

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

4050 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942

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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MASS WITH US TODAY.**

**WE ARE GLAD YOU CAME!**

**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.  
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran  
Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese  
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok  
Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese  
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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 30<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Monday: + Robert Morris (*Liz Torgerson*)  
Tuesday: + Louis Kagel (*Mary Kosmin*)  
Wednesday: + Fr. Charles McKenna & + Msgr. Bernard McKenna (*Jim & Cristina McHugh*)  
Thursday: Intentions of Fr. Lucas (*Happy Birthday!*)  
Friday: + Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm: + Bill Saxton (*A Friend*)  
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions  
Sunday 10:30am: + Philip Gumprecht (*Laura Gumprecht*)

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Envelopes \$3,402 - E-Giving \$1,657  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Wed. Oct. 02: Flame of Love - Chapel – 8:00am  
Wed. Oct. 02: Intercessory Prayer – Zoom - 6:30pm  
Wed. Oct. 02: Evangelization Team Mtg – St. Augustine Rm - 7:00pm  
Sun. Oct. 06: Conquest/Challenge – School Gym - 11:30am

**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 Jubilee Celebration  
of Ordination*

**FR. RAY DIESBOURG, MSC**



October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday 10:30 Mass

A luncheon will follow.

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

In the first reading from the Book of Numbers, we see Eldad and Medad prophesying in the camp and Joshua requesting Moses to stop them. But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” Similarly, in the Gospel we find John telling Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.”

Often, we don’t see the bigger picture in life and judge by our likes and dislikes. We fail to appreciate the good works of others because we make selfish interests and self-glory our concern, instead of God’s glory. A person who sees God’s glory in all the good works, would not feel jealousy but real joy, because all good works bring glory to God.

Jesus taught his disciples that the one, who wants to be the first must be the servant of all. “If they embrace this attitude, then they can hardly have feelings of jealousy and rivalry for someone else through whom God is at work.”

Today Jesus also reminds us that if any good work is being done, we should be tolerant and appreciative of those works. The Gospel reading also puts a warning for us to live our faith responsibly. Our life example affects the faith of the little ones, namely the children and people of simple faith.

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.

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### 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.*

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### 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.***



**1st Friday Adoration begins October 4<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass and concludes Saturday morning at 9am Benediction & Mass**



**MSC Oktoberfest – October 13, 12:00-5:00 pm at the Reading Liederkrantz. Hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.!**

To purchase tickets, sponsor or donate, visit [www.mscreading.org](http://www.mscreading.org) or email [cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org](mailto:cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org)



## 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](mailto: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.

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### The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, during the Vigil Mass.

Adults and Youth 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)



**Join the Cleaning Team!**  
Wk. of September 29<sup>th</sup>  
TEAM 3

This is a once per month commitment.



### Walk with One: Each of Us Can Do This!

*An Initiative of the National Eucharistic Revival:* There is someone in your life *right now* whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying “yes” to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the *Walk With One* initiative. This is your opportunity to be God’s instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

For more information and related resources, visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one>

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### GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE CAMPUS!

The Regina Academy is hosting our annual Gala on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pearl S. Buck House in Bedminster. Please check out the school website [www.rasjb.org](http://www.rasjb.org) for tickets or contact the school at 610-847-5523. A fabulous raffle is going on right now, and you could win \$10,000.00. One of our parishioners won the big prize last year. Remember, you must play to win!

The Academy also needs some after-school help in our Little Lights program from 3:30-5:30. If you are interested, please contact Claire Froman at the school office.

### The Knights of Columbus Council 4545



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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 & 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 October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Questions: [ConquestForChrist@gmail.com](mailto: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.

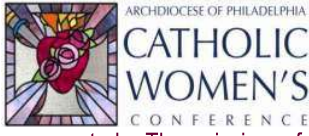
We believe that with God’s blessings and the help of our community, we can show our support for those most in need. Thank you for your generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers

### HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Visitation BVM School Gym 190 N. Trooper Rd., Trooper, PA 19403  
Thursday, October 3, 2024 - 6:30-8:00pm

High School Night is a wonderful way for parents and students to have an opportunity to speak to various Directors of Catholic high school admissions and student representatives. This event is FREE and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Zampogna 610-212-1002 or [askang12178@gmail.com](mailto:askang12178@gmail.com).



**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@STJOHNSOTTSTVILLE.ORG](mailto:SJBEVANGEL@STJOHNSOTTSTVILLE.ORG)**



**MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Homemade or re-gifted items are 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**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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**EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT, ROSARY, LITURGY of the HOURS (books provided) and DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:**

MONDAY EVENING 7PM–8PM. Our Lady's Chapel  
WEDNESDAY MORNING 10AM–11AM. Our Lady's Chapel

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH** 12PM-1PM. ST. Joseph's Chapel (large chapel, name on front of the building)

**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



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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](mailto:tojo@epix.net) or Marianne at [mjscott@epix.net](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 – 7:30pm. Please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 for more information. Registration is required.



**Walking with Moms in Need**

Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1 (Angler's Pier)  
230 Creek Road, Doylestown, PA  
Saturday, November 9, 2024

<p><b>Who:</b> Walkers of all ages, family, friends and co-workers. Pet friendly event. There is a 1.2 and a 2.5 mile course that is stroller &amp; wheelchair accessible.</p> <p><b>What:</b> The BCPLC Walking with Moms in Need fundraiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers.</p> <p><b>When:</b> Saturday, November 09, 2024, 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. 12:00 pm Speaker.</p> <p>Picnic tables available. Or you can bring a blanket with you.</p>	<p><b>Entry Prices</b> Adults - \$20 Wheelchairs - \$10 Children 12 &amp; under - \$10 Family/Team of four (4) - \$ 50 Strollers - free</p> <p>T-shirts provided to all registrants (based on availability) *Boxed lunch &amp; bottled water are provided (if registered by October 20th) *box lunch provided by MEI Catering, Feasterville, PA</p> <p><a href="http://BucksCountyProLife.org">BucksCountyProLife.org</a> to register on-line. Provide your box lunch preference to your cart. Pledge donations are welcome (any amount).</p>
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Register online at [BUCKSCOUNTYPROLIFE.ORG](http://BUCKSCOUNTYPROLIFE.ORG)

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\*Register by October 18th to guarantee a sign

All Sponsors are invited to set up a table at the Walk. 2 boxed lunches will be provided. Pledge donations are always welcome!

Go to [www.buckscountyprolife.org](http://www.buckscountyprolife.org) to easily select your sponsorship level

BCPLC (Voices for the Unborn) is a 501c charity organization

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 - Mass at 7pm

**Archbishop Ryan High School [www.arhs.me/mass2024](http://www.arhs.me/mass2024)**

Email [ccasey@arhs.org](mailto:ccasey@arhs.org) to RSVP

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey Joel Roney	Kim Zampirri	Brady Mattle Jacob & Joshua Roney	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna & Natalie Nice	Anita Colahan	Justin Nice <b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>	<b>Needed</b>
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Ted Fahy Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Melissa & Khloe Demusz Olivia Luna	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, 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, 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](mailto: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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