

September 10th, 2023 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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**For where two or three
are gathered together
in my name,
there am I in the midst
of them.**

Matthew 18:20 KJV

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
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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 September 11 – September 17, 2023

Monday: + Joe Cegielski (Mike & Colette Kirk)
Tuesday: + Elizabeth Petritsch (Loving Husband)
Wednesday: + Wanda Muth (Diane Brenner)
Thursday: + Bill Saxton (Mike & Cathy Moreni)
Friday: Intentions of Ms. Jackie Pierson (Mary Pat Meyer)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Inez Becker (John Becker)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: Intentions of PREP Catechists

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

September 3rd Envelopes \$3,707 * E-Giving \$1,733

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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Mon. Sep 11: Prayer Shawl – Marian Room - 7:00pm
Wed. Sep 13: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Sat. Sep 16: 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.*

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 17th, 2023

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" *Matthew 11:28*
Next Sunday, September 17th, throughout the United States, Catholic Parishes celebrate CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, a day to recognize, bless, and commission all those in the Church who formally Share the Good News and teach the Message of Jesus. At St. John the Baptist, at the 10:30 A.M. Mass, Father Lucas will recognize, bless, and commission the catechists of our Parish Religious Education Program as well as other parishioners who impart the Gospel Message of Jesus in other teaching ministries of the parish community.
Please join us in prayer at this Mass, if you are able.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

First two readings stress on charity and love. In the Gospel, Jesus instructs the way to bring correction and forgiveness. These are directed specifically to individuals. In some occasions it may be misinterpreted by church leaders and pastors for any common issues.

Jesus gives importance to relationship. Forgiveness is freeing someone of the punishment they deserve for their sins. Relationships however are built on trust, love and actions. A relationship will never be restored without forgiveness. If one wants to have a close relationship with spouse, family, friends and community then one needs to develop a relationship with confrontation.

The Gospel passage gives several rules for confrontation. They are to seek to reconcile not revile, to begin in private and move to public domain, to imitate being Jesus to the world. I think the mark of a great Church is not the size of its building, not the number of families; it is not even how much it serves the community. The mark of a great Church is that it is known how much we love one another in the way as Jesus loves us!

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.



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 back up in September.

Please contact Tom & Jeanne Keller

at sjbrcia@stjohnsottsville.org

or call the Parish Office for more information.



**Missionaries of
the Sacred Heart
USA Province**

**The MSC 37th Annual Golf Tournament is on Friday,
September 15th at the Whitetail Golf Club.**

GOLFERS NEEDED!!!

For more information please see or call Peg Glancey at 610-847-5217 or visit the St. John the Baptist Parish website 'News & Events' to download the brochure and Entry Form.

PARISH SOCIAL

After Mass This Weekend!



This weekend we will have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality and get to know your church family.

PLEASE STOP BY! Hope to see you!



SJB Parish Picnic SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH NOON – 3 PM

Rain (gym) or Shine (field behind the church)

Bring chairs or a blanket and join us for food, fun, games, prizes and music.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you think you can make it, so we have a food count.

Hamburgers and hotdogs provided by this year's sponsors, *Chris and Eileen Leahy*.

If your last name begins with:

A-E bring a side dish

F-J bring chips, pretzels, etc.

K-O bring pickles, olives, relish, onions, lettuce, tomato

P-S bring dessert

T-Z bring non-alcoholic drinks and ice

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



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.

Religious Education Classes for 2023-24 will begin on Monday, September 18th.

Registration has been ongoing throughout the Summer. Any family not yet registered, should contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org or call 610-847-5521.

THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTERING BEFORE START is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th.

Pro-Life Legal Fund Summer Raffle

A heartfelt "Thank You" from Mike Moreni and all who were involved in selling the Chance for Life raffle tickets. *All the tickets have been sold!* Thank you for making the Pro-Life Legal Fund Summer Raffle a complete success!

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.

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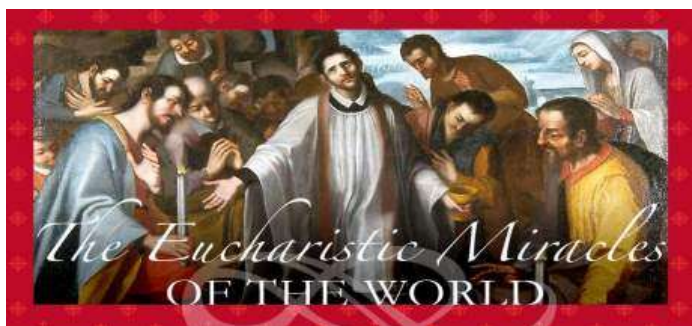
We at St. John the Baptist have planned the following...

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ESSENTIAL SACRAMENT!

1. September 9 – September 17: Blessed Carlo Acutis “Eucharistic Miracles” poster display
2. SJB Book Club: currently reading “*This Is My Body*” by Bishop Barron - all are welcome to join us now on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
3. Advent Bible Study: “*The Eucharist*” by Fr. Mitch Pacwa
4. Lenten Bible Study : “*Jesus and the Jewish Roots*” by Brant Pitre
5. April 13 - April 14, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- “*Live the Mass*”



COMING SOON TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH



We are going to host the **EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD** created by Blessed Carlo Acutis at St. John the Baptist Church from Saturday, September 9th thru Sunday, September 17th.

The Eucharistic Miracles Display is a traveling museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).

Blessed Carlo was a teenager from Italy who developed a website dedicated to the documented and scientifically scrutinized occasions when the Holy Eucharist changed in its physical appearance, reminding us that the bread and wine of the Mass truly become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2023 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Did you know we're in Year 2 of the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival?

In response to the USCCB's call, the Archdiocese has planned the Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, Sept 30th.

**“THE GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT:
THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN UP FOR YOU”**

Although the **in-person event is sold out**, you can participate virtually in the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress by registering to **access the livestream**. Virtual participation is \$20 per household.

Please note: Only the events/talks for the Adult English Track will be live-streamed.

Register for **VIRTUAL** participation at
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Questions: ConquestForChrist@gmail.com



PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR
LIFE
OCTOBER 16, 2023
Harrisburg, PA

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes are organizing a bus to Harrisburg, PA to support the sanctity of human life in PA. Please join us!

Departure From: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown, PA
Time: 8:00AM

Departure from PA State Capital Building: Between 1:30pm to 3:00pm depending on modification to the final schedule.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

10:00 AM – Prayer and Praise Pre-Rally
11:00 AM – Pennsylvania March for Life Rally
12:00 PM – Pennsylvania March for Life

We hope to meet with some of our legislators during the visit. The cost is \$20 per person. Teenagers and younger are free. If you would like to join us, please email Kathleen Wilson at Twav5@aol.com to register. Please indicate in the subject line “March for Life bus - PA RSVP”. If there are any questions, please call Kathleen at 215-262-3998.

For updates, information, updates and FAQ visit: PA.MarchforLife.org

September 16th & 17th, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dave Slifer Need 1 Volunteer	Anne Slifer	Gretchen Meyers Christine Wimpenny Need 1 Volunteer	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter Need 1 Volunteer	Need 1 Volunteer	Need 3 Volunteers	Maggie Hooven Liz Katra
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 10:30AM	Lynn Gammello Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Melissa Demusz Khloe Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, 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, 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:

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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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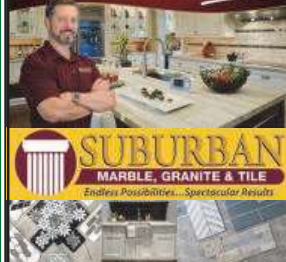
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