

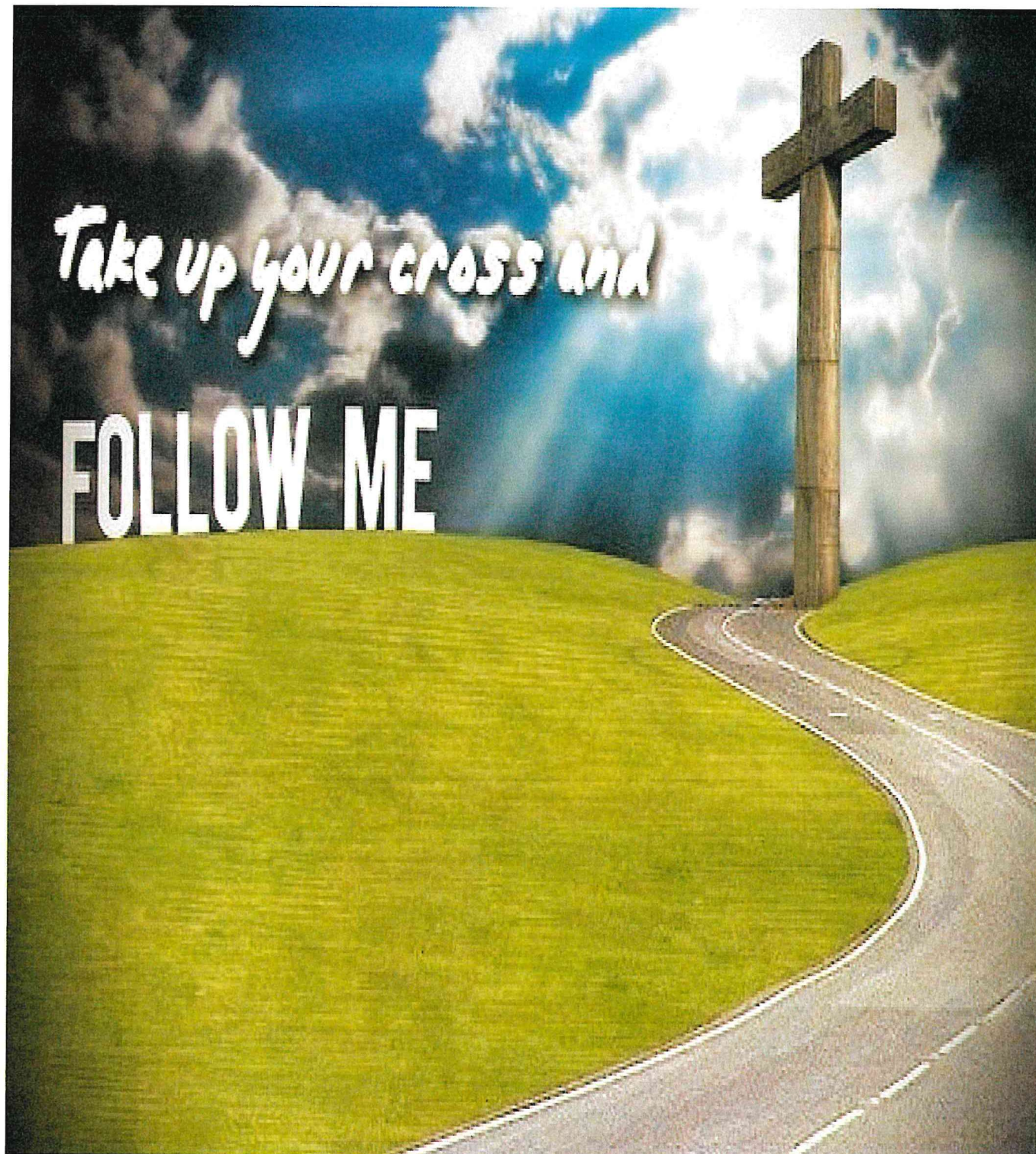
September 3rd, 2023 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer

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 04 – September 10, 2023

Monday: + Bill Saxton (Janet Reidler & Family)
Tuesday: Intentions of Lisa Saxton (Becky Tirpok)
Wednesday: Intentions of Fr. Tony (SJB Friends)
Thursday: + Ralph Sanvitale (Kosmin Family)
Friday: + Maria Middleton (Mike & Colette Kirk)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8am: + Joseph Suder (Jackie Ryan & Family)
Sunday 10:30am: + Alice Godown (Harold Rick)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS MON–FRI 9AM–5PM

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

August 27th Envelopes \$6,811 * E-Giving \$1,693

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tue. Sep 05: Knights of Columbus – Marian Room - 7:30pm
Wed. Sep 06: Intercessory Prayer – Chapel - 6:30pm
Sat. Sep 09: 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. Despire 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.



A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us. Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened. And I shall give you rest."

Matthew 11:28-30



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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today's readings speak about God's plan to bring peace, unity and love. In the first reading, we find prophet Jeremiah's heart burning with fire regarding the violence and destruction. St. Paul in the second reading invites Romans to prepare their mind and body to work for God's plan. Jesus explains it clearly to his disciples by asking them to take up cross and follow him in the gospel reading. In other words, the cross is to stand for truth and justice.

Today the world is grappling with injustice, corruption, suppression, exploitation, human trafficking, poverty etc. We see all these in our society. We are responsible for our suffering brothers and sisters because we have chosen the path of indifference or silence. Adding to this, Jesus says whoever is not with me is against me (Mt: 30:12). We expect others to stand against those inequities as Peter expects Jesus to do in the Gospel reading. He understands Jesus in human perspectives. He fails to realize that he has to carry the cross. We in our daily life forget that we are created to bring faith, hope, peace, harmony, unity, forgiveness and love among the people.

Are we ready to take up the cross and follow Jesus? Do we expect Jesus to do everything for us like Peter? Are we ready to accept God's plan for us?

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.



**Missionaries of
the Sacred Heart
USA Province**

**The MSC 37th Annual Golf Tournament is on Friday,
September 15th at the Whitetail Golf Club.**

For more information please see or call Peg Glancey at 610-847-5217 or visit the St. John the Baptist Parish website 'News & Events' to download the brochure and Entry Form.

SJB Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

NOON – 3 PM

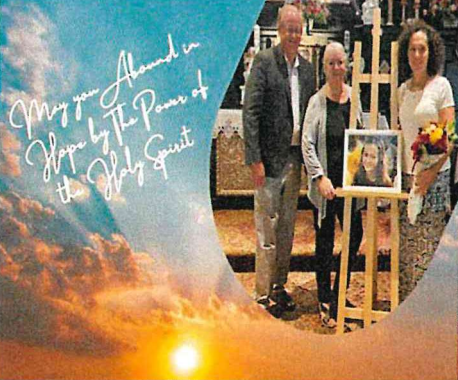
Rain (gym) or
Shine (field behind the church).

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



Come join us for a great time!

Abound in Hope! September 9, 2023



Enjoy a One Day Retreat
with Kathleen McCarthy
and special guest speakers
Susan and Brian Middleton
Parents of Maria Middleton

Mass Celebrated By:
Fr. Timothy Tarnacki
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Music By:
Mark Griswold

May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
REGISTRATION
610-644-0400
www.malvernretreat.com
Cost: \$70
Continental Breakfast and
Full Lunch Included

Malvern
National Shrine
315 S. Warren Ave - Malvern PA

This one day retreat will be led by Kathleen McCarthy and will cover the life of Maria Middleton. Susan and Brian Middleton (Maria's Parents) will also be presenting at the event. The impact of her life was her quiet ability to lead, unite, and inspire people to become better versions of themselves while fostering the love of God. Her spirit has affected the lives of many around the world and will continue to do so. Our loss is heaven's gain.

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.

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.

Religious Education Classes for 2023-24 will begin on Monday, September 18th.

Registration has been ongoing throughout the Summer. Any family not yet registered, should contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org or call 610-847-5521.

THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTERING BEFORE START is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th.

Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

The only Catholic, Classical School in Bucks County!

- Authentic Catholic education that develops strong morals and character
- Small class sizes without screens
- Tight knit, like minded community
- Montessori Pre-K, Classical K-8th Grade



Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist is Hiring!

The only Catholic classical school in Bucks County is seeking ardent Catholics who can teach across the curriculum and integrate the Faith as part of the formation of the memory, intellect, will and heart of the students. Teacher certification is not required.

We have openings for:

- Office Manager Full-Time
- 5th Grade Classroom Teacher (Full-Time)
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Catechist (Part-Time)
- Gym Teacher (Part-Time)

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



We at St. John the Baptist have planned the following...

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ESSENTIAL SACRAMENT!

1. September 9 – September 17: Blessed Carlo Acutis "Eucharistic Miracles" poster display
2. 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.
3. Advent Bible Study: "The Eucharist" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa
4. Lenten Bible Study : "Jesus and the Jewish Roots" by Brant Pitre
5. April 13 -April 14, 2024: an overnight retreat at the Czestochowa Shrine- "Live the Mass"

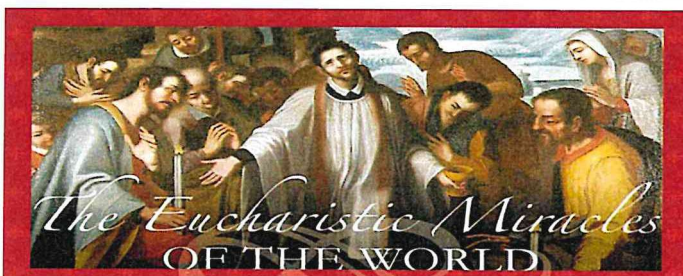


**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of September 3rd
TEAM 2**

This is a once per month commitment.

COMING SOON TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH



We are going to host the **EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD** created by Blessed Carlo Acutis at St. John the Baptist Church from Saturday, September 9th thru Sunday, September 17th.

The Eucharistic Miracles Display is a traveling museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).

Blessed Carlo was a teenager from Italy who developed a website dedicated to the documented and scientifically scrutinized occasions when the Holy Eucharist changed in its physical appearance, reminding us that the bread and wine of the Mass truly become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2023 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Did you know we're in Year 2 of the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival?

In response to the USCCB's call, the Archdiocese has planned the Eucharistic Congress on 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.

Please 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>



Online Contributing Made Easy! Please visit our website www.stjohnsottsville.org and click on the above link. Follow the prompts to join our **e-giving program**. For more information please call the Parish Office.



September 16, 2023
Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA
Tickets @
www.TheAbbeyfest.com

PARISH SOCIAL After Mass September 9th & 10th

Next weekend we will have a Parish Social after each Mass. All are welcome to stay, enjoy hospitality and get to know your church family.

**PLEASE STOP BY! Hope to
see you!**



St. Bede the Venerable Parish
and Knights of Columbus Council 15478 present
**The 8th Annual
PADRE PIO FESTIVAL**

Saturday & Sunday, September 16-17, 2023
1071 Holland Rd. * Holland PA (Southampton on GPS)
www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com

Saint Bede the Venerable Church welcomes all to its 8th Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio,"

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.



*Please Take a \$25.00
Chance for Life*



The 2023 Pro-Life Summer Raffle offers a maximum of 2,500 Tickets at \$25.00 each on ten prizes totaling \$7,500.00.

One 1 st prize	\$5,000.00
One 2 nd prize	\$1,000.00
One 3 rd prize	\$500.00
Two 4 th prizes	\$250.00
Five 5 th prizes	\$100.00



Drawing will be on Saturday, September 23, 2023 and the proceeds benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund for Southeast Pennsylvania

To Get your Ticket

See Mike Moreni in the Narthex after each weekend Mass
August 19th - September 17th

"The Incarnation reveals to us, with intense light and in a surprising way, that every human life has a very lofty and incomparable dignity."
Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Vigil for All Nascent Human Life, Nov. 27, 2010



September 9th & 10th, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Peg Glancey	Kim Zampirri	Julia Byers Alyssa Byers Need 1 Volunteer	-
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Alaina Butler Alexander Nice Justin Nice	Katie Minster Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Laura Gumprecht	Patti Keyser	Melissa Demusz Khloe Demusz Need 1 Volunteer	Katie Minster Karen Parash



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Barbara Docs, Marvin Eichlin, Melanie Fioretta, Betty Fleck, Tom Fleck, 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 Sabbath, 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, Jason Litschauer, 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