

October 29th, 2023 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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*M*IND
*S*TRENGTH

MARK 12:30

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!

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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 30 – November 05, 2023

Monday: † Thomas Angelucci (*Family Member*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Lynne von Mechow (*Jim & Joan Black*)
Wednesday: **All Saints Day** - Parishioners' Intentions
Thursday: † **All Souls Day** - All Departed SJB Parishioners
Friday: † Bill Saxton (*Tirpok Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: † Gerry Wixsted (*Family Member*)
Sunday 10:30am: Intentions of Elaine Jocelyn (*Marion Wolf*)

All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, Nov. 1st – 9am & 7pm Masses at the New Church

All Souls Day

Thursday, Nov. 2nd – 9am Mass at the Old Church

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, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

October 22nd Envelopes \$5,303 * E-Giving \$2,024

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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Oct 31: SJB Choir Practice - 7:00pm
Wed. Nov 01: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm
Sat. Nov 04: 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.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
Robert Fitton, Thomas Glick &
Louise Serratore



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today's readings invite us to love our brethren. In the first reading, God is reminding the people of Israel of the slavery they experienced in the land of Egypt. He calls them to be considerate towards the people who lived among them like sojourners and invites them to be merciful, especially to those who are orphans and widows. They are also given a warning that if the poor are oppressed and their cries reach Him, He will stand for them and deliver justice to them by punishing the oppressors.

We can see a clear portrait of a loving and merciful God in this reading. Similarly, we can see how St. Paul is directing the church in Thessalonica on how to be role models for the people who are living in Macedonia and Achaia in loving others and being merciful to others. These two readings remind us how to show mercy to others as God is merciful to us. St. Paul affirms that being merciful to others is the identity of believers of Christ.

Today's Gospel summarizes the message of both these readings. Jesus condenses the ten commandments of the Old Covenant into just two commandments: love your neighbor as yourself and love your Lord God with all your heart and mind. Loving the neighbors is the way one can express their love for God. That is the greatest challenge in our life but at the same time, it is our vocation as Christians.

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 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

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 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 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.*

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 KofC4545@aol.com.

OCTOBER 29TH, 2023 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**1st Friday Adoration begins
November 3rd after the 9am Mass
and concludes Saturday morning
at 9am, Benediction & Mass**



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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Save the Date for the SJB Ministry Fair!

We will be holding a Ministry Fair after all Masses on Nov. 11th & 12th. Tables will be set up in the Narthex for the different ministries. Representatives from each ministry will be present to share details and answer questions. Everyone has God-given talents which are meant to be shared! The Fair will give you an opportunity to see how you share your talent with our Parish Community!

We're Only A Week Away - Get Your Gala & Raffle Tickets Now!



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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 The Regina Academy at SJB.**

Friday, November 10th, 2023

Refreshments at 2:00

followed by an Assembly at 2:30

Our staff & students would like to say thank you to our veterans with prayers, songs & recitations. If you'd like to join us, please RSVP by 11/1 by calling the school office at (610) 847-5523.

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

Rain or Shine

9:30am Registration begins. 10:30am Walk starts.

Who: Walkers of all ages, family, friends & co-workers.
Pet friendly event! There are 1.2 mile & 2.5 mile courses that are stroller & wheelchair accessible.

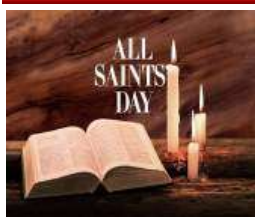
What: The BCPLC Walking with Moms in Need fundraiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers.

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.**
2. Advent Bible Study: *"The Eucharist"* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa
3. Lenten Bible Study: *"Jesus and the Jewish Roots"* by Brant Pitre
4. April 13th - April 14th, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- *"Live the Mass"*



All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Halloween, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1 November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV.

In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on November 1st by the Roman Catholic Church as well as many Protestant churches, such as the Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of which are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East, celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday. In the Coptic Orthodox tradition, All Saints' Day is on Nayrouz, celebrated on 11 September. The day is the start of the Coptic New Year, and of its first month, Thout.



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

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All Saints Day & November 4th & 5th, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
ALL SAINTS DAY WEDNESDAY 9AM	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
ALL SAINTS DAY WEDNESDAY 7PM	Marion Wolf	Sean Lynch	To be determined	-
ALL SOULS DAY THURSDAY 9AM OLD CHURCH	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	Amleto Pucci Sue Rogers
SATURDAY 5PM	Weez Roney Marion Wolf	Kim Zampirri	Brady Mattle Jacob Roney Joel Roney	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Need 2 Volunteers	Marie Burke	Need 3 Volunteers	Patty Leidner
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Laura Gumprecht	Ward Van Haute	Max Van Haute Hezekiah Van Haute Audrey Van Haute	Echoes of Christ



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, **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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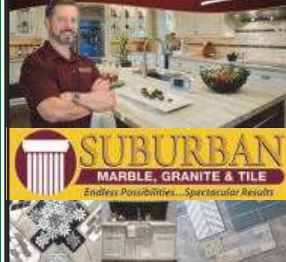
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