

PARISH STAFF

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

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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 call the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest.

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 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 26 – July 2 , 2017

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

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

8:35am (chapel) James Wismer (Ed & Betty Wismer)

Wednesday, June 28

8:35am (chapel) Ronald & Elaine Weaver (Ed & Betty Wismer)

Thursday, June 29

8:35am (chapel) Evelyn Wismer (Ed & Betty Wismer)

Friday, June 30

8:35am (chapel) Robert Benton (Your Loving Wife, Patty)

Saturday, July 1

5:00pm (church) Rudolph Nehilla (Joe Werner & family)

Sunday, July 2

8:00am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

10:30am (church) Joseph Litzenberger

(Bob, Dolly & Bobby Rutherford)

Meetings for the week of June 25 – July 2, 2017

Mon. June 26: Christ Life Prayer Group, 7pm - Chapel

Sat. July 1: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room



Weekly Mass Collection

June 18, 2017

Envelopes \$ 6,997.00

Parish Giving \$ 317.42

Thank you for your generosity!



SJB Cleaning Team for the week of June 26th is Team # 4:

*Karen Parash, Jean Keller,
Chris Zsanowicz, Dot Cegielski,
Diane Watson*

Your parish Thanks You!

Our Mass READINGS for this weekend may be

found in

SECTION 1035

of the JourneySongs Hymnal.



*Gospel Reflections
on the Readings from the
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

by Our Pastor, Father Simi



Dear brothers and sisters,

*“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”
(Matthew 10:28)*

The readings of today are meant to reassure and strengthen us in our baptismal calling to share in the saving mission of our Lord Jesus Christ as priest, prophet and king.

With Christ we announce the good news of the Father’s merciful love to all who are not always receptive to that very same love.

Like Jeremiah in the first reading, we who have heard in secret of the message of the forgiving love of the Father for all His children who are separated from Him will be denounced and rejected by those same children.

Yet proclaim we must. This message that has taken possession of our beings, even the most secret recesses of our minds and hearts is not just a piece of information or some ideology we have received. The message are persons: the very Persons of the Holy Trinity who have taken up residence within us.

Just as the Father has sent His Son into the fallen and scattered children of the world, to His lost children, so are we sent by the Son to all our brothers and sisters.

Just as the Father sends His Son to us with the driving force of the Holy Spirit from the moment He came up from the water of the river Jordan (Matthew 3:16,) so are we driven by the Spirit breathed into us by our Lord Jesus on the morning of the resurrection (John 20:22.)

It is the abiding presence of the Holy Trinity in St. Paul, (and indeed all martyrs) that compels him to preach unceasingly and faithfully especially to those who refuse to hear him and even plot to discredit him and persecute him.

Just as God is faithful in His love for all His sinful children, so is Paul to all sons and daughters of Adam (see second reading.)

His experience of his own sin and the sin of all humanity is not only made clear to him by the light of God’s presence in him but is also overcome with

an exceedingly confident trust in the mercy of God who dwells within Him.

St. Paul knows intimately in the depth of his own heart the fear of God that our Lord speaks of in the gospel. It is the fear of God’s own infinite power that is made most manifest in His infinite love for His sinful, fearful, and unfaithful children.

This infinite power and this infinite mercy is made most manifest in the death of our Lord Jesus at the hands of His own children. Jesus is that power that continues to suffer and die for all His children. His death for us is His love for us.

This is the power that works in us. This is the death that sends us to our brothers and sisters. This is the love that compels us to love even those who reject Him who sends us.

The death of a disciple is a share in the ultimate act of love that took place on the cross. Love, that is, God, never fails; never fails them.

God bless you all.

Fr. Simi.

SUSPENDED

during the MONTHS of JULY & AUGUST

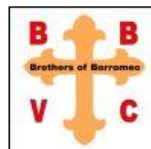


FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION

OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT



**BROTHERS OF BORROMEO
VOCATION CAMP
6th, 7th & 8th GRADE BOYS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017 - 10:00 AM TO 5:00PM
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY**

The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood is sponsoring a one-day event led by our Philadelphia Seminarians which will provide 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys an opportunity for a summer day of fun, food and formation. The day includes great music & food, sports, games, powerful prayer, and Mass. Registration fee is \$10 and deadline is June 30, 2017.

**For more information or to register please
call 610-667-5778 or go to: HeedTheCall.org/BBVC**



Avoid A Late Fee

Textbooks and classroom materials will be ordered in just a few short weeks. **Don't delay!**

REGISTER YOUR CHILD for our 2017-2018 PREP YEAR...NOW!

Registration forms are available for download on our parish website or may be obtained through the parish office.

PREP is for children attending public and charter schools or who are homeschooled in grades 1 to 7. A minimum of two years of formal religious education is required for the reception of the Sacraments.

St. John the Baptist Parish Religious Education Program recognizes and embraces parents in their role as the primary catechists of their children. Canon Law, the law of the Church, states that "parents above others are obliged to form their children in the faith and practice of Christian life by word and example; godparents and those who take the place of parents are bound by an equivalent obligation" (Can. 774 §2).

Both the General Directory and the National Directory for Catechesis echo the same sentiment.

It is our mission to provide catechesis on the Catechism and teachings of the Catholic Church so that your child will be formed in the faith and heritage of Catholic tradition.

Our program provides children an opportunity to live their faith through catechesis, service, worship, and fellowship, developing and deepening their personal relationship with Our Lord.

Our program embraces all of its children regardless of special need or disability. We will make every effort to accommodate these children and provide them with an inclusive environment in our program. However, in order to provide the best accommodations possible, it may be necessary for the participant to attend another parish program that is better equipped to meet the participant's needs. If your child has a special need or disability you are encouraged to contact our Director of Religious Education, Donna Sciacca at 610-847-5521 or via email at prep@stjohnsottsville.org to discuss your concerns and enrollment options.



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

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Catholic Education—You Can Help Educate a Child or Children

Do you know what local businesses "Froman Excavating, DiPalantino Paving, and Milham Ford" have in common?

All are participating in the **Pennsylvania Educational Income Tax Credit Program**. Their PA corporate state taxes are directed to Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist to fund financial aid scholarships for students for the 2017-18 School Year. Participating has little or no cost and it is as easy as filling out a one-page form. If you own your own business, your action could make a real difference in the life of a child.

For more information, go to BLOCS.org and click on the tax credits tab or contact Geoff Meyer at (610)960-7062. **The application deadline for the 2018-19 school year funding is July 3!**

School Headmaster: Mr. John Mundy
Dir. of Institutional Advancement: Geoff Meyer
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For more information please call Joan Black 215-536-3508



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? 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.

The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



Archbishop Charles Chaput will dedicate the youth and young adults in Philadelphia to Mary, a woman whose courage changed the world, during the **Queen Takeover — Consecration Mass to Our Lady Sunday, Oct. 8, 6:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.**

Those who ask, receive — and we're asking for it all!

The Queen Takeover will be a Mass like we know it, but with a little extra hustle. Because when you need something done right, you ask Mary.

Music featured by Ike Ndolo & Bobby Hill.

The event is sponsored by Anthem, the archdiocesan youth ministry. For more information contact iking@archphila.org.

Can the piety of an authentic Christian life and patriotism for a secular state coexist in such a conflicted time?

Scripture tells us to respect and pray for our civic leaders, even when we dislike them; even when they persecute us. Jesus himself said that Caesar has a realm of legitimate authority. That realm is limited in scope, but we have a duty to obey civil authority so long as it does not demand a kind of practical idolatry. Christians were martyred not because they hated Roman power, but because they wouldn't burn incense to the emperor's "genius" or sacred spirit – in other words, they wouldn't treat him as divine.

From the late Fourth Century on, St. Augustine's "just war" teaching on the legitimate use of force in situations related to self-defense came to



dominate Christian thought. Augustine also taught that Christian political engagement and public service can be morally worthy, so long as our expectations of remaking reality are modest. All human structures are flawed by sin. The City of Man can never be the City of God. And that's a wisdom we need to remember. Christianity is not finally about our place in *this* world. It's about our place in the next. We have duty to make the material world, and especially the people around us, better for our passing. We can't and shouldn't try to escape from the challenges and responsibilities of the place where God plants us. We need to be a leaven for goodness, here and now. But our real citizenship, our real goal, is heaven. We belong to heaven first. So it's worth unpacking those two words, patriotism and piety.

In observance of the Fortnight for Freedom, a Holy Hour and Mass for Religious Freedom will be celebrated Sunday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

The Fortnight for Freedom is a unique opportunity for Catholics across the nation to respond in a united fashion to the numerous challenges infringing upon our first and most cherished freedom — that of religious liberty.

The archdiocesan celebration begins with a holy hour at 5:30, and confessions will also be heard at that time. Mass follows at 6:30.

JUNE 25, 2017 – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



PRAYER REQUEST

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

*Susan Ackerman, Lillian Appleman, Larry Baker, Patricia Baker, Nancy Beans, John & Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Patti Bucci, Libby Chapman, Dorothy Cegielski, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, **Charles Cornell**, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Ernest D'Angelo, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Bernice Fees, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Claire Fratrik, Violet Freeh, Janet Galen, Patricia Gall, Kathi Gallegher, Kathleen Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Bill Hejnor, Joyceann Heley, Charles Houston, Martha Juchnowicz, Dotsy Keenan, Georgine Kocher, Valerie Korbar, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Sally Lindenmuth, Barbara Lavelle, Charles Lutcavage, Julia Maher, Loretta Malloy, Ray Malachowski, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, James O'Hanlon, Jonathan Ott, Gary Palmer, Joseph and Mary Victoria Pepkowski,*

Nicholas Powell, Gladys Proca, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Betty Rick, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy Rodman, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Andrew Schad, Lana Schell, Florence Schroker, Ginny Schulberger, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, Gail Silveira, Baby Ella Stack, Carolyn Stahley, Shane Stroup, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealton, Tamara Widmer, 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, Matthew Gumprecht, 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

July 1st & 2nd – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Darlene Bittenmaster Cathy Leidtke Save Slifer Marion Wolf	Anne Slifer	Gianna Gammello James Gammello Courtney Reguera	Ordinary Time
Sunday 8am	Marianne McEvoy Jim McHugh Bea Romaszewski Weez Roney	John Zdanowicz	Tommy Loughran Violet Williams Emily Vinal	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
Sunday 10:30am	Joan Black Bruce Keyser Leona Russell Donna Sciacca	Patty Keyser	Joey DeVenuto Audrey VanHaute Caius VanHaute	Marion Wolf Karen Parash