

**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.



**ANOIDTING 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 June 20 - 26, 2016**

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

**Monday, June 20**

8:35am (chapel) Genie Cullen (Phyllis & Michael Schmerbeck)

**Tuesday, June 21**

8:35am (chapel) John B. Regler (Michael & Sally McDevitt)

**Wednesday, June 22**

8:35am (chapel) Florence Middleton (Jim & Joan Black)

**Thursday, June 23**

8:35am (chapel) Eileen Burky (Fetter Family)

**Friday, June 24**

8:35am (chapel) Ellyn Hill (Don & Barbara King)

**Saturday, June 25**

5:00pm (church) Nicholas Sciss (John & Janet Reidler)

**Sunday, June 26**

8:00am (church) Elizabeth Petritsch (Loving Family)

10:30am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

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**Meetings for the week of June 20 - 26, 2016**

**Tues. June 21:** Gospel Reflection (new group) 9:30am  
in Marian Room

Choir Practice, 7pm - church

**Sat. June 25:** Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room



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**Weekly Mass Collection**

**June 11 & 12, 2016**

**\$ 5,589.00**

**Online Parish Giving \$ 145.97**

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**SJB Cleaning Team for the week of**

**June 20 is Team # 1:**

*Laura Gumprecht, Anita Colahan,*

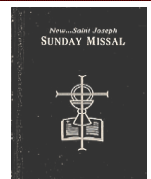
*Susan Middleton, Kate Irvine,*

*Lisa Saab, Sharon Forte*

***Your parish Thanks You!***

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**The READINGS for our Masses**  
**this weekend may be found in:**  
**Section 963**



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**PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:**

**Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 4pm & Fridays 8:30am – 12 noon**

## ***A Gospel Reflection of Luke 9:18-24*** ***“Who Do You Say I Am?”***

by Deacon Gerry Mattingly

Most of us have probably encountered people on a street corner, or maybe even in a store trying to convert us to their own particular brand of Christianity. One question these folks ask a lot is: "Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?"

These people used to catch me by surprise by this question. I was a Christian. I had a relationship with Jesus, but I was a little worried that they were going to tell me I was doing it all wrong. And that they knew Him a whole lot better than I did. So, to be honest I'd hear the question, and run the other way before they could try to convert me.

This week's Gospel lesson features Jesus having one of those awkward talks with His disciples. He asks them as a group, "Who do people say that I am?" And they give him some answers. Some say Elijah. Others say John the Baptist. Others say he's a prophet. After they all give him all of these answers, he asks the question another way. "But, who do YOU say that I am."

It's sort of like when you're in class and you give the answer you think the teacher wants to hear, the safe answer, the one you read in all the books, and then the teacher asks it again and says, "now I want to hear what YOU think".

Finally Peter tries. He tells Jesus, "you're the Messiah". Peter answered for himself, and he got it right. But I'll bet just answering that question was a leap of faith for him. When he had to answer it for himself, it was probably terrifying. And yet, when he finally did speak, Peter was the first one to really understand who Jesus was.

I think we can all relate to the disciples here. If someone were to ask you, "Who do you say that Jesus is"...how would you answer? Jesus wants us to answer for ourselves, from our own heart.

How would you answer...Who do you say that Jesus is? It's such a simple question. One we will feel like we should be able to answer so easily. And yet, it is so hard.

When I think back to those folks asking, "Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?" You know in a way they were really asking, "Who do you say that Jesus is? I'm not sure they really wanted to hear my answer, so much as they were looking for the answer they and their church BELIEVED was true.

I'm glad Jesus doesn't ask us what everyone else says about him. He asks what we say about him. Because the reality is there is a lot of stuff that is said about Jesus... that is not true.

But the good news is Jesus calls for each of us to answer that question. And in order to answer it, we have to get to know Jesus for ourselves. We have to, as the street preachers used to say, have a personal

relationship with him. And, unlike what those street preachers used to say, we have to trust it, and we have to trust that our relationship with Jesus is as valid as anyone else's.

We come here each Sunday morning because we are all friends of Jesus, all people who have, or who are trying to have, a relationship with him. All people who are journeying down the same road, trying to answer for ourselves, the question Jesus asks of us. "Who do you say that I am?"

There's always been one thing about that passage we read this morning that has always bothered me. When Peter answers correctly, "you're the Messiah", Jesus tells them all, "don't tell anybody". I think there were a lot of reasons for that. Some had to do with where He was heading, and his own coming death and resurrection. But I wonder if there was another meaning, too.

I wonder if Jesus said that because He wanted people to find out for themselves. I wonder if He said that because he didn't want us to take the shortcuts to the right answers, instead of REALLY getting to know him. I wonder if he said that because he wanted to make that journey with us. To be our companion on the road to the answer, and not just our destination.

I love walking this road with Jesus, and All Saints even when it's rocky, even when it's clouded and we can't see up ahead, even when it leads us to some places we've never gone before.

I love it because I know we are all trying to answer that question, both together as a community of faith and as individuals. Though, we'll never get the answer quite right, at least in this lifetime.

But we keep trying. And we keep our hearts open. And slowly, we begin to understand who we say that Jesus is.

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#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**



**NEW OR RETURNING STUDENTS...REGISTER NOW for our 2016-2017 PREP YEAR.**

If you have a child who will be entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September then they are ready to start PREP. Please call the parish office to register for PREP or download the forms from our website.

**"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23**

Jesus tells us that discipleship is a daily choice to "take up our cross" to follow him. What does that mean in our current cultural setting? For most of us, those denials of self involve doing the ordinary tasks of family, as well as personal and work life, with the joy of the gospel, and finding simple ways to share our belief in Christ.

**The Importance of Faith at Home**

Practicing faith at home allows children, youth, and adults to connect with God and put faith at the center of their lives. Along with church and parish communities, the household is where faith is formed, nurtured, and passed on. Practicing faith at home is fun! Even a few minutes a day or one faith practice per week can have strong and lasting impacts. Jesus' promised gift of the Holy Spirit means that we have the strength and guidance to live and share our faith. Aside from visiting Mass weekly, visit any of the following websites for a variety of ideas for Family Faith sharing:

- [fulleryouthinstitute.org](http://fulleryouthinstitute.org)
- [catholicmom.com](http://catholicmom.com)
- [catholicdadsonline.org](http://catholicdadsonline.org)
- [homefaith.wordpress.com](http://homefaith.wordpress.com)
- [domestic-church.com](http://domestic-church.com)
- [vibrantfaithathome.org](http://vibrantfaithathome.org)
- [catholicicing.com](http://catholicicing.com)



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School Headmaster: Mr. Michael Patterson  
Dir. of Institutional Advancement: Geoff Meyer  
Ph: 610-847-5523 [www.sjbottsville.org](http://www.sjbottsville.org)

**REEL-TO-REAL Summer Movie Night**

Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

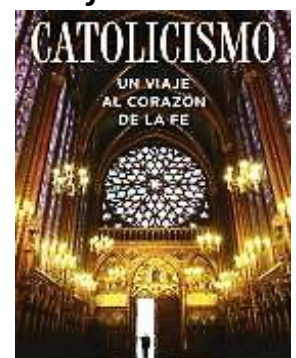
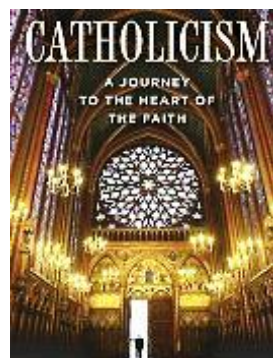
7pm ~ Chapel



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## Volunteer

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our church cleaning teams are in need of a few more volunteers. Five Teams rotate serving so you clean only once every five weeks.



Contact the parish office is you can offer your service.

### *New Fountain in front of our Church*

Thanks to the Nitty Gritty Garden Club this beautiful fountain now graces the entrance to our church. Construction is still not complete which is why they need your help. Please consider purchasing an "Engraved Paving Brick." Your support will help them to complete the fountain, finish the pathways and beautify surrounding area.

For more information email Jeanne Keller, [jeake1@msn.com](mailto:jeake1@msn.com)



### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **The next program begins on the weekend of August 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. This is the last weekend in 2016.** Our next weekend will be held in February 2017. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### Fr. Stommel Council#4545 Knights of Columbus COLOR CORPS of the PATRIOTIC FOURTH DEGREE CONGRATULATE VINCE MORELLI, JR.

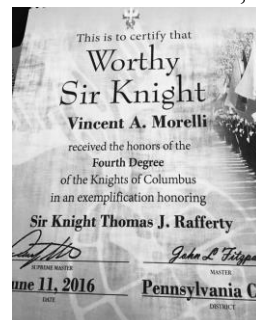
For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about.

**The Patriotic Fourth Degree** allows K of C members to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title — it's an honor! The idea of adding a new degree to the Order's original three, (Charity, Unity, Fraternity) first came to light in 1886. The idea for this new unit arose from a growing nationwide sense of Nationalism, what we

would call today  
*Patriotism.*

At that time Knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. The primary

purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.





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 Fratrick, 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, Anthony Kondracki, 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, Frances Nowicki James

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Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Don Valdez, Justin Walsh.

Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Matthew Gumprecht, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Cory Litzenberger, Dan O'Connor, Jonathan Pucci,

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#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### June 25 & 26, 2016 - Solemnity of the Feast of St. John the Baptist

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
<b>Saturday 5:00PM</b>	John Becker Darlene Bittenmaster Not Filled Not Filled	Marie Louzon	Mead grindrod Luke Grindrod Hannah Hughes	Marion Wolf Karen Parash
<b>Sunday 8:00am</b>	Jackie Litzenberger Marianne MacEvoy Jim McHugh Patricia Ott	Jonathan Ott	Angelina Day Gavin Reshetar Maya Reshetar	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>	Jim Black Joan Black Lynn Gammello Dan Hauber	Leona Russell	James Gammello Cauis Van Haute Not Filled	Choir Nio Logaivau

**"Lord, I believe and I profess that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Take my will, my life, and all that I have, that I may be wholly yours now and forever." Amen**