

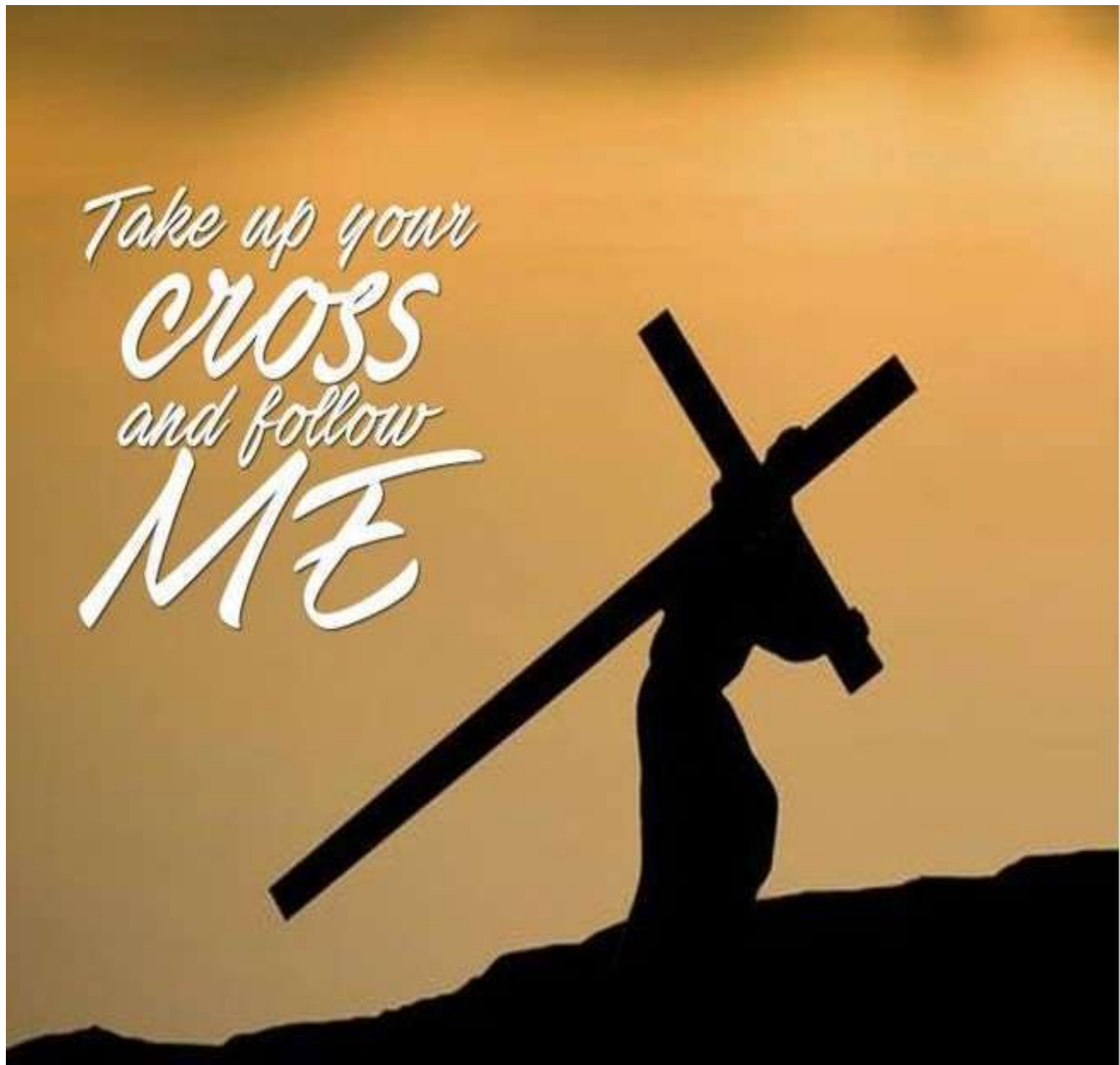
September 15TH, 2024 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.

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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 16th – September 22nd, 2024

Monday: + Inez Becker (*John Becker*)
Tuesday: Intentions of Mike & Cathy Moreni (*Geri Petrei & Daughters*)
Wednesday: + Helene Bell (*Geri Petrei & Daughters*)
Thursday: + Deceased Members of the Schulberger Family (*Leanna O'Brian*)
Friday: + Bernadette Phillips (*Chris Zdanowicz*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Vic Petrei (*Loving Family*)
Sunday 8am: + Julie Ferguson (*Lisa Saxton*)
Sunday 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

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 1st Envelopes \$5,263 - E-Giving \$1,353
September 8th Envelopes \$6,638 - E-Giving \$1,613
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Sep. 18: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am
Wed. Sep. 18: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom – 6:30pm

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!**



This Sunday, the third Sunday of September, is **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.**

Throughout the United States, catechists in every parish will receive a Blessing and Commission to teach The GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to Children, Adults, and Families, in Truth and Love. At Saint John the Baptist, the Blessing will take place at the 10:30 A.M. Mass, followed by our PARISH PICNIC. Please join with all people of our Church to pray for our catechists and to participate in our social celebration as we grow to know each other more gratefully.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In today's world, balancing faith in God is challenging for us Christians. The distractions of daily life often wear away and erode our beliefs. It's important to remind ourselves of the sacraments we have received and commit to pursuing our faith without compromise.

Actions speak louder than words. The three readings of today clearly state the necessity of having an active faith and a willingness to endure challenges for the sake of God's will. Mere words are insufficient unless we turn them into action. Genuine faith prompts deeds of compassion and kindness. Faith, when alive, produces tangible actions.

In the Gospel, Jesus questions his disciples about his identity. Peter responds that Jesus is the Christ. When informed about Jesus' suffering and death, Peter rebukes him. However, Jesus emphasizes the cost of discipleship. That's a challenge for us. Taking up one's cross and following Jesus isn't easy. Therefore, engaging in daily personal prayer, participating in the Holy Eucharist, and devotion to Mother Mary will lead us to strengthen our faith. The common thread is a call to live out our faith, trusting God amidst difficulties, and showing our commitment through compassionate actions and self-sacrifice.

Let us pray - Lord Jesus, strengthen our faith as we embark on this journey guided by your word. May our hearts be open to the truths of the Gospel. Help us to trust in your promises and guide us on the challenging path to tread in your name.

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.

SJB PARISH PICNIC



THE PARISH PICNIC IS BEING HELD THIS WEEKEND ON SUNDAY, NOON TO 3. I HOPE YOU WILL ALL BE JOINING US!



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



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Wk. of September 15th TEAM 1

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The Regina Academy has started another year guiding children to know, love, and serve the Lord. It's always a wonderful week here at the Academy to see the children's smiles as they enter the school for the first time. Please remember our doors are always welcoming to those who want to stop in for a peek at what is happening in the halls.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual Donum a Deo Gala on November 2nd at 6pm. Keep an eye out for the raffle tickets - we're giving one lucky winner the chance to win an exciting \$10,000.00!

Regina Academy also seeks after-school help with Little Lights, our after-school program, from 3:30 to 5:30pm.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4545

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Join us for a night of fun. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2024

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No one under 16 years of age admitted

CONQUEST FOR BOYS CHALLENGE FOR GIRLS

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We meet monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays right after 10:30 Mass beginning this Fall.

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



Make your voice heard by attending the **Pennsylvania March for Life** on Monday Sept 23rd. The bus leaves Our Lady of Guadalupe parish at 8am. See details and sign up in the Narthex



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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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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ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO LAURA
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PARISH SURVEY FOCUS GROUPS

The Pastoral Council invites you to a meeting on Thurs. 9/19 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. The purpose is to provide Council's feedback on your recommendations. Thank you!

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Father Lucas - Chairman
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YOU ARE INVITED TO A
*Golden Jubilee Celebration
of Ordination*

FR. RAY DIESBOURG, MSC



October 13th, 2024

Sunday 10:30 Mass

A luncheon will follow.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

September highlights the **Prayer Shawl Ministry**. In the words of Janet Bristol, founder,

“Shawls - They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify”.

We distribute shawls, lap robes, wraps, and scarves to the sick, lonely, grieving, those in hospice, and VA hospitals as well as newly baptized and anyone who needs to feel cherished, comforted and loved.

Prayer squares or pocket squares are a reminder that God is always with you the whole day through. These are available in the basket in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one home or take two and share one.

If you or anyone you know would like to have a comforting shawl, lap robe, wrap, or scarf, please feel free to contact either Jo or Marianne. We meet on the second Monday of each month from 7-8 pm in the Marian Room. We would love to have you pick up your crochet hook or knitting needles and join us. You can reach out to Jo Carole at tojo@epix.net or Marianne at mjscott@epix.net.

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.**

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Ted Fahy Weez Roney Lisa Saxton	Patti Keyser	Martin & Rita Elsner Brady Mattle	Needed
SUNDAY 8AM	Jackie Butler Tom Keller Renee Moyer	Jeanne Keller	Alaina Butler Need 2 Volunteers	Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Claire Froman Laura Gumprecht	Leona Russell	Elia & Fatu Logaivau Need 1 Volunteer	Needed



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, 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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