

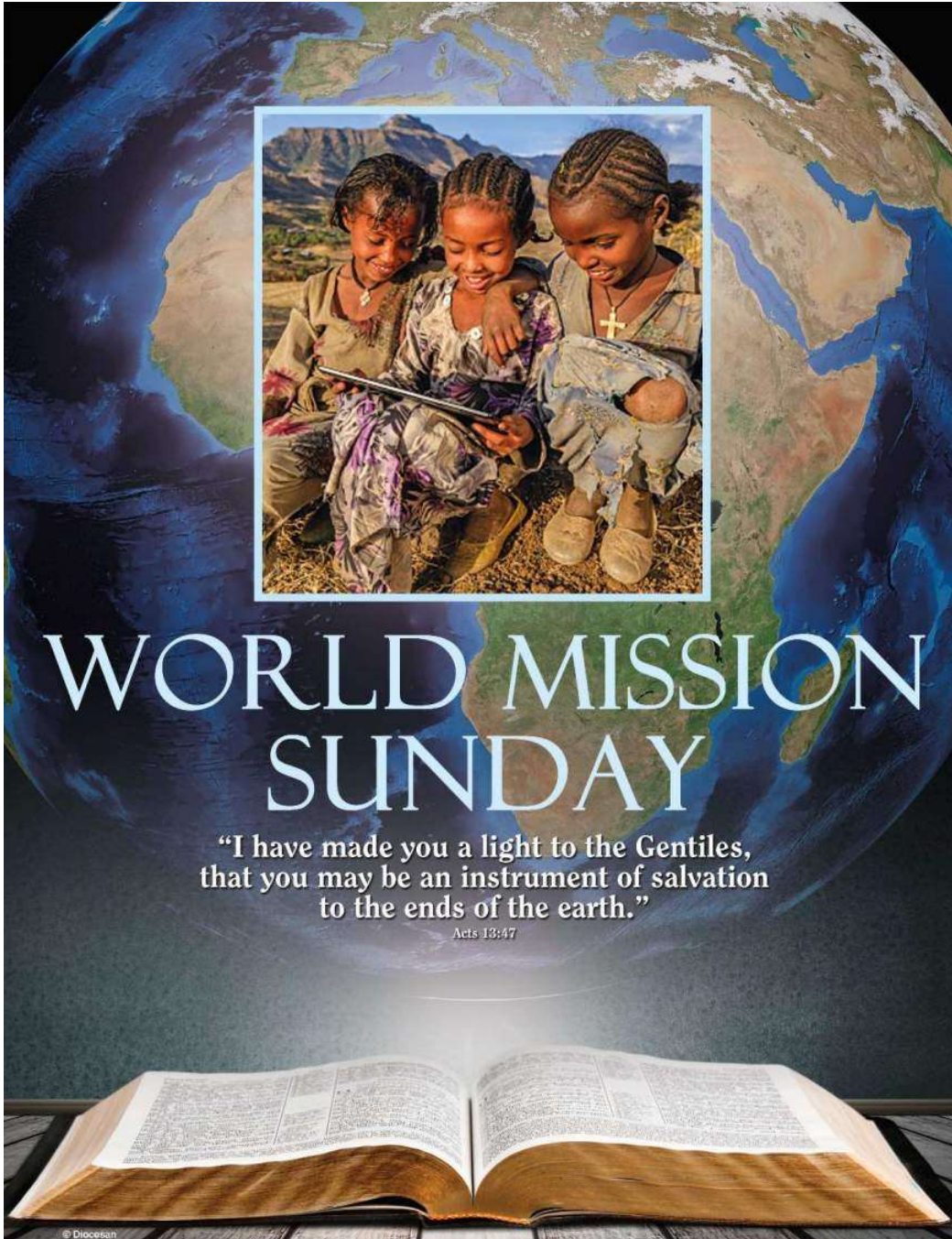
October 20th, 2024 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.

WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

PARISH STAFF

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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 21st – October 27th, 2024

Monday: † Bill Pulak (*Terry & Wendy DeGroot*)
Tuesday: † Patricia "PATSY" McDermott
(*Susan Scheliga & Family*)
Wednesday: † Bill Pulak (*Cathy Leidtke*)
Thursday: † Charles Lederer (*The Juchno Family*)
Friday: † James Robert Giarratana (*Gina Giarratana*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Helene Bell (*Dave & Anne Slifer*)
Sunday 8am: † Frank McHugh (*Mike McHugh*)
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 13th Envelopes \$4,946 - E-Giving \$1,880
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Oct 21: Knights of Columbus – Parish Hall – 7:30pm
Tue. Oct 22: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm
Wed. Oct 23: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am
Wed. Oct 23: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm
Thu. Oct 24: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – St. Augustine Rm - 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!



Today we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. 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 for the link.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.



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.*

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In every heart there lies a desire to be significant within society, often driving us to pursue ambitions by any means necessary. On this World Mission Sunday, the Gospel reveals a similar longing in the sons of Zebedee. They struggle to differentiate between the Kingdom of God that Jesus speaks of and the earthly kingdoms they know. It's crucial to recognize that this conversation about seeking positions of honor occurs just after Jesus predicts his passion, death, and resurrection for the third time.

Jesus offers his disciples a path that is often unappreciated by the world - the path to his Kingdom is through service and self-giving, to the extent of complete sacrifice. To share in the Master's glory, a disciple must also share in his sufferings. Jesus does not oppose greatness; rather, He opposes the worldly means of attaining it. He teaches the right way to true greatness.

As a servant leader, Jesus knows and loves his followers deeply. The values He promotes are truth, honesty, authenticity, and justice. To follow Christ, one must embody these qualities. A disciple is called to walk in the footsteps of servant leadership.

Indeed, every baptized Christian is invited to embrace the servant leadership exemplified by Jesus; a life of simplicity and humility, not seeking power and prestige, but doing everything for the greater glory of God.

Grant me, Lord, a mind and heart to know you, and a pure Spirit that always thirsts for you. Help me to be like you, a servant leader who humbled himself to greatness.

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.



**THE 29TH
SUNDAY IN
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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.

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 PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF**

**RUTH
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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 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.

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

Adults and Youth 7th 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



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Wk. of October 20th TEAM 1

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GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE CAMPUS

Please join the Academy and their families as we celebrate fall with the best bonfire ever. 🍂 Friday, October 25th, from 6:30 - 8:30. Hayrides, corn maze, games, and prizes. Hope to see you there.

Save the Date for the Academy's 10th Anniversary "Donum a Deo" Gala: Saturday, Nov 2, at 6:00 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*

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**



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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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 16th from 6:15 – 7:30pm. Please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 for more information. Registration is required.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED US FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PENNY PARTY.

IT WAS A FUN NIGHT AND WE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH YOU!



Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm. For information or to join, contact Grand Knight Frank Balbirer or email 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

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| <p>Who: 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 & wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>What: The BCPLC Walking with Moms in Need fundraiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers.</p> <p>When: 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>Entry Prices Adults - \$20 Wheelchairs - \$10 Children 12 & under - \$10 Family/Team of four (4) - \$50 Strollers - free</p> <p>T-shirts provided to all registrants (based on availability) *Boxed lunch & bottled water are provided (if registered by October 20th) *box lunch provided by MEI Catering, Feasterville, PA</p> <p>BucksCountyProLife.org 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

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 to easily select your sponsorship level!

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

BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

(ARCHPHILA.ORG/SUPPORT)

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing.



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing.

In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many.

Visit the **Be Encouraged** website at archphila.org/support.

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

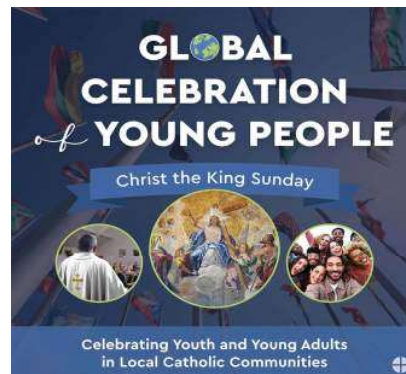
- Non-Perishable Food
 - Kid's Cereal
 - Oatmeal
 - Pasta Sauce
 - Pasta/Rice
 - Microwave Shelf Stable Meals
 - Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's etc.
 - Single Pack Snacks
 - Kid's Snacks

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



THE ANNUAL GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS on the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King Sunday) November 23-24, 2024

We're bringing the spirit of World Youth Day to you! The Office for Ministry with Young Adults is overjoyed to host

The Well: A Conference for Young Adults!

Each year, the USCCB calls for a global celebration of youth and young adults on the feast of Christ the King. The theme for this year's celebration is Hope in the healing power of Christ. "Those who Hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (cf. Is 40:31) Our keynotes will speak about how to encounter, nourish and share this Hope with others!

Location: Sheraton Hotel Downtown Philadelphia and the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Center City Philadelphia. More info coming soon to <https://phillyyam.org/>

OCTOBER 26TH & 27TH, 2024

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| | Communion Minister | Lector | Altar Server | Music Ministry |
|-------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SATURDAY 5PM | Jim & Joan Black Lisa Saxton | Anne Slifer | Martin & Rita Elsner Brady Mattle | Sue Rogers SJB Choir |
| SUNDAY 8AM | Nina Carlineo Ted Fahy Renee Moyer | Marie Burke | Need 3 Volunteers | Ordinary Time |
| SUNDAY 10:30AM | Wendy DeGroot Laura Gumprecht Anne Luna | Tony Luna | Melissa & Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna | Needed |



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:

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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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