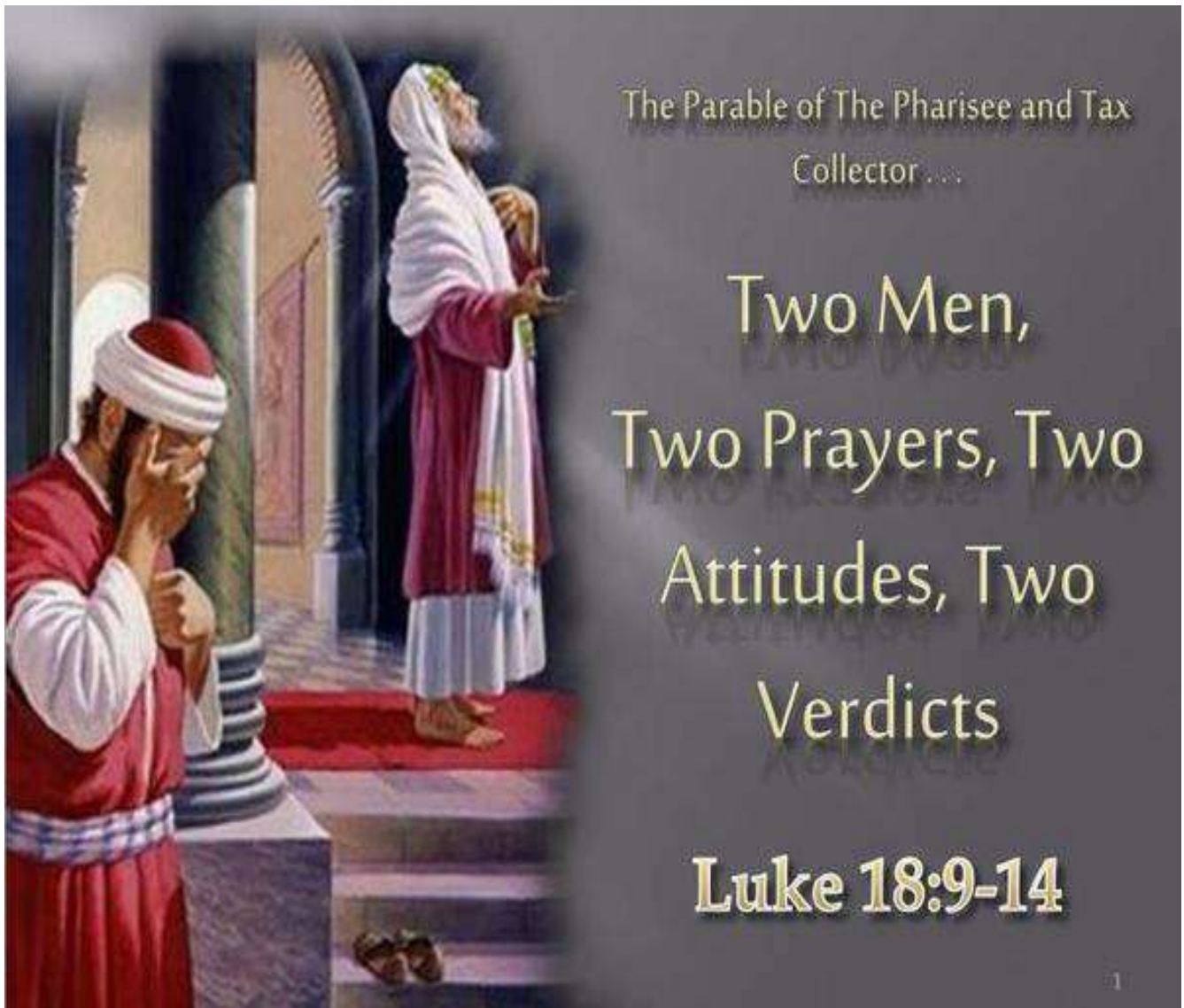


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Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!

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.
Beginning Nov. 1st, Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:20pm 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 27th – November 2nd, 2025

Monday: † Frank McHugh (Mike McHugh)
Tuesday: † Chris Leahy (Family)
Wednesday: † Marie Louzon (Georgina Puente)
Thursday: † Normandy Cormier (Rachel Cormier)
Friday: Intentions of Robert & Karen Parash (Kim & Dan Zampirri)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: † All SJB Faithful Departed
Sunday 10:30am: † All SJB Faithful Departed

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 19th - Envelopes \$4,042 * E-Giving \$1,574
Mission Sunday Collection: \$1,501

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Oct 27: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Oct 29: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Oct 29: 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



On behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies, thank you for your support of World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions are making a real difference in the mission areas across the globe. As we close this World Mission Month, let us continue to pray for those bringing hope to difficult places and look for ways we can be Missionaries of hope in our daily lives. The Mission of the Church is ongoing - and it belongs to all of us.

From Your Pastor-



In the first reading, we find that keeping the law, giving alms, and avoiding injustice are true worship and meaningful sacrifice to God. One should be generous, cheerful, and just when making an offering to the Lord.

St. Paul tells us, in the second reading, how he fought against all the odds and yet was firm in his faith in Jesus Christ. He was left alone in difficulties, yet Christ stood by him, and he could preach the good news.

In the parable, a Pharisee, boasting of his good deeds or self-righteous attitude, justified himself, not needing God's justification. Whereas the tax collector recognized the need for God's mercy and repented for his sins and went home justified.

Jesus looks into the heart of a person. Our almsgiving and practice of rituals alone will not make us righteous, but what is important is the motive behind them. God knows the strengths and weakness of men and women. Therefore, we must not judge others.

If we are judging those around us as arrogant, selfish sinners, we fail to remain in a positive state of being. Therefore, engage in finding goodness in others, which alone brings lasting happiness and leads us all on the path of righteousness.

What is our attitude towards others? Do we have an attitude of self-righteousness, always judging others by their externals, or do we live by the spirit of love?

Lord Jesus! Help us to become righteous in our actions, words, and thoughts.

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.

Dear Parishioners –

Beginning next Saturday, November 1st, *NEW* Vigil Mass & Confession times go into effect.

VIGIL MASS:

Saturday at 4:30pm

CONFESSION:

Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:20pm, or by appt.



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.

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**GOD'S BLESSINGS
ON THE
BAPTISM OF
RILEY GRACE
BAILEY**

Baptized October 12, 2025



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

Greetings from Across Campus!

This past week at the Academy has been another joyful chapter in our story of faith-filled learning. Our students are discovering that education is more than reading and writing, it's about thinking deeply, speaking kindly, and growing together.

From first through eighth grade, children are becoming quite skilled in the art of the Socratic circle. These thoughtful discussions invite students to ask questions, explore complex ideas, and listen with respect. While our younger learners still enjoy "winning" a good debate, the true victory lies in understanding one another more deeply.

Beyond the classroom, our community continues to flourish. Wednesday after-school clubs are in full swing. Chess remains a favorite, closely followed by the ever-popular Garden Club. For our basketball enthusiasts, Open Gym offers a joyful space to play and connect. There's truly something for every child to grow in mind, body, and spirit.

At the heart of it all is a welcoming environment filled with the light of the Lord. We see His presence in the laughter of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the unity of our families.

Please continue to keep the children of Regina Academy in your prayers. Their joy, curiosity, and faith are a blessing to us all.

God bless and Think Hope,
Brian Dulin, President
Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

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



**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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets every 3rd Monday at 7:30pm.

For information or to join, Contact **Grand Knight Mark Janik** or email KofC4545@aol.com



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of October 26th
TEAM 4**

This is a once per month commitment.



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

Community Outreach for *A Woman's Place*

It's time once again to reach out to our neighbors in need, those who suffer from domestic abuse. A Woman 's Place in Doylestown "is the only domestic violence community benefit organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. AWP provides a full range of programs and services to individuals experiencing domestic violence, their children, and the community."

Your generosity and support in the past have been so appreciated! Below is their wish list. All donations can be brought to the narthex the weekends of Nov.8-9, and 15-16.



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

Current Needs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Perishable Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Microwave Shelf Stable Meals (Easy Mac, Chef Boyardee, etc.) ◦ Single Pack/Kids' Snacks ◦ Shelf Stable Juice ◦ Canned/Kids' fruit cups ◦ Hot and Cold Cereal (Adult and Kids') and other breakfast items ◦ Hearty Soups ◦ Pasta Sauce ◦ White Rice (1-2 lb bags) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift cards (\$25 increments preferred): grocery, Walmart/Target, Amazon • Queen sheets • Women's and Children's Clothing (New, All Sizes, Day / Night Clothing) • Bath Towels • Laundry Detergent (esp. Pods) • Paper Towels/ • Queen and Full comforters
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Other Accepted Items

- Bedding (except twin sheets/covers)
- Lotion (For sensitive skin)
- Deodorant, Razors
- Plates, Plastic Utensils
- Large solo cups / Plastic cups
- Toothpaste (Child/Adult)
- Cleaning Products
 - All-Purpose Spray, Toilet Cleaner
- New Bed Bug Covers (Twin, Full, Queen)
- First Aid Kit Items
- Over-the-Counter Medicine (Adult & Kids)
- Sizes 4, 5, & 6 Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Sandwich and Storage Bags

Not Needed at this Time

- Facial and Bath Tissue
- Furniture
- Twin sheets and covers
- Baby Gear
- Used Kitchenware
- Dish Soap
- Bar Soap, Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toothbrushes
- Make up/Make up remover
- Tuna
- Foil/plastic wrap
- Body Wash

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November 1st & 2nd, 2025

All Souls' Day

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 4:30PM	Joan Black Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Claire Froman	Julia & Alyssa Byers 1 Volunteer Needed	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Nina Carlineo Nancy Kaczinski	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler Blake & Max Nowicki	Martin Elsner
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Samantha Campbell Wendy DeGroot Robyn Piccinic	Frank Balbirer	Melissa & Khloe Demusz 1 Volunteer Needed	Echoes of Christ



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 Melchiore, 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, Fiona 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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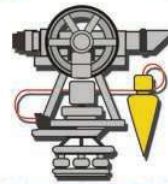
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