

October 22nd, 2023 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

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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 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 23 – October 29, 2023

Monday: † Jack Glancey (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Elaine Jocelyn (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Wednesday: † James Robert Giarratana (*Gina Giarratana*)
Thursday: † Katie & Henry Petritsch (*Loving Son*)
Friday: † Frank McHugh (*Michael McHugh*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Marie Sirianni (*A Friend*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † John Manning (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)

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 15th Envelopes \$4,540 * E-Giving \$1,778

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Oct 22: Conquest/Challenge – School – 11:30am-2pm
Tue. Oct 24: SJB Choir Practice – 7:00pm
Wed. Oct 25: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom – 6:30pm
Thu. Oct 26: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – 7:00pm
Sat. Oct 28: 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

Please welcome Ms. Christine Farmer, an RN for over 46 years and married to Mark Farmer for 44 years. Christine, Mark & their chocolate Labrador retriever, Maggie, live on their farm in the Alleghany Mountains in Bedford County, PA.

Through invitation of Bishop Rayarala Vijaykumar, Christine has served as a Medical Missionary in Andhra Pradesh (AP), India since 2019 in the diocese of Srikakulam. Although this is the second largest diocese in the state of AP, it has the largest number of tribals, the poorest of poor in the state.

This past winter, Christine lived with and cared for the tribals in the mountain forests, an area mostly inaccessible by vehicles as there are only clay ruts leading to the villages and no cars.

Christine has come to St. John the Baptist to share her experiences and ask for your help.

**MAY WE BE REMINDED TO IGNITE OUR HEARTS
WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND EXTEND THAT WARMTH
TO THE MOST VULNERABLE AROUND THE WORLD.**

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as the 96th *World Mission Sunday*. Pope Pius XI instituted this annual observance in 1926 by Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. Of the 3000 dioceses in the world, about 1000 are missionary dioceses - they need assistance from more established dioceses to build catechetical programs, seminaries, Religious Communities, Chapels, Churches, orphanages, hospitals, and schools.

This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be. The greatest missionary challenge that we face at home is a secular and consumerist culture in which God is not important, moral values are relative, and institutional religions are deemed unnecessary.

On this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church's missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers, and by generous donations. Pope Benedict XVI concluded his 2006 Mission Sunday message thus: "May the Virgin Mary, who collaborated actively in the beginning of the Church's mission with her presence beneath the Cross and her prayers in the Upper Room, sustain their action and help believers in Christ to be ever more capable of true love, so that they become sources of living water in a spiritually thirsting world."

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Father Stommel Council #4545

Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, contact:

Grand Knight Frank Balbirer

or email 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 or call 610-847-5521.



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**Wk. of October 22nd
TEAM 4**

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Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of School, tkoerber@rasjb.org - 610-847-5523.

We Are A Month Away - Get Your Gala & Raffle Tickets Now!



THE REGINA ACADEMY AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED 5TH ANNUAL 'DONUM A DEO' FALL GALA.

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Silent and Live Auctions, \$10,000 Raffle

Saturday, November 4th, 2023

6:00 – 10:30 pm

Pearl S. Buck House 520 Dublin Road, Perkasie, PA

This is an evening you won't want to miss as we come together to celebrate The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist and support our ongoing mission!

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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



TO THE VETERANS OF SJB PARISH

We invite you to join us for a Veteran's Day Celebration at Regina Academy at SJB

Friday, November 10th, 2023

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'd like to join us, please RSVP by 11/1 by calling the school office at (610) 847-5523.

PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

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

PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK



OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

Registration Opens @ 1:00 pm

Starts and ends at

St. Peter's Lutheran Church at

720 Edgewood Rd, Riegelsville, PA 18077

Walk as far as you want:

Location	Each Way (Miles)	Round Trip (Miles)
Durham Aqueduct (Routes 212 & 611)	1.25	2.5
Trauger's Farm (Island Rd.)	2.25	4.5

25% of donations go to support

The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville

75% goes to feed the hungry around the world

Scan to register or donate:



Call 610-346-8500 or email

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 4th, 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 20th, T-shirts will be available for purchase. Boxed lunches* & bottled water are provided

To register:

BucksCountyProLife.org Walk with Moms tab

Pledge donations are welcome (any amount).



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 1st Sunday of each month beginning Oct. 1st.**
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"*



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!

MSC 37th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart **37th Annual Golf Tournament** was enjoyed by all! Many thanks to the golfers and, all who attended the banquet. Thanks also 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*



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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PRAYER

To schedule your retreat and for additional
information please call Joan Black at 215-795-2947

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October 28th & October 29th, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam Crews Lynn Gammello	Christina Crews	Siobhan Crews Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Need 1 Volunteer	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Anne Luna Leona Russell	Tony Luna	Olivia Luna Khloe Demusz Melissa Demusz	Sue Rogers SJB Choir



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:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony James 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, 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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