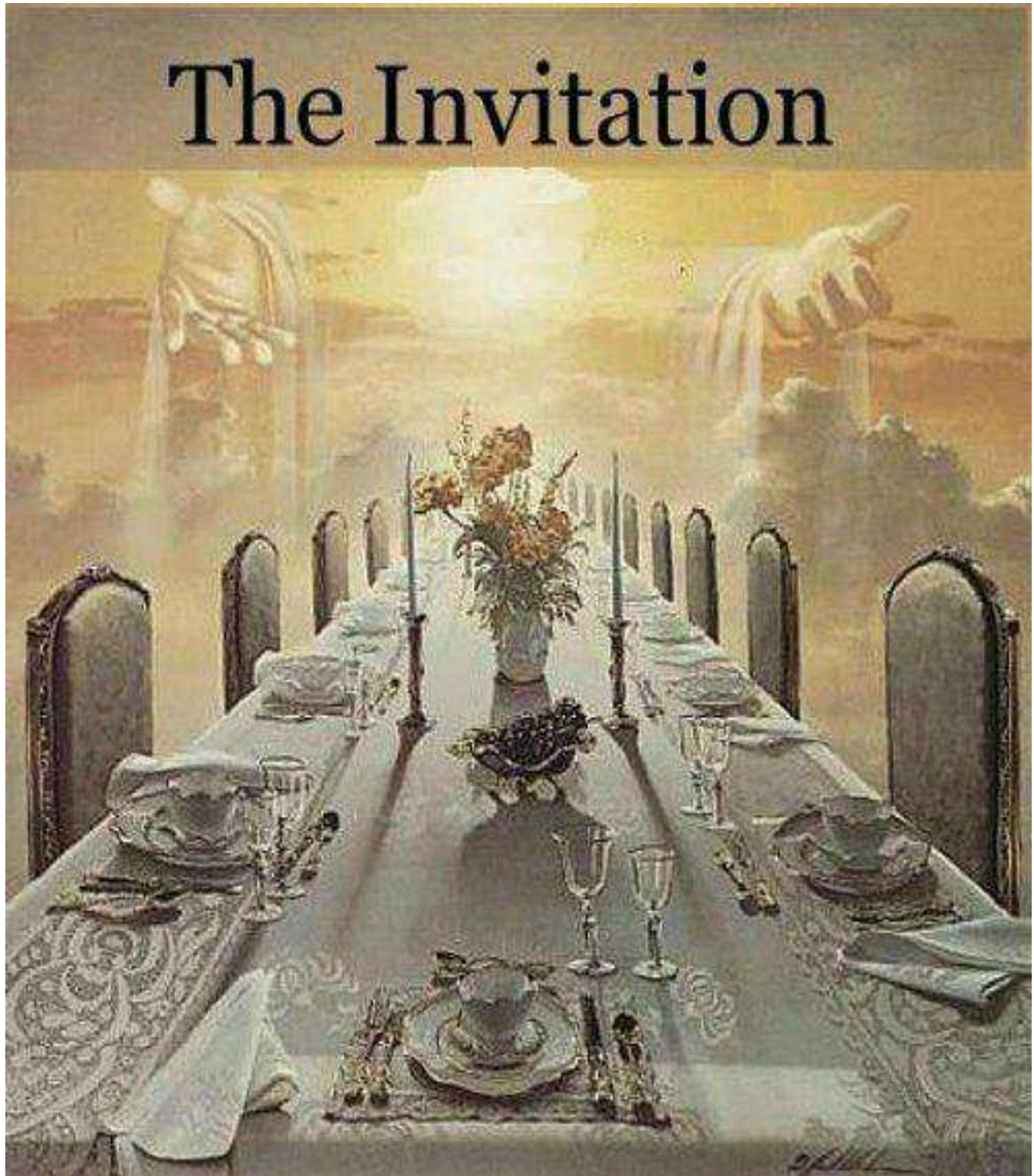
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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.  
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran  
Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese  
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok  
Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese  
Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

### 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 16 – October 22, 2023

Monday: + Patty Burke (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)  
Tuesday: + Thomas Angelucci (*Family Member*)  
Wednesday: + Amanda Jolly (*Jim & Joan Black*)  
Thursday: + Joe Cegielski (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)  
Friday: + Marie Vogan (*Maxine Vogan*)

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Mary Dougherty (*Joan Beebe*)  
Sunday 8am: + Bill Saxton (*Dave & Anne Slifer*)  
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

### 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

October 8<sup>th</sup> Envelopes \$3,460 \* E-Giving \$1,945

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Oct 16: Knights of Columbus – School Gym - 7:30pm  
Tue. Oct 17: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm  
Wed. Oct 18: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm  
Sat. Oct 21: 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.



### **THE MSC ANNUAL APPEAL IS THIS WEEKEND!**

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.

### **THIS WEEKEND! PLEASE STOP BY!**



### **PARISH SOCIAL AFTER MASS**

**Hope to see you!**



## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today's readings remind us of the inclusive nature of God. God who is present in history and who is also present in chaos prepares a rich banquet and invites all to the banquet. In the first reading, God destroyed all that sought to oppress the people. He also would host a feast with rich and the most luxurious food possible - fat dishes filled with marrow as well as well-aged distilled wines. The others are also given the same hope. Thus, God's feast is not only for the Israelites but also for all people.

In the reading from the gospel, Jesus prepares a wedding dinner and invites all to the feast. Initially, the invited people just ignored the invitation and refused to attend. They go about their business when they are called a second time. In a rage, the king dispatches his forces to destroy both the offenders and their city.

Finally, the king sends his servant into the streets to invite everyone, good and bad, to the wedding feast. They invite everyone in and fill the hall. The last invitation, which fills the banquet hall, is open to all. When the king encounters a guest who is not properly attired, the king sends him out of the banquet. Though God gives his grace to all without any condition, our acceptance of His grace should be reflected in our way of life to take part in the eternal Kingdom.

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 is the process in which adults become full participating members of the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation.

Please contact Tom & Jeanne Keller  
at [sjbrcia@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:sjbrcia@stjohnsottsville.org)  
or call the Parish Office for more information.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Father Stommel Council # 4545  
meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 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).



**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](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org) or call 610-847-5521.*



**Join the  
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**Wk. of October 15<sup>th</sup>  
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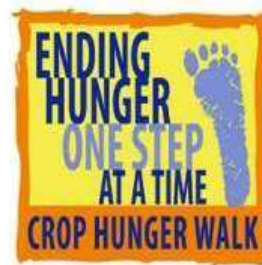
## PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville is sponsoring a **CROP Hunger Walk** on October 29<sup>th</sup>. 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!**

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[crophungerwalkcoordinator@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:crophungerwalkcoordinator@durhamlutheran.org) for registration material.

## BUCKS COUNTY PRO-LIFE COALITION



**Walking with Moms in Need**

**Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1 (Angler's Pier)**

**230 Creek Road, Doylestown, PA**

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

9:30am Registration begins \* 10:30 am Walk starts.

**If registered by October 20<sup>th</sup>,** T-shirts will be available for purchase. Boxed lunches\* & bottled water are provided

**To register:**

**[BucksCountyProLife.org](https://BucksCountyProLife.org)** Walk with Moms tab

**Pledge donations are welcome (any amount).**





We have been blessed with students and adults who responded to be an Altar Server. We are, however, still in need of children & adults. Please call the Parish Office if interested. God Bless you!

## 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 2nd and 4th Sundays right after 10:30 Mass!

Questions: [ConquestForChrist@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month beginning Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.**
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"*



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

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, may we be reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable around the world.

We welcome Ms. Christine Farmer, RN who will speak at our church on behalf of the Diocese of Srikalkulam, Andhara Pradesh (AP) regarding her volunteer work nursing and caring for the tribals in the mountain forests of AP.

Bishop Rayarala Vijaykumar of Srikakulam & Ms. Farmer send prayers and good wishes for this upcoming 2023 World Mission Sunday.



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**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** 10am Rosary, Confession, Mass & Lunch

For directions, reservations, more info, please call:

**Joan Black at 215-795-2947**

October 21<sup>st</sup> & October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Weez Roney Marion Wolf	Kim Zampirri	Rita Elsner Martin Elsner Need 1 Volunteer	-
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Tom Keller Bea Romaszewski	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler Christine Wimpenny Need 1 Volunteer	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Joan Beebe Wendy DeGroot	Sean Lynch	Fatu Logaivau Elia Logaivau Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci



## 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, Helen Pepkowski, 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:

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*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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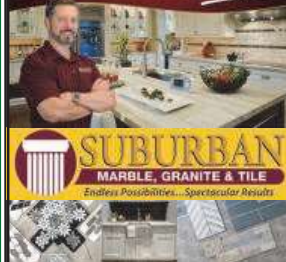
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