October 27th, 2024 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

<u>Register in the Parish</u>: Please contact the Parish Office to register when you move into our parish.

<u>Certificates of Eligibility</u>: 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 28th – November 3rd, 2024

Monday: † John Douglas (Chris Zdanowicz)
Tuesday: † Fran Torgerson (Liz Torgerson)

Wednesday: † Normandy Ray-Cormier (Daughter Rachel)

Thursday: † Edna Wiezer (The Kosmin Family)
Friday: ALL SAINTS' DAY - Parishioners' Intentions

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9am: † ALL SOULS' DAY - Parishioners' Intentions

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 8am: * Joseph Fox (The Jerry Petritsch Family)

Sunday 10:30am: Michael Schmerbeck

(Jim & Cristina McHugh)

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON ALL SAINTS' DAY - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

October 20th Envelopes \$3,872 - E-Giving \$1,626 World Mission Sunday \$1,114

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ALL SOULS' DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2^{TO}
9AM MASS AT THE OLD CHURCH

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Oct 30: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8:00am **Wed. Oct 30:** Intercessory Prayer - Zoom - 6:30pm

Wed. Oct 30: Women's Retreat Mtg. - Marian Room - 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!

~PLEASE NOTE~

1st Friday Adoration will begin on November 1st after the All Saints' Day Mass at 9am; (close during the All Saints' Day Mass at 7pm) and end with Benediction on Saturday at 8:30am in the chapel.

THE ALL SOULS' DAY MASS WILL BE AT THE OLD CHURCH ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 9AM.



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

According to the first reading, the Lord claims to be Israel's father. He offers them support and comfort so they can lead happy lives. The second reading is about the high priest who has taken the form of the human race. It highlights the priest's ability to serve God's people. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should be persistent in bringing our needs to him.

I recently listened to a deeply moving talk, a man from Ukraine. He tells of his heartbreaking struggle to escape his war-torn homeland. Having lost his home and beloved family members, the man faced an uncertain future burdened with grief. Yet, amidst the darkness, he clung to a powerful faith that God has a purpose for everything. With unyielding determination, he persisted in his efforts to leave his country.

In the end, he succeeded, embodying a profound message for us all: no matter how insurmountable our difficulties are, we must persist with faith and trust that God has a purpose for all events. He hoped that the war would end, and peace would return. The Man's faith never wavered, believing that God will save Ukraine. His story is a testament to the resilience of the human Spirit and the power of unwavering faith.

O, benevolent God, grant us strength and faith. Help us trust in your purpose through all hardships. Bring peace and hope to those in need.

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 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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.



JOHN BECKER AND THE CANCER SUPPORT MINISTRY ARE RETIRING!

John started the Ministry in 2008 after his Cancer diagnosis. He reasoned that it would bring the hurting and the survivors together with others who would understand their hopes and fears. It worked!

We are grateful to John for his dedication and constant upbeat personality. He inspired us all, not just with his attitude to Cancer, but to life.

John with heartfelt gratitude and respect, we wish you Blessed Retirement. --Your Cancer Support MINISTRY FRIENDS



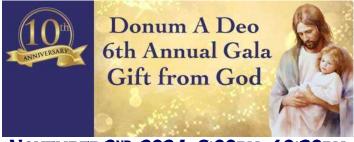
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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





NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024 - 6:00PM - 10:30PM



Small class sizes without screens
 Tight knit, like minded community



GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE CAMPUS

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, Tamí Koerber, Head of School



SJB Ministry of the Month PRO - LIFE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER "A Quiet Country Retreat"

OVERNIGHT RETREATS Individual or Group up to 8 DAY PROGRAMS Groups up to 50 Individuals

exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours (books provided) and Divine Mercy Chaplet: MONDAY EVENING 7PM-8PM. Our Lady's Chapel WEDNESDAY MORNING 10AM-11AM. Our Lady's Chapel

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

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

will be starting on September $16^{\rm th}$ from $6:15-7:30\,\mathrm{pm}$. Please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521

for more information. Registration is required.

.a journey in faith



VETERANS OF SJB PARISH

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

Monday, November 11, 2024
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. 4th by calling the school office at (610) 847-5523.

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Walking with Moms in Need

Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1 (Angler's Pier) 230 Creek Road, Doylestown, PA Saturday, November 9, 2024

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.

What: The BCPLC Walking with Morns in Need fundraiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers.

When: Saturday, November 09, 2024, Rain or Shin

10:30 am Walk starts for 2.5 miles. The 1.2 miles start soon afterwards 11:30 am Boxed Lunches Distributed.

Picnic tables available.

Or you can bring a blanket with you

Entry Prices
Adults - 520
Wheelchairs - 510
Children 12 & under - 510
Family/Team of four (4) - 5 50
Strollers - free

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

BucksCountyProLife.org to register on-line. Provide your box lunch preference to your cart. Pledge donations are welcome (any amount).

Register online at BUCKSCOUNTYPROLIFE.ORG

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All Sponsors are invited to set up a table at the Walk. 2 boxed lunches will be provided.

Pledge donations are always welcome!

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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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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 MocC4545@aol.com

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!





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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 <u>USCCB</u> calls for a global celebration of youth and young <u>adults</u> 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/

NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND, 2024 NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD, 2024

ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
ALL SAINTS DAY FRIDAY - 9AM	Joan Black	Joan Black	Christine Wimpenny Need 1 Volunteer	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
ALL SAINTS DAY FRIDAY - 7PM	Samantha Campbell Claire Froman, Lynn Gammello	Sean Lynch	Need 3 Volunteers	Katie Minster Karen Parash
ALL SOULS DAY	Joan Black	Joan Black	Jim McHugh	-
SATURDAY 9AM	OLD CHURCH	OLD CHURCH	OLD CHURCH	OLD CHURCH
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey, Weez Roney	Kim Zampirri	Julia & Alyssa Byers Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler, Nina Carlineo Renee Moyer	Anita Colahan	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Patty Leidner
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Samantha Campbell Melissa Demusz, Patty Salva	Patti Keyser	Khloe Demusz Elia & Fatu Logaivau	Echoes of Chris



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:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony J. Fleck, Joseph V. 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, Steven Siegert, 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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