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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 he brought to the sick and homebound by our Pastor

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 23rd – September 29th, 2024

Monday: † Mary Mangeney (McDevitt Family)

Tuesday: + Helene Bell (Gina Puente)

Wednesday: † Evelyn & William Wismer (Ed Wismer)
Thursday: † Helene Bell (Lisa Saxton & Gina Puente)

Friday: Frank McHugh (Mike McHugh)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: + Anthony Brandariz (Mike McHugh)
Sunday 10:30am: + Marian Houston
(Bruce & Patti Keyser)

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 15th Envelopes \$4,366 - E-Giving \$1,491 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Sep. 25: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8:00am **Wed. Sep. 25**: Intercessory Prayer - Zoom - 6:30pm

Thu. Sep. 26: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – Augustine Rm- 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!

Golden Jubílee Celebration of Ordination

FR. RAY DIESBOURG, MSC



October 13th, 2024 Sunday 10:30 Mass A luncheon will follow.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In today's Gospel, we encounter a moment where Jesus tells a profound lesson to His disciples. The passage begins with Jesus and His disciples travelling through Galilee. Despite knowing about His impending suffering and death, Jesus teaches them a valuable lesson about humility and selflessness. As they reached Capernaum, Jesus asked His disciples what they were discussing on the way.

Instead of responding, the disciples remained silent because they had been arguing among themselves about who among them was the greatest. Sensing their misguided focus, Jesus sits down and imparts a crucial teaching: "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." To emphasize His point, Jesus brings a child into their midst, highlighting the humility and innocence of children. He explains that welcoming a child is akin to welcoming Him, underscoring the importance of humility and a servant's heart in the Kingdom of God.

This passage serves as a timeless lesson for all, emphasizing the virtues of humility and service. Jesus challenges His followers to prioritize others over themselves, urging them to embrace childlike humility and innocence. This encourages young minds to understand the beauty of selflessness and kindness, inspiring them to treat others with respect and compassion.

Enlightened by the word of God, may we make the right decisions and choices. May we learn that serving others with humility is the key to real greatness, and simple acts of kindness and selflessness bring true fulfillment and joy

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 guarreling 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.

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thank you to all who came out to the parish picnic, to our wonderful sponsors and the amazing volunteers who made it possible!

Congratulations to all our game winners!

It was great to spend time together!



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 began 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 or email: prep@stjohnsottsville.org



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GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE CAMPUS!

Regina Academy was truly blessed to come together and celebrate Mass with the Parish this past Sunday. It was heartwarming for our school to connect with the parish community at the picnic. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers whose hard work made the picnic a success.

Regina Academy is excited to invite you to our upcoming Square Dance and Potluck Supper on September 28th at 5pm. Join us for an evening filled with lively square dancing and delicious homemade dishes. Please let us know of your attendance by contacting the school office. We look forward to having a great time with you!

The Knights of Columbus Council 4545



Join us for a night of fun. Doors open at 5:00 pm. **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**th, **2024**

Cost of admission ticket \$5.00 includes a coffee & dessert. Come test **your** luck, it only costs a penny per chance!

No one under 16 years of age admitted

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 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



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

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA 654 FERRY ROAD, DOYLESTOWN, PA

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO LAURA AT SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSVILLE.ORG



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.

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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



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

n the words of Janet Bristol founder,

"Shawls - They wrap, KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY. 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 mlscott@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 Contombor 16th from 6:15, 7:20pm, Please

starting on September 16th from 6:15 - 7:30pm. Please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 for more information. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH, 2024

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Ted Fahy Weez Roney Lisa Saxton	Jane Ferry	Julia & Alyssa Byers Christine Wimpenny	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Tom Keller Bea Romaszewski Need 1 Volunteer	Jeanne Keller	Need 3 Volunteers	Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim & Joan Black Wendy DeGroot	Sean Lynch	Elia & Fatu Logaivau Gretchen Meyers	Ordinary Time



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:

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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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