

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

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**Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!
Fr. Lucas and the parish family of St. John the Baptist
would like to welcome all of our visitors and new members.**

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 to act as Godparent or Sponsor may be issued only to registered parishioners who have been registered here at St. John the Baptist Parish at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their faith in our parish. If married, your marriage must have been witnessed and blessed by a Catholic Priest or have special permission approved by the Archbishop. A person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason is not eligible to be a sponsor and, therefore, we cannot issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism may be scheduled to take place on a Saturday at 10am or 11am; or on a Sunday at 11:45am (immediately following the 10:30am Mass). 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 29th – October 5th, 2025

Monday: † Anthony Brandariz (*Mike McHugh*)
Tuesday: † Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Wednesday: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Thursday: † The Freeh-Johnson Family
(*David & Mary Grace Tillotson*)
Friday: Intentions of Fr. Lucas (*Happy Birthday Father!*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: † Sabath & Joseph Families (*Barbara Sabath*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Janet Galen (*The Colahans*)

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 21st - Envelopes \$3,486 * E-Giving \$1,732

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed. Oct 01: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Oct 01: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 6:30pm
* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

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!



St. John the Baptist Music Ministry

Mass of Restoration – Sunday, October 5th

A new Mass Setting, along with new music selections, will be introduced by *Echoes of Christ* on Sunday, October 5th at the 10:30 AM Mass. Handouts for the Mass Setting will be available.

Looking forward to your attendance.

From Your Pastor-



We are saved by both faith and good works. These good works are our response to God in different ways. All of us are called to respond to God. The readings of the day focus on this message. The readings tell us that we should show our faith by doing good works.

In the first reading, Prophet Amos reprimands the people of Zion and the people of Samaria. He says, "Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria". The people of Zion and Samaria (Judea and Israel respectively) think they are fully safe because God is with them. They don't realize that in the future, they will be defeated, destroyed and taken into exile.

In the Gospel, there is the story of a rich man and a beggar Lazarus. The rich man refers to the Israelites who think that they are the sons of Abraham, and they have the Laws and the Prophets with them. This privilege will automatically save them. Jesus tells them very clearly that good works are a necessary element of faith to get salvation.

Thus, Jesus is emphasizing on both faith and action. If I have faith in God, I have to show it in action. I will help myself and others too. I will work hard to improve my God given talents and virtues. Further, I will help others too wherever possible. I will not be overconfident by assuming that if God is with me everything would happen automatically.

Let us pray that we will make an effort to imbibe both the importance of prayer and good action in our daily life. We may help the poor wherever we can.

**Yours in Jesus Christ,
Rev. S. Lucas, MSC
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish**



PRAYERS TO ST. PEREGRINE

Every Tuesday morning, following the 9am Mass, we will be praying to St. Peregrine for those who are suffering from cancer and other diseases.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.

Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



Are you or a family member unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion? If you'd like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521.

We will make arrangements to bring the Lord to you.



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The Knights of Columbus help men and their families grow in faith in the spirit of charity by helping others. We empower our men to become better husbands, better fathers and better disciples of Jesus Christ. All practicing Catholic men, 18 years or older, are invited to join our Council. You may join online today by visiting kofc.org/join. When prompted, please enter council # 4545. Use promo code "BLESSED MCGIVNY" to receive your first year of membership free, or contact Mark Janik, Grand Knight at KofC4545@aol.com, or see one of our Brother Knights after Mass

Our Father Stommel Council #4545
meets every 3rd Monday at 7:30pm.



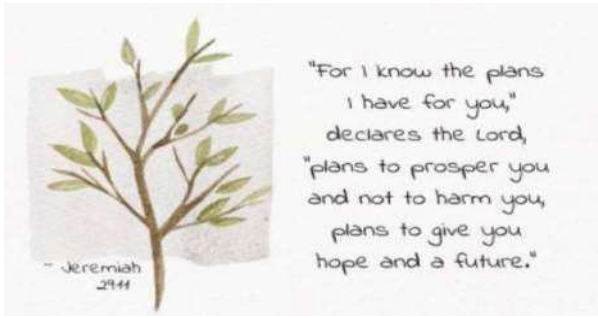
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**2025 – 2026 Registration is Open for PREP
Classes Began Monday, September 15th, 2025
Class time: 6:15 – 7:30pm Monday in the school**

Registration Forms for Returning Students for 2025-26 have been mailed. Parents of New Students of any grade level for 2025-26 should contact the Parish Office: prep@stjohnsottsville.org OR 610-847-5521.

Parents/Guardians of 7th grade students, who are parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church who are attending Catholic School and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Church in 2026, should contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org by September 30th, 2025.

SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB



THANK YOU to **The Tumolo Family**, owners of Bucks County Nursery & Florist located in Kintnersville, and longtime SJB Parishioners, for their generous donation towards trimming our church grounds and beautifying our church entrance sign.

Greetings from Across Campus,

The school year is off to a truly uplifting start at Regina Academy! The energy, dedication, and teamwork among our students, families, and staff have been inspiring. It's a blessing to witness the joy and enthusiasm filling our hallways as we begin this new chapter together.

We've warmly welcomed a new group of preschoolers, bright-eyed and eager to learn about the Word of God and grow closer to Jesus. We're also grateful to welcome 14 new families into our Academy community. Their presence is a sign of hope and growth, and we remain committed to walking with each child toward truth, beauty, and goodness through our Classical Catholic education.

Please continue to keep our students, teachers, and families in your prayers. Your spiritual support strengthens our mission to guide young hearts and minds toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wishing you a grace-filled week, **Brian Dulin**
President, Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Evangelization Ministry - Calling All Walkers!

Saturday, Oct 4th: 5K run and walk supporting **Crossroads Pregnancy Care**. Location: The Park at 4th, Quakertown
<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Quakertown/5KRunandWalkforLife>

Saturday, Oct 4th: Warminster Run for Life supports **A Baby's Breath**. Come Run, Walk or Wheel at Tyler State Park Rt. 332 (Richboro-Newtown Road) at No. 1 Lane Trail Richboro, PA 18954 (Earth Center for the Arts Entrance).
<https://ababysbreath.org/warminster/warminster-run-for-life/>

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



Now that September is upon us, it seems that we can almost smell Fall in the air! Please consider donating these baking supplies.

Sugar - Cake Mixes - Brownie Mixes - Pie Filling

St. John the Baptist Parish	
Repairs Financial Statement as of 09/30/2025	
Income	
Donations - Parishioners & Friends	163,005
Donations - Parishioner Labor	24,527
Donations - Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia	150,247
Donations - Janney Montgomery Scott Investment	34,510
Donations - Special Collection for Repairs	166,352
	538,642
Disbursements	
Windows	38,220
Drywall	70,242
Floor Tiles	37,237
Furniture	62,570
Carpet	32,240
Tower	15,707
Tabernacle	19,100
Statues	6,655
Work done by Staff & Volunteers - Church	24,527
Miscellaneous - Church	4,789
	311,288
Seed Money for Phases I & II of the Capital Campaign	227,354

SEPTEMBER SAINT HIGHLIGHT



Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the *Book of Revelation*, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness, and the restoration of the family fortune.

The memorials of Gabriel and Raphael were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their individual feasts to Michael's.

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1st Friday Adoration begins
October 3rd after the
9am Mass and concludes
Saturday morning at 9am
Benediction & Mass



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The Knights of Columbus Council 4545

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

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Date: October 11th (Saturday) at 1:00 PM



- Rosary in St. Joseph's Chapel
- Refreshments - Tour of Retreat Center

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Joan Black, Director

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Think Hope

MARIA MIDDLETON'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY MASS



CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP NELSON PEREZ
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 at 6 PM
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF
CZESTOCHOWA

"Think hope." These were the last words Maria Middleton was
able to write in her journal, a message that continues to inspire
countless lives. From the time she began her journal at age 11
with the words "God is merciful," Maria lived with courage,
kindness, and a deep trust in the Lord. Her spirit of hope, faith,
and love touched many around the world and continues to guide
us today. Join us as we honor Maria's life, legacy, and the
enduring message she left us: to always *Think Hope*.

Copies of:
Think Hope: Maria Middleton's Life of Unyielding Trust in God
will be available after Mass.

More information about Maria can be found on the Think Hope website:
ThinkHope.org



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.

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SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey Weez Roney	Kim Zampirri	Julia & Alyssa Byers 1 Volunteer Needed	Karen Parash Amleto Pucci
SUNDAY 8AM	Jim McHugh Bea Romaszewski Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Blake & Max Nowicki 1 Volunteer Needed	Needed
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbier Joan Beebe Becca Van Haute	Ward Van Haute	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Hezekiah Van Haute	Echoes of Christ



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, Brent Camillier, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Carol Engel, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, **Barney Fontenot**, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy Hancharik, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Kimberly Markulec, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Mike Palmer, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Thomas Rimmer, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabbath, Adriana Salvucci, Lisa Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Riley Telesco, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Danielle Watson, 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:



May God protect and watch over our troops



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony J. Fleck, Joseph V. Fleck, Lane Charles Frankenfield, 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, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Jared Scott, Steven Siegert, Kendall Smith

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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