

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Tony Ripp, M.S.C.

Deacon: Ernest D'Angelo

Dir. of Religious Education: Donna Sciacca

Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok

PARISH SPIRITUALITY

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Mon - Thurs: 8:35am / Friday 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm

CONFESSION

Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or anytime by appointment.

REGISTER: Please register when you move into the parish. This is an opportunity to become acquainted with our faith community and to experience the joy of being part of the Church. 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 at 11:30 a.m. 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 meet for an enrichment class 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 have a certificate of eligibility from his/her 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: Couples planning marriage are expected to attend Pre-Cana Conferences and to meet with the parish priest several times leading up to the marriage. The period of preparation time required is six months unless approved otherwise by our Pastor.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory at any time 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.***

Masses for the Week of July 25 - 31, 2016

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

Monday, July 25

8:35am (chapel) Samira Henien (Maryann Devlin)

Tuesday, July 26

8:35am (chapel) Elizabeth Petritsch (Loving Family)

Wednesday, July 27

8:35am (chapel) Lucky Lambing (Loving Wife)

Thursday, July 28

8:35am (chapel) Family of Ed Laychock, Jr. (Kosmin Family)

Friday, July 29

8:35am (chapel) Mario Sciacca (RA @ SJB)

Saturday, July 30

5:00pm (church) Mom & Pop Gross (Tony & Judy)

Sunday, July 31

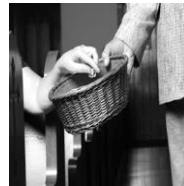
8:00am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

10:30am (church) Louis Johnson (Anne & Bob Durison)

Meetings for the week of July 18 – July 24, 2016

Tues. July 26: Gospel Reflection, 9:30am - Marian Room

Sat. July 30: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room



Weekly Mass Collection

June 17, 2016

\$5,423.00

Parish Giving: \$

Thank you for your generosity!



SJB Cleaning Team for the week of

July 25 is Team # 1:

Laura Gumprecht, Anita Colahan,

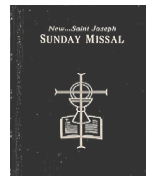
Susan Middleton, Kate Irvine, Sharon Forte,

Lisa Saab

Your parish Thanks You!

**The READINGS for our Masses
this weekend may be found in:**

Section 978



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am – 12:00pm

Closed weekends.

Gospel Reflections

A Letter from Our Pastor, Father Simi



Dear brothers and sisters,

***“If you then, who are wicked,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the Father in heaven
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”***

Today, our Lord teaches us to pray. This teaching of our Lord to pray is perhaps a practice that has become less and less common in our lives.

In our world where we are equipped with so much technological, economical and academic power, we tend to depend less on God's help sought through prayer and more on our own will and power to do something about issues and problems that increasingly overwhelm us in our time.

Today, we are inspired by God's word to have a profound confidence in God as our Father. Abraham in the first reading enjoys this confidence. He appeals for the whole of Sodom and Gomorrah to be spared for the sake of a few innocent residents.

Abraham who yearned to be a father for most of his own life was granted this infinite desire of his own heart to be a father when God gave him and Sarah their son Isaac. Abraham shows forth his fatherly love by appealing for a wayward and condemned people who were totally and utterly helpless against their own depravity and their impending doom.

Even though the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, Abraham's fatherly prayer for them was not completely in vain. His persistent prayer to spare them on account of at least ten innocent people was answered on Good Friday.

It was on account of one innocent person, the only innocent person, the only just and sinless person, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that Abraham's prayer was heard and answered.

Abraham's prayer persisted through centuries and found fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Son of the Father. Abraham's prayer was a very real and intimate share in the Father's prayer, the Father's desire for all of us his sinful and condemned children.

You and I are taught this day to pray, that is, to unite our restlessness for the Father with His fatherly desire for us His children. We pray because it is the movement of the heart in petition to the Father that opens us to receive the Spirit that the Father moves from the depth of His own Heart to us His children.

Our prayer, like Abraham's prayer, must persist because it is united to the eternal prayer of the Father for us His wayward children to be reconciled to Him. The less we unite our every desire for the Father and for each other with the prayer of the Son to His Father as he taught us in

today's gospel, the less we become like them, the less we love like them, the less we will see peace.

In the depths of our feeling of helplessness in the face of all terror and sin and death that beset us, we cry to our Father in prayer. We join the Son as His brothers and sisters and pray with Him in the helplessness and terror of the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

The Father whose love for us is infinite and unsurpassed answers the plea of His Son, and our plea. He gives us the Holy Spirit by whom we experience forgiveness and by whose power we experience the resurrection, the transformation of our sinful and fallen nature into His own and His Son's nature: their glorious nature of eternal love.

Let us pray.

Fr. Simi



FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER Bedminster, PA

***Join us in Praying for
Vocations & World Peace
Weekly Prayers***

Mondays at 7pm in Our Lady's Chapel:

Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesdays at 9:30am in Our Lady's Chapel:

Adoration, Liturgy of the Hour, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every 3rd Sunday at 12pm-1pm in Our Lady's Chapel:

Adoration, Prayers for vocations to the Priesthood

**For information or directions, contact Joan Black
at 215-795-2947**



***Bi-Monthly
Classes***

***October - May
2016-2017***

ADULT & TEEN RCIA

Interested in exploring the Catholic faith, beliefs and practices?

When we seek Jesus we discover that he is waiting to welcome us, to offer us His love. And this fills your heart with such wonder that you can hardly believe it, and this is how your faith grows – through an encounter with the Lord. Join us for the RCIA "Inquiry period" of our program and let your heart be your guide. For more information or to register visit our website or call the parish office.



Religious Ed. Registrations

2016-2017 PREP IS YOUR CHILD REGISTERED YET?

Grades 1 - 7
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION
NOW!

NEW STUDENT or
RETURNING STUDENT
REGISTRATION FORMS available
on our WEBSITE or from the PARISH OFFICE.



In today's gospel we hear one of Jesus' disciples ask, "Lord, teach me to pray."

One day Saint Ignatius and some companions were on an extended journey. They followed a schedule that involved stopping at regular intervals to pray together. A porter, who had been hired to help transport their baggage observed this ritual day after day. He saw the impact it had on them and as the days stretched on, he began to desire to pray with them. When the Saint learned of this desire, he invited the porter to join them. It also dawned on Saint Ignatius that the porter's desire, day after day to pray with them, was in itself a splendid prayer.



*"Certain thoughts are prayers.
There are moments when,
whatever the attitude of the
body, the soul is on its knees."
~ Victor Hugo*



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ARE YOU READY FOR **CYO SOCCER**?



AUGUST 1ST - 10am
on St. John's Soccer Field
All boys & girls in grades 5th – 8th
No experience necessary.

Catholic Youth Organization, CYO Sports is one component of a parish's comprehensive youth ministry program which enables the partnership of parents, coaches, priests, religious, teachers and adult leaders to manage and support a sports program that allows youth to grow in their relationship with God and come to better understand themselves and the Catholic Faith.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Christ the new Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling.

—Gaudium et Spes 22

In today's world, masculinity is often portrayed untruthfully. On television, men are the goofy, unreliable husbands who need their wives to do everything for them or they are portrayed as having "only one thing on their minds", sex. But in the eyes of the Church, men are created in the image and likeness of God. They have unique and irreplaceable gifts to bring to the family, relationships, society and the Church. The fact that the Son of God became incarnate as a man reveals something about the high dignity of masculinity. It reveals that a man has a special vocation to reveal the very love of God the Father for the world. The Church, therefore, has the duty to support men in their life of faith and in their striving to enact in their own lives Christ's sacrificial love. Below are some resources to help men grow closer to Christ and the Church and to support one another in a life of following Christ.

The King's Men: Under Christ the King's universal call to serve, we as men, pledge to unite and build up other men in the mold of leader, protector, and provider through education, formation and action.

That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. Over the course of three years, That Man is You! successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and to their children. The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

Malvern Retreats for Men: The Malvern Retreat House is known for its time-honored weekend Catholic retreats for men. Private adoration time in our magnificent oratories, uplifting liturgies, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, communal prayer with men for the Stations of the Cross, fellowship and group faith-sharing, all comprise this Catholic retreat weekend. While staying with us, you will experience our gift of hospitality; clean, comfortable, private rooms and delicious meals served by our retreat-friendly staff. Non-Catholics are always welcome to participate in a retreat.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 29, 2016 8:30am – 4pm

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa,
Doylestown, PA



Mother
of
Mercy

Make Our Hearts Like Yours!

Visit www.catholicwomensconference.org
to register today!

New Support for Catholic Families!

Several Catholic families in the Archdiocese are launching a new initiative, the Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC). This group allows for a crowd-sourced calendar so that members can tell others about Catholic catechetical and social events that are happening in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You will be able to see at a glance many of the wonderful opportunities for your family to grow in their faith, and, in addition, you will be able to connect with other group members who are going to the same thing!

Join today and start finding and posting Catholic Family Events in our area!

<http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club>

Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center
8040 Easton Road, Rt. 611 – Ottsville



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

Bus leaves senior center at 10am

Lunch at Shady Maple at 12pm

Show at 2:45pm

Return approx. 7pm

\$100

(includes transportation, lunch, show, tax & driver's tip)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 2nd

For more information call Jim 610-847-2305 or the center at 610-847-8178.



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

Susan Ackerman, Rose Marie Alex, Lillian Appleman, Larry Baker, John & Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Janet Dillard, Arlene Eichlin, Josephine Fasano, Bernice Fees, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Nancy Fratrik, Violet Freeh, Kathi Gallagher, Kathleen Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Susan Gross, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Bill Hejnor, Joyceann Heley, Charles Houston, Anna Jesiolowski, Martha Juchnowicz, Georgine Kocher, Deanna Kovner, Myron Kressman, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Sally Lindenmuth, Barbara Lavelle, Charles Lutcavage, Julia Maher, Loretta Malloy, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget Julia McHugh, Anne McNichol, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Jennie Moreno, Nancy Moreno,

Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, Helen Nastro, Frances Nowicki, James O'Hanlon, Gary Palmer, Nicholas Powell, Gladys Proca, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Gregory Rickert, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Kelsey Russell, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Andrew Schad, Lana Schell, Andrew & Florence Schroker, Peter and Ginny Schulberger, Petie Schultz, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, Frank Sciacca, Gail Silveira, Baby Ella Stack, Carolyn Stahley, Shane Stroup, Michael Suder, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Cindy Tocci, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Barbara Vogan, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealton, Tamara Widmer, Betty Wismer, Edward Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder.

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

Thank you for serving & protecting our freedoms.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 30 & 31, 2016 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5:00PM	Peg Glancey Cathy Leidtke Anne Slifer Dave Slifer	Jane Ferry	Mead Grindrod Hannah Hughes Maria Middleton	Ordinary Time
Sunday 8:00am	Kevin Murphy Bea Romaszewski Weez Roney Ron Watson	Jeanne Keller	Danny Froman Samantha Froman Violet Williams	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
Sunday 10:30am	Jim Black Joan Black Leona Russell Donna Sciacca	Christina Crews	Gavin Reshetar Emily Saab NOT FILLED	Susan Middleton Karen Parash