

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Simione Volavola, M.S.C.  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Tony Ripp, M.S.C.  
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**Parish Secretary:** Rebecca Tirpok  
**Finance Manager:** Carolyn Marchese

**PARISH SPIRITUALITY**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am**  
**Mon - Fri: 8:35am**  
**Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm**

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or by appointment.

**REGISTER:** Please contact the parish office to register when you move into the parish. Only registered parishioners, in good standing, can receive a Certificate of Eligibility to act as a Godparent or sponsor.

**BAPTISMS:** The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the fourth Sunday of every month. Parents are encouraged



to invite family members to the 10:30 Mass as the Sacrament of Baptism takes place immediately following the Mass. Parents and Godparents must attend an enrichment class approx. 1 month prior to the Baptism. You will need to call the Parish Office to register for this class. A Godparent must

be a committed, practicing Catholic, and if from another parish, must provide a certificate of eligibility from their pastor. This certificate should be brought to the enrichment class. A Christian of other denominations may serve as a Godparent along with a practicing Catholic.

**MARRIAGE:** A Saturday Mass for the Sacrament of



Matrimony may be celebrated no later than 1pm. Couples planning marriage are to contact the parish office & schedule a meeting with our wedding coordinator no later than 6 months in advance of the wedding. Shorter preparation

periods must be approved by our Pastor. Couples will meet several times with the Pastor throughout the preparation process. Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana program approved by our Pastor.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the rectory at anytime



for the Sacrament of the Sick. Also the Holy Eucharist will be brought to the sick and shut-ins upon request to the Parish Office. We celebrate a Communal Anointing of the Sick in June, near the ***Feast of St. John the Baptist.***

**Week of Monday July 16 – Sunday July 22, 2018**

**Mass Intentions**

***Morning Prayer in St. Joseph Chapel, Mon. – Fri. at 8:15am***

**Mon. – Fri., 8:35am in the Chapel**

**Monday:** John Bodisch (*Jackie Litzenberger*)  
**Tuesday:** Richard Thornberg (*Tom & Sue Rogers*)  
**Wednesday:** Antonio Pileggi (*Joe Werner & Family*)  
**Thursday:** Margaret Kaminski Jugla (*John & Anna Heber*)  
**Friday:** Alfred Joseph (*Loving Daughter*)

**Weekend Masses in main Church**

**Saturday:**

**5pm:** Denise Scheffer (*Aunt Julia Ferguson*)

**Sunday:**

**8:00am:** Anna Fenech (*Mike & Cathy*)

**10:30am:** Parishioners' Intentions

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**Ministry Meetings this Week**

**Tues. July 17:** Choir Practice, 7pm – Main Church

**Thurs. July 19:** Garden Club, 7pm – Narthex Meeting Rm.

**Sat. July 21:** Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel

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**Sunday Mass Collection from July 8th**

*Baskets \$5,926.00*

*"Parish Giving" \$774.24*

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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**This week's Cleaning Team is # 4:**

***Karen Parash, Jeanne Keller, Chris Zdanowicz,  
Diane Watson, Dot Cegieolski, Joyce Vinceguerra***

***Your parish Thanks You!***

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**Today's Mass READINGS may be  
found in the *JourneySongs* Hymnal:**

**Section 971**



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in the Narthex before & after all Masses**

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**Parish Office Summer Hours**

**Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 5:30pm; Fri: 8:30am – 12pm**

## *Gospel Reflections*

*A Letter from*

*Our Pastor, Father Simi*



Dear brothers and sisters,

*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.*

(Mark 6:7)

Through readings of today's Mass, our Lord draws us ever more deeply to our intimate sharing in His life, His mission, His love. Ever since our baptism, we have been immersed into the Divine Life of the Father's undying love for all expressed in the creation and saving of all through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

From the moment of our baptism, we began to share in the very life and mission of Jesus Himself. Since our baptism we have been growing in our awareness of who we are as disciples who are immersed in Him who is Priest, Prophet and King of all creation.

Today we are called to enter deeply again into Christ. To be a prophet in our world and to be effective as prophets in our world today, we need to be truly immersed in the life of the Prophet Himself. We are not fully who we are and can do nothing apart from Him.

When we gaze at Him with the eyes of faith and ponder on His words proclaimed to us in Sacred Scriptures, we see first and foremost a Prophet who is a Son, infinitely loved by His Father. The love the Father has for Him is total and complete.

We see that this love that the Father has for His Son is reciprocated by the total and complete gift of the Son to His Father.

Their gifting, their outpouring, their self emptying to one another is so complete and perfect, fully alive, fully personal, fully a person: it is the Holy Spirit.

This Divine Life and Love of the Holy Trinity is a generative love, transcending love, a love that pours out of itself in a generative, creating love bringing all of creation into existence and loving that creation in existence. It is a Life and Love that ever grows and ever expands from the Holy Trinity to a Family of many children in a cosmic home.

As we continue to gaze on our Lord Jesus, we see Him gazing at us with the loving eyes of a brother who aches for us. We see Him thirsting for our love, to requite His love for us, to reciprocate His love for us. We see someone who is in love with us and wishes us to be in love with Him too.

This desire, this wish, this longing for our love, our self-gift, our total surrender and immersion into Him is the very energy, the very power, the very dynamism of His identity as Prophet. The Prophet is driven by Love,

the Love of a Son, who is possessed totally by the Love of His Father, restlessly and faithfully seeking the love of Their children, Their Family.

This is the Prophet's Life, the Prophet's Love. This is His Truth. It is His Mission. This is the Life, the Identity, The Person, and the Mission into which we were summoned at baptism and continue to be immersed in as disciples and sent from as apostles.

Let us therefore celebrate our prophetic identity of children who are taken up in the eternal and endless love of the Holy Trinity. Let us celebrate our prophetic identity as children who are immersed in a love that is total and complete.

Let us celebrate our prophetic identity as children who are possessed completely by a love that is vulnerable to but is not overcome nor outdone by our weaknesses, our sins, our persistent tendency to reject, to go solo, to be independent, to be disconnected.

Yes! The Prophet was vulnerable. In choosing to create us, to love us, to give Himself completely to us, He chose to be open to the injury of rejection, of betrayal, of indifference. But the Love that drives Him to vulnerability is Infinite and will not give up, nor dry up. It keeps hoping in us that we will return Home.

He was never a prophet of doom and gloom. So in Christ, let us be with Him vulnerable prophets of loving hope.

*Fr. Simi*

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**Monday, 7pm**

Adoration & Prayers

**Wednesday, 9:30am**

Adoration & Prayers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12pm**

Adoration & Prayer for

Vocations

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10am** Rosary, Confession Mass & Lunch

**For more information or directions, please call Joan Black**

**215-536-3508, like us on Facebook or visit us at**

**[fatimahousebedminster.webs.com](http://fatimahousebedminster.webs.com)**



**ENGAGING OUR CHILDREN IN THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Below is next Sunday’s Gospel reading along with a simplified explanation for school age children. The purpose of this column is to teach our children to listen to the Word of God, and help them understand His message in the Gospel. Encourage them to also listen carefully to Father’s homily. Many times it is then that we hear God’s word speak to us more clearly.

Gospel for July 22, 2018 ~ Mark 6:30-34  
 Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry.

**(Explain)** In this Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as “apostles.” The word apostle is a Greek word meaning “one who is sent.” Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing - who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus’ ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, leaving the disciples without even time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark’s Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

**(Talk about)** The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. We, who are Jesus’ disciples today, have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. At times we may find our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. This is why Jesus affirms the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wants his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. *This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), and in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.*

Young children instinctively know when they need time for rest and quiet - Teach them that quiet time with Jesus can be an important part of their daily routine.

Older children are learning to manage their own activities and commitments - Help them appreciate the importance of including time for rest, relaxation, and prayer as they learn how to be *Disciples of Christ*.

**(Pray together)** Psalm 23 “The Lord is my Shepherd.”



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The Classical curriculum is a time proven method that nurtures student's intellectual and spiritual potential, inspiring them to want to learn. It teaches them logic, reason and critical thinking; showing them how not just what to think. A Classical education develops students' analytical and critical thinking skills by teaching them how to use reason and think logically. This prepares children for higher-level learning, teaches them to become solutions-oriented problem-solvers, and develops independent thinkers who seek the truth; all through the lens of our Catholic Faith.

Does this time tested approach still work in today's education systems where standardized tests have taken over? The answer is a resounding YES! Students who learn through this method have been shown to:

- Have higher SAT scores in reading, math and writing as compared to those from other public, independent and religious schools (1).
- Will learn to speak and write more effectively, more articulately and more persuasively.
- Will develop the skills, self-confidence and moral filter needed to navigate our increasingly complex society.

**Phone, Email, Visit...** We look forward to meeting you and answering your questions. Let us introduce you to The Academy as you seek the right school for your family.

**TOP 5 reasons to send your child to The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist:**

- #5 – Small Class Sizes
- #4 – Academic Excellence
- #3 – Classical Curriculum
- #2 – Catholic Faith

*AND # 1 reason to send your children to the Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist is...*  
 They will be filled with JOY, PEACE and HOPE because we teach our students to KNOW, LOVE and SERVE the Lord.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Friday, September 14, 2018**  
**Whitetail Golf Club**  
**2679 Klein Road, Bath PA 18014**

For more information  
call Peg Glancey at 610-847-5217.

### PLEASE HELP STOCK the **SHELVES** of **OUR LORD'S PANTRY**

With school out for summer,  
too many children do not have  
enough to eat. Your support is  
needed. MANNA BAGS are  
available in the Narthex.



**Pantry hours are:**  
**Mon. 2 – 5pm**  
**Tues. 9:30 – 11:30am**  
**Thurs. 9:30am – 1:30pm**  
**(drop off in church or at pantry)**

Thank you



## Mohegan Sun CASINO TRIP

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018**

Bus departs UB Senior Center at 8:15am  
Returns to Senior Center at 5:45pm

Cost \$32 per person  
Incl. \$25 slot play, \$5 Food Voucher  
& driver's tip.

**MUST BE MINIMUM 21 YEARS OLD**

Call to reserve your seat before July 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Call Jim at 610-847-2305 or Senior Center 610-847-8178

Trip sponsored by The Easter Upper Bucks Senior Center  
8040 Easton Road (rt. 611), Ottsville, PA

## Daughters of the King

By Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

We live in a world obsessed with identity. Everywhere we turn, someone is talking about “self-expression,” “self-identifying,” or “finding yourself.” And rightfully so, because the answer to the question “who am I?” is one of the biggest questions that we as human beings have to grapple with. It has profound implications for what we do with our lives, why we should be treated with dignity, why and how we will be in relationship, and ultimately, why we should be loved.

On this point, the Church and the world agree. The question of identity is central to the human experience. The famous passage from the Second Vatican Council that was found in virtually every writing of Pope St. John Paul II can help us here: *“In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear ... Christ the new Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling”* (GS, 22). In other words, the response to the deepest human question “who am I?” is found in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Christ establishes and reveals to us the first and most fundamental identity of every human being: You are a son or a daughter of the Most High God.

The question of identity is at the center of the **2018 Catholic Women’s Conference this October, “Daughters of the King.”** In a culture where the question of identity is everywhere, they’re inviting women to discover and embrace the one unshakable, permanent and lasting identity that they’ve been given from God: You are a daughter of the King of Heaven and Earth.

A woman’s daughterhood in God is not a pious imagining, a nice name that a woman gives herself in order to feel special. The identity daughter of God is the most fundamental truth about every woman. It’s the ground of her existence, the source of her beauty, the assurance of her lovability, and the unmovable anchor of her dignity. No matter what circumstances shift and change in her life, a woman’s daughterhood before God, and therefore the fact of her being infinitely loved, never change. (The same holds true for men in their sonship before God the Father.)

I invite and warmly encourage women of the Archdiocese to come to the women’s conference this year to encounter and claim your identity as a daughter of the King. I assure you that when this becomes the foundation of your life, the fruits will be tremendous.

**“St. John’s Group” Registration form is available from the Parish Office – deadline to register is JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



**Please remember in your prayers our parishioners, who are sick, homebound, in the hospital, and under hospice or residential care.**

Susan Ackerman, Lillian Appleman, Patricia Baker, Nancy Beans, Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Patti Bucci, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Maria DeLuca-Lorenzo, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Marvin Eichlin, Loretta Farrell, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Claire Fratrick, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallagher, Kathleen Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Bill Hejnor, Joyceann Heley, Michael Heuston, Sharon Horvath, Charles Houston, Martha Juchnowicz, Georgine Kocher, Valerie Korbar, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Charles Lutcavage, Loretta Malloy, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Harvey Mueller, Charlie Murphy, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, James O'Hanlon, Gabriel Otero, Jonathan Ott, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Carol Reardon, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy Rodman,

Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, Baby Ella Stack, Shane Stroup, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, **Cynthia Tocci**, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Helen Wall, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealton, Tamara Widmer, Edward Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder, Liem Zbyszinski



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, Casey de Lauretis, Steehly de Lauretis, Liberty DeVenuto, Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Matthew Gumprecht, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Cory Litzenberger, Dan O'Connor, Jonathan Pucci, Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Don Valdez.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING & PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS.**

**Ministry Schedule for July 21st & 22nd  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
<b>SATURDAY 5PM</b>	Joe Cegielski Peg Glancey Cathy Leidtke Dave Slifer	Helene Bell	<b>NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED</b>	Susan Middleton Nio / Choir
<b>SUNDAY 8AM</b>	Bea Romaszewski Weez Roney Ron Watson <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Marie Burke	Samantha Froman Brigid Froman Danny Froman	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
<b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b>	Joan Beebe Gerri Belsito Wendy DeGroot Phil Donahue	Tony Luna	Dakota Campbell Luke Luna Olivia Luna	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak