

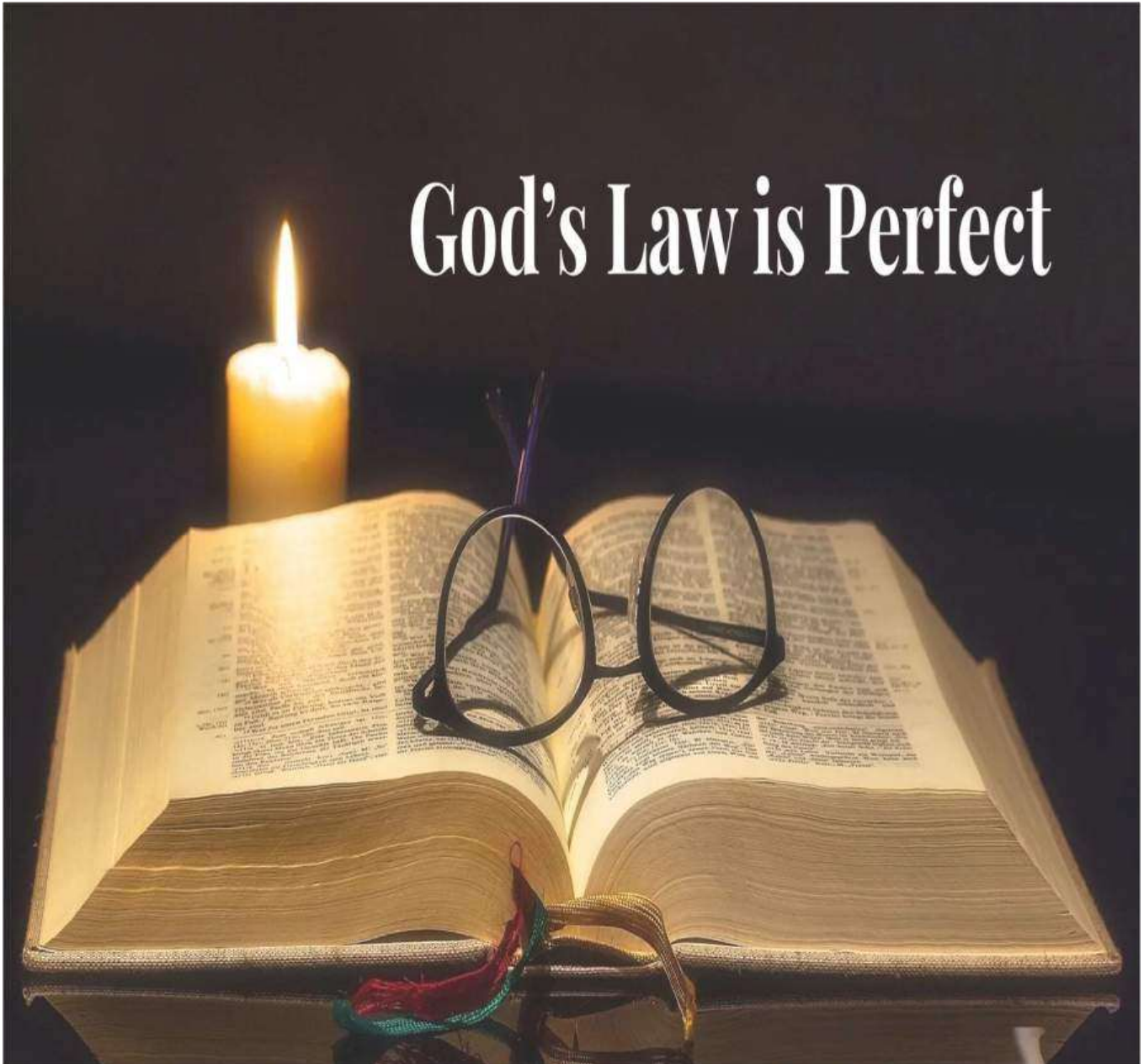
September 1st, 2024 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 September 2nd – September 8th, 2024

Monday - **LABOR DAY:** Intentions of All Who Labor
Tuesday: + Joan Puchalski (*Bernadette Strzelecki*)
Wednesday: + Souls of Purgatory (*Maxine Vogan*)
Thursday: + Bill Saxton (*A Friend*)
Friday: Intentions of Father Tony – **Happy Birthday!**
(*Your Friends at SJB*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Sister Josanne Huber, MSC
(*Anita Colahan & Susan Middleton*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: + Edward McKeever (*Loving Family*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

August 25th Envelopes \$4,234 - E-Giving \$1,821
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Sep. 04: Evangelization – 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!

SAVE THE DATE! SJB PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, September 15th NOON – 3 PM



In the school gym and weather permitting in the field behind the church. Join us for food, fun, games, prizes and music.

We are still looking for a sponsor/s for this year's hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic. If your family or business is interested, please contact Mary at 215-896-4034 or wmckmiller@verizon.net for more information. Any donation is appreciated, and all sponsors will be recognized on our posters.

We are also still in need of volunteers so please consider if you can help and contact Mary.

COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME!

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Laws, rituals, regulations and ceremonies are often good. But they are not absolute. Often, they harden and become irrelevant and no longer lead anyone to God, rather they become a hindrance.

The Pharisees and the scribes practiced man-made traditions and did not give praise to God. Their hearts have strayed away from God and clung to man-made traditions. They were hypocrites to the core in their actions and words and showed themselves as impeccable and pious in the eyes of society. They embraced human traditions more than divine love and were insincere in their worship.

Jesus presents a new understanding of our new life, our relationship with God and worship. The older idea of religion emphasized external piety while the new stressed interior piety. Jesus says we need to worship God in spirit and in truth. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. One must worship God with one's heart and soul. This will lead to a far more intimate seeking with Him, and in the right way. Hence, we need to be aware of religious practices. They are just human regulations. Such religious practices should not be practiced or enforced as if God ordained them. Rituals and religious ceremonies, laws and regulations must ultimately lead us towards a just relationship with other fellow beings and God.

Lord, help us to follow sincerely your divine laws - loving God and neighbor faithfully without putting limits.

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.

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 saying 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(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 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.



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

Please call as soon as possible!

Classes begin Monday, September 16th.

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 by September 1st or email: prep@stjohnsottsville.org



Join the Cleaning Team!

Wk. of September 1st TEAM 4

This is a once per month commitment.



SAVE THE DATE! MSC GOLF OUTING Friday, September 13th, 2024

Please help us raise funds to continue to help pay for the care of our elderly members. This care becomes more crucial each year because our active salaried members are dwindling, and the number of our dependents is increasing.

May the Sacred Heart reward you for your generosity.



1st Friday Adoration begins September 6th after the 9am Mass and concludes Saturday morning at 9am Benediction & Mass

SAVE THE DATE

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2024

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Beginning This Fall.....

CONQUEST FOR BOYS CHALLENGE FOR GIRLS

are Catholic youth programs for K-4 and 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 1st and 3rd Sundays right after 10:30 Mass!

Questions: ConquestForChrist@gmail.com

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



We hope you might consider donating much needed paper towels, bath tissue and facial tissues. 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

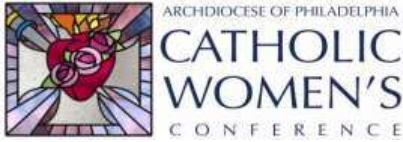
Homemade or re-gifted items needed. Tables will be set up in the Narthex during the month of December. All proceeds will be used for the maintenance of SJB. Thank you!

Please contact Kim Zampirri @215-260-7592.

MSC Oktoberfest – October 13, 12:00-5:00 pm at the Reading Liederkrantz. Hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.!**



To purchase tickets, sponsor or donate, visit www.mscreading.org or email cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org



Welcome!

The Catholic Women's Conference is a unique event designed for all Catholic women – married,

single, and consecrated. The mission of the conference is three-fold: to invite women into a personal and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, to form women in the truth about their feminine genius, and to equip women to be a leaven for the world, living their feminine gifts in service to the family, the Church and all aspects of society.

Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO LAURA

AT SJBVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSTVILLE.ORG

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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



Random Acts of Kindness

It's not too late to sign the posters in the narthex with your acts of kindness! Let us know how you're changing the world and bringing the Kingdom of God on earth! Thank you for participating - it incorporates you as a member of the SJB Community Outreach Ministry!

LET'S KEEP IT GOING!



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.

ATTENTION: MARRIED COUPLES!

When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are October 11-13 and November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.



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God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Chance for Life

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who bought tickets for the **2024 Pro-Life Raffle**. Mike Moreni & The Pro-Life Legal Fund are very grateful for your support of the mission of the Pro-Life Legal Fund. God Bless!

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Adam Crews Ted Fahy Weez Roney	Christina Crews	Siobhan & Amalia Crews Christine Wimpenny	Needed
SUNDAY 8AM	Nina Carlineo Renee Moyer Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Need 3 Volunteers	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim & Joan Black Claire Froman	Ward Van Haute	Audrey, Max & Hezekiah Van Haute	Anita Colahan Karen Parash



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

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, Stephen Holznagel, 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, 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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