

September 24th, 2023 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went
out...to hire men to work in his vineyard.*

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran
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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 25 – October 01, 2023

Monday: + Normande Roy-Cormier (*Rachel Cormier*)
Tuesday: + Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Husband*)
Wednesday: + Frank McHugh (*Michael McHugh*)
Thursday: + Bill Saxton (*Dan & Michele Walsh*)
Friday: + Anthony Brandaraiz (*Michael*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: + Sarah Fleck (*Betty Fleck*)
Sunday 8am: + Joseph Suder (*Mary Burke & Family*)
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 17th Envelopes \$3,876 * E-Giving \$1,891

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Sep 27: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel – 6:30pm
Thu. Sep 28: Nitty Gritty Garden Club – 7pm
Sat. Sep 30: 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.*



2023 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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.

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

Register for VIRTUAL participation at
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council # 4545

PENNY PARTY

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

Doors Open 5:00pm

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

FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Lord is inviting us to be close to him. He invites us today in a beautiful way through the readings, and he promises us a rightful place for those who respond to his invitation.

It is said in the first reading, “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, for he will abundantly pardon.” The nature of God’s tenderness and love for humankind is portrayed through these words. It is again emphasized with the words ‘for my thoughts are not your thoughts, not are your ways my ways’. It is hard and difficult for us humans to pardon another person in the same measure as what God is promising us today. God’s ways are not our ways. We experience this through the gospel reading.

Jesus brings in the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. The landowner went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. He hired the workers at different time; he found some early in the morning, some at nine o’clock, some about noon, some at three o’clock and some at five o’clock. But at the end of the day, all were given equal pay as promised. Apparently, it is unjust in the eyes of the world. The world will reward graded pay to the hired workers according to the number of hours they work. But this is not the way God works. He promises salvation to those who respond to his invitation.

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.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
GERALD J. PETRITSCH

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



PREP

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.



REMINDER!!

SJB Parish Picnic

is this WEEKEND!

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.

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

We will have kid's games and prizes. Form a team of 2 from your parish ministry, family or friends and sign up at the picnic to challenge other teams in the cornhole tournament or come to play for fun in separate lanes.

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 SURVEY

The Pastoral Council is making progress on reviewing results from the Parish Survey and prioritizing areas to be addressed in 2023 and 2024. If you have not already provided your name to be part of a Focus Group and are interested in providing feedback to Pastoral Council on their interpretation of the data, please sign up in the Narthex by Sept 29th. If you have already provided your name when completing the survey, look for an email from Pastoral Council. If you have not received an email, please contact the Parish Office.

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Please direct resumés and questions to Tami Koerber, Head of School, takoerber@rasjb.org – 610-847-5523.

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The 40 Days for Life campaign date for St. John the Baptist & St. Lawrence Parishes is Friday, September 29th, 2023. The vigil takes place at the Warminster "Planned Parenthood". Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for each Parish.

PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville is sponsoring a **CROP Hunger Walk** on October 29th. This fundraiser will help fight hunger locally and around the world. The Lord's Pantry will receive 25% of the funds raised & will be participating.

To register for the walk or to make a donation, please go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023>. In the top right corner search for The Lord's Pantry Team. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK



OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

Registration Opens @ 1:00 pm

Starts and ends at

St. Peter's Lutheran Church at

720 Edgewood Rd., Riegelsville, PA 18077

Walk as far as you want:

Location	Each Way (Miles)	Round Trip (Miles)
Durham Aqueduct (Routes 212 & 611)	1.25	2.5
Trauger's Farm (Island Rd.)	2.25	4.5

25% of donations go to support

The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville

75% goes to feed the hungry around the world

Scan to register or donate:



Call 610-346-8500 or email

crophungerwalkcoordinator@durhamlutheran.org for registration material.

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



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 3rd Thursday 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 13 - April 14, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- *"Live the Mass"*

Join the Cleaning Team!
Wk. of September 24th
TEAM 5

This is a once per month commitment.



Walking with Moms in Need

Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1 (Angler's Pier)

230 Creek Road, Doylestown, PA

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Who: Walkers of all ages, family, friends and co-workers.

Pet friendly event. There is a 1.2 mile & a 2.5 mile course that is stroller & wheelchair accessible.

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

When: **Saturday, November 04, 2023**, Rain or Shine

09:30 am Registration begins.

10:30 am Walk starts for 2.5 miles. The 1.2 miles start soon afterwards.

11:30 am Boxed Lunches Distributed. *MEI Catering, Feasterville, PA

12:00 pm Speaker.

You are encouraged to bring a blanket with you.

Entry Prices:

Adults - \$20 * Wheelchairs - \$10 * Children 12 & under - \$10

Team of four (4) - \$50 * Strollers - free

If registered by October 20th

T-shirts will be available for purchase

Boxed lunches* & bottled water are provided

To register on-line please use the link below and provide your box lunch preference to your cart.

Pledge donations are welcome (*any amount*).

BucksCountyProLife.org Walk with Moms tab



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 Twav3@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

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Lynn Gammello Weez Roney	Kim Zampirri	Julia Byers Alyssa Byers Christine Wimpenny	Sue Rogers SJB Choir
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Need 1 Volunteer	Anita Colahan	Gretchen Meyers Need 2 Volunteers	Ordinary Time
REGINA ACADEMY SUNDAY 10:30AM	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Regina Academy School Choir



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, 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, 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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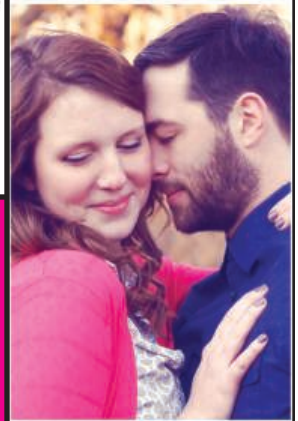
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