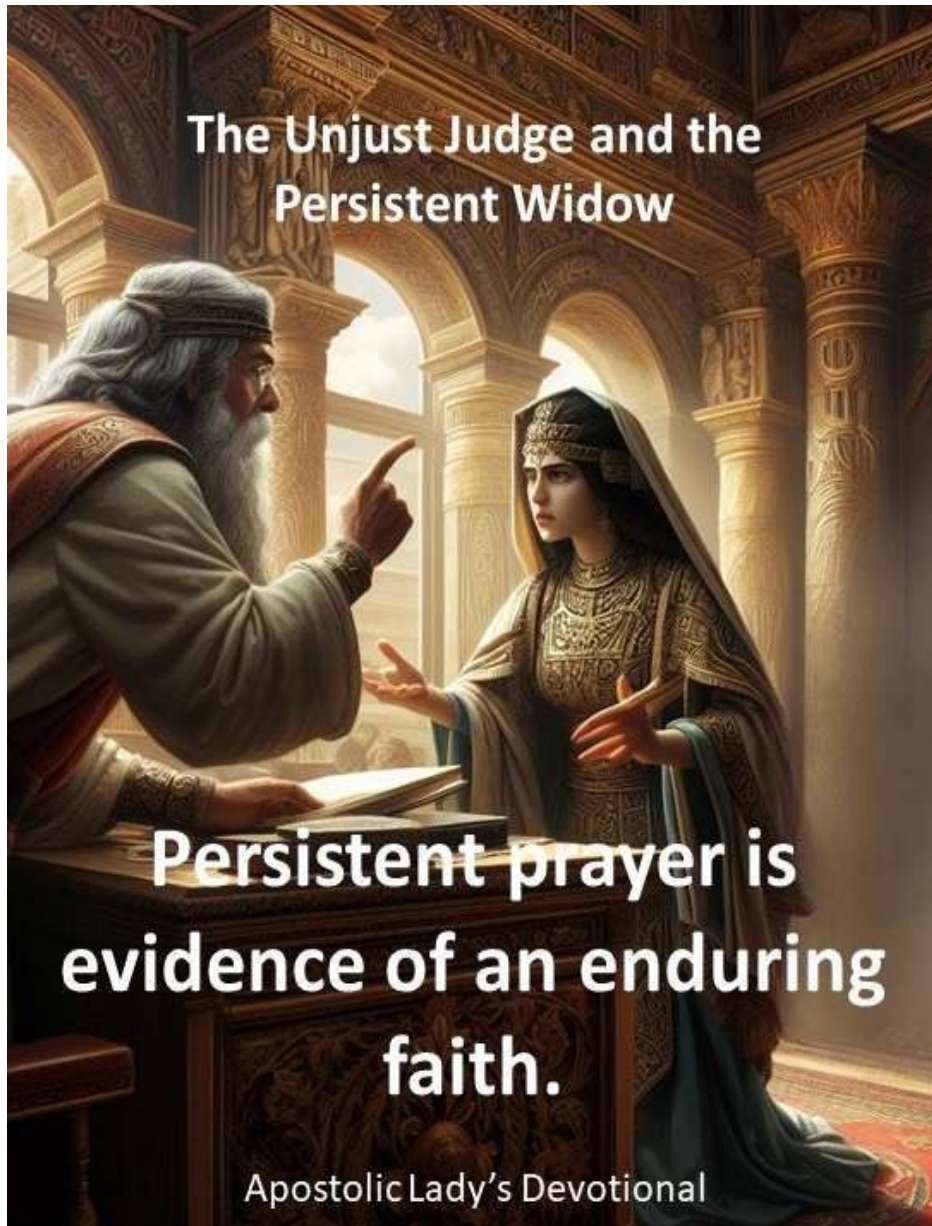


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Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!
Fr. Lucas and the parish family of St. John the Baptist
would like to welcome all of our visitors and new members.

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 20th – October 26th, 2025

Monday: † Mary Dougherty (*Joan Beebe*)
Tuesday: † Freeh-Johnson Family (*David & Mary Grace Tillotson*)
Wednesday: † Michael Mocharnuk (*Mary Kosmin*)
Thursday: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Friday: † Maryanne Comly (*Harold Rick*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † James Robert Giarratana (*Gina Giarratana*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Maryanne Comly (*Paul & Sherry Flanagan*)

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 12th - Envelopes \$3,912 * E-Giving \$1,699

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Oct 20: K of C Council Mtg - School Gym - 7:30pm
Tue. Oct 21: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Oct 22: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Oct 22: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 6:30pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@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



Today is World Mission Sunday! Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth". Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

From Your Pastor-



The readings of the day connect us with the one theme, that is, being humble as we beseech God for our needs and requirements. In the first reading, we see Moses' persistence in imploring God to win the battle with Amalek. The passage implies the significance of community prayer. Similarly, in the Gospel, the widow makes a constant appeal for her just judgment against her adversary. The judge changes his heart at her request and grants justice solely because of her determination. This parable is related to social status and religious duties in one way.

In the Old Testament, we see that the Judges were entrusted with responsibility to make right judgments. God the Father has manifested his love in his son Jesus and through him to us. Jesus is always at our side to show his concern and listen to those who pray to him. He never denies the people who seek favors.

In today's reading, we see that even the unjust judge can bring justice. So, it depends on our true faith and hope to rely on compassionate and merciful God, who will bring justice to us. God surely walks with us towards freedom. The question for us today is, 'Do we raise our hands towards God in entreating his favors for self or others? Do we surrender our pain and suffering or the moments of joy?'

Lord, let our hands and hearts be always raised towards you in seeking assistance for your mercy and kindness and that we, your children ever be dependent on your divine intervention.

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.

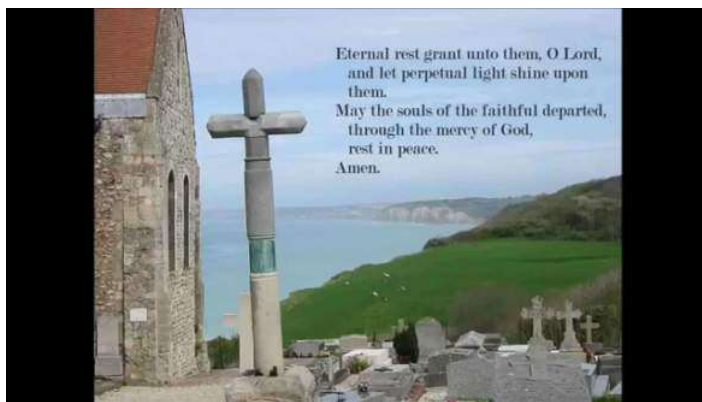
Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF LIDIA TUBIELLO



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

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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,

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**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.



**A Message from
Regina Academy at
St. John the Baptist**

Joyful Formation at Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

This week began with rain, but for our students, even a wet morning is a chance to marvel at the wonders of God's creation. At the Academy, we teach our children that every day, rain or shine, is a gift from the Lord. That spirit of gratitude and awe is woven into our curriculum, especially in Nature Studies, where students explore the beauty of our campus under the guidance of Mrs. Elsner, our dedicated science and nature studies teacher. Each week, she leads them in discovering God's fingerprints in the world around them, from leaves and insects to the changing skies above.

We are truly blessed to have such a vibrant, Spirit-filled campus where learning and faith walk hand in hand.

The week ended on a joyful note with one of our students' favorite traditions: the School Bonfire. With the help of Greg Krug and his wonderful team, we enjoyed a roaring fire (safely attended by a local fireman), corn mazes, donut dunking, games, and the ever-popular hayride. It was a celebration of community, laughter, and the simple joys that make childhood, and Catholic education, so rich.

As always, we invite you to stop by and see what's happening at the Academy. Whether you'd like to share your time, your talents, or simply your prayers, our doors are open. Your support helps us bring each child one week closer to knowing, loving, and serving the Lord.

Please continue to keep our students, families, and staff in your prayers. We are grateful for your partnership in this mission of joyful, faith-filled formation.

Blessings,
Brian Dulin, President
Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of October 19th
TEAM 3**

This is a once per month commitment.

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Veterans of SJB Parish

We invite you to join us for a Veterans Day Celebration at Regina Academy at SJB

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Refreshments at 2:00

followed by an Assembly at 2:30

Our staff and students would like to say thank you to our veterans with prayers, songs, and recitations.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP by Nov. 5th by calling the school office at (610) 847-5523.



Are you in need of some quiet time in the midst of the "busyness" of your life?

Please plan to attend a **"Morning Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration"**.

Date: Saturday November 15th

Time: 9am - 11am

Place: SJB Parish

Speaker: Fr. Andrew Torma MSC

We will begin the morning with Mass at 9am followed by

- ~Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- ~A reflection on the gift and blessing of Eucharistic Adoration.
- ~Quiet time for Adoration. (about 15 minutes)
- ~Benediction.
- ~Light refreshments and Q & A.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex (just to get a number of attendees so we can plan for refreshments)

Blessings,

Anita Colahan

SJB Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator

An Invitation from Mr. Amleto Pucci-



Hope for Peace

Maurice Durufle - Requiem with Symphony in C

Lauren Cook, mezzo soprano

Daniel Taylor, tenor

Steven Eddy, baritone

Timothy Harrell, organ

Sunday, October 26 @ 4:00pm

Doylestown Presbyterian Church, Doylestown, PA

Be immersed in the profound warmth and transcendence of the Durufle *Requiem*, performed with a 20-piece orchestra of strings and harp from *Symphony in C*. Three young singers on the cusp of promising careers are our featured soloists. The program also features cathedral anthems by Grayston Ives, David Hurd, Rosephanye Powell, Ivor Atkins, and Thomas Lloyd.

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October 25th & 26th, 2025 | **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Kim Zampirri 1 Volunteer Needed	Joan Black	Joel, Jacob & Joshua Roney	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Nancy Kaczinski	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Blake & Max Nowicki	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Patty Salva Ward Van Haute	Patti Keyser	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Hezekiah Van Haute	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, 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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