

PARISH STAFF

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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 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.***

Mass Intentions for June 4 - 10, 2018

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

Monday, June 4

8:35am (Chapel) Maria Meier

Tuesday, June 5

8:35am (chapel) Carolyn Stahley

Wednesday, June 6

8:35am (chapel) Evelyn Wismer

Thursday, June 7

8:35am (chapel) Jim Lacey

Friday, June 8

The Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

Saturday, June 9

5:00pm (church) Betty Rick

Sunday, June 10

8:00am (church) Sanctity of Marriage

10:30am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

Meetings for the week of June 4 - 10, 2018

Wed. June 4: Carnival Committee, 7:30pm – SJB Mtg Rm

Knights of Columbus, 7:30pm – Marian Room

Sat. June 2: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel

Weekly Mass Collection

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Not Available at Press time

Thank you for your generosity!



SJB Cleaning Team for the week of June 4th is Team # 3:

***Janice Bebb, Joanne Peters,
Betty White***

Your parish Thanks You!

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

Section 926



Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm

Friday: 8:30am – 12pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

from Catholic Moral Theology – Posted by Christopher Vogt



As summer officially gets underway this weekend and we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, our days of Lenten fasting are long behind us. And yet this Sunday's readings call to mind our experience of fasting during Lent. We fast for many reasons. We may fast to place ourselves in solidarity with those in our world who suffer from involuntary hunger, for example. Or we may fast to help us shift our attention from the trivial toward things that are vitally important. For example, we may fast to remind ourselves of a lesson from this Sunday's first reading: "not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD". Most of us do not need to be reminded to eat, but we may need to be reminded of the importance of seeking out that which is "true food" and "true drink".

This Sunday's Gospel reading makes some very strong statements about the importance of the Eucharist: "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." Similarly the second reading (from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians) speaks of the importance of participation in the body and blood of Christ. "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" How are we to understand the use of the word "participate" here? What exactly does it mean to "participate" in the body and blood of Christ?

I think that participation here is best understood in a twofold sense: as a grace and as a calling. First and foremost, participation in the Eucharist is a moment of grace. We "participate" not in the sense of actively accomplishing something for ourselves but rather in sharing in what Christ has accomplished for us. There is really very little for us to do. Our salvation is not something that we earn or accomplish. God's forgiveness is something we receive as a gift. As we participate in the Eucharist we remember and also experience in a real way what God has done for us in Christ.

But to participate in the body and blood of Christ is to do more than to take and eat and praise God for what has been accomplished in Christ. To be called to share in the body and blood of Christ is also to be called to share in his life. Today's gospel passage speaks repeatedly of the importance of recognizing God and Jesus as the source of our own lives. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" and "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." To be alive with the life of Christ is to be animated in a manner marked by his Way. To see God and Jesus as the source of our lives is an invitation to discipleship – to reshape our lives in ways that conform to the source of our being.

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

Bedminster, PA

"A Quiet Country Retreat"

Offering Day & Overnight Retreats for Individuals & Small Groups

Our Programs Are Open to All

Monday, 7pm

Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday, 9:30am

Adoration & Prayers

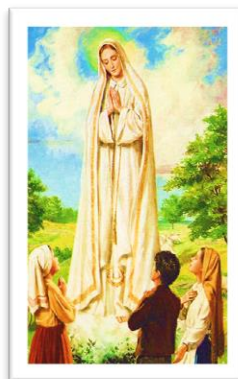
3rd Sunday, 12pm

Adoration & Prayer for Vocations

1st Saturday, 10am

Rosary, Confession Mass

& Lunch



For more information or directions
please call Joan Black 215-536-3508



TEACH THE CHILDREN



TO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL

Each week, a brief explanation of the following Sunday's Gospel reading will appear below. Teach your child how to look up the Gospel passage in the Bible, have them read it aloud to you, then along with this column, help your child to understand the meaning of Gospel they just read. Let's engage our children and involve them in the Liturgy of the Word.

Gospel Reading for June 10th: Mark 3:20-35

"Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me."

A crowd so large has gathered that Jesus and his disciples are not even able to eat. When His family heard of this, they came to take him away because they think he is upset. The scribes think he is possessed by the devil and claim he uses the devil to cast out demons. Jesus points out to them how absurd their statement is by asking, "How can Satan drive out Satan?" It is I (Jesus) who ties up the strong man Beelzebub (Satan), and overcomes him.

He concludes with a brief saying about the forgiveness of sins. All sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It's not known exactly what he means by this. It could be that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' family arrives but cannot get close to him, they are standing just outside the crowd. Then someone in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Your mother and your brother and your sisters are here." This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood when he replies, "Who is my mother, and who is my brother and my sister? He then points to the crowd seated around him saying, "You are my mother, my brother and my sister."

To walk the path of discipleship, we must each make a conscious choice to follow Jesus. When we are young, our parents make these choices for us. As young people grow in maturity and independence, they begin to make these choices for themselves.

Older children begin to define themselves by the groups to which they belong. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes clear that in choosing to follow him we become more than just part of a group—we join a family.



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

Do you know what these local businesses, Froman Excavating, DiPalantino Paving and Koch Ford all have in common?

All are participating in the Pennsylvania Educational Income Tax Credit Program. Their PA corporate state taxes are directed to Regina Academy to fund financial aid scholarships for students, raising nearly \$75,000 for the 2017-18 School Year. Participating has little or no cost and it's 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. **Now individuals can direct their PA income tax to Regina Academy too!!!** 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
Ph. 610-847-5523

Flame of Love Rosary Group



Join us at 8 AM each Wednesday to pray the Flame of Love Rosary.

We meet in the Church on the Marian side. This Flame of Love is Jesus living in Mary's Immaculate Heart. It is an incredible gift from God to us. The effect of this Flame is to burn so brightly

that it blinds Satan freeing souls from his grasp. Join us! All ages are welcome and encouraged to come pray with us!

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now. ~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

2018 Catholic Women's Conference

Daughters OF THE KING

Saturday, October 27, 2018 9am-4pm

Join us for a day of friendship, prayer and growth in your faith. The day will be devoted to helping women discover their foundational identity as daughters of the King of Heaven & Earth.

A mid-summer sellout is expected so we moved up our deadline to register.

Deadline to register is: July 23rd

2018



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 27, 2018 9am-4pm
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Are you a registered SJB Parishioner? _____

Group rate **\$45.00**

Checks should be made payable to:
St. John the Baptist Parish



**PLEASE TAKE A
"MANNA BAG"
from the table in
the Narthex.**

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. We pray that as we enter into summer, our donations will continue to remain strong. The families we feed are in even greater need at this time to provide for their children who are not in school during the summer.

Some food items The Lord's Pantry is in need of:

Cooking Oil ~ Vinegar ~ Salad Dressings ~ Ketchup
Mayonnaise ~ Mustard ~ Relish ~ Pickles ~ Olives
Flour ~ Sugar ~ Pudding ~ Cereal ~ Coffee ~ Tea
Snacks ~ Iced tea ~ Gatorade ~ Juice Boxes

All Personal Hygiene items incl. but not limited to:

"Depends" ~ Tampons ~ Bar Soap ~ Shampoo
Toothpaste ~ Toothbrushes ~ Deodorant ~
Mouthwash ~ Dental Floss ~ Combs/Brushes ~
Sunscreen

How to foster a Humble Heart

St. Francis de Sales, a French bishop during the 17th century, wrote a profound spiritual classic called Introduction to the Devout Life. His writing style was unique and communicated his love of the struggling soul who greatly desires to increase in virtue.

Here are five powerful quotes from this spiritual classic, in which de Sales explains how to foster a humble heart.

- 1) Of a truth, nothing so tends to humble us before the Mercy of God as the multitude of His gifts to us; just as nothing so tends to humble us before His Justice as the multitude of our misdeeds.
- 2) There is no fear that a perception of what He has given you will puff you up, so long as you keep steadily in mind that whatever is good in you is not of yourself ... a lively appreciation of the grace given to you should make you humble, for appreciation begets gratitude.
- 3) Never cast down your eyes without humbling your heart; and do not pretend to wish to be last and least, unless you really and sincerely mean it.
- 4) A really humble man would rather that some one else called him worthless and good-for-nothing, than say so of himself; at all events, if such things are said, he does not contradict them, but acquiesces contentedly, for it is his own opinion.
- 5) The proud man who trusts in himself may well undertake nothing, but the humble man is all the braver that he knows his own helplessness and his courage waxes in proportion to his low opinion of himself, because all his trust is in God, Who delights to show forth His Power in our weakness, His Mercy in our misery.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**OUR CARNIVAL IS THIS WEEK & WE
CAN STILL USE MORE VOLUNTEERS.**

**PLEASE STOP AT THE SIGN-UP
TABLE IN THE NARTHEX AFTER
MASS & ADD YOUR NAME!**

Thank You – the Carnival Committee

JUNE 3, 2018 – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Please remember in your prayers our parishioners, who are sick, homebound, in the hospital, 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, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Claire Fratrik, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallegher, 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, Harry Reckner, 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, Nick Tscheschlog, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, 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 June 9th & 10th
The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
SATURDAY 5PM	Jim Black Joan Black Renee Moyer Marion Wolf	Jane Ferry	NOT FILLED NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS	Denny – Choir Nio
SUNDAY 8AM	Marianne McEvoy Kevin Murphy Jackie Litzenberger Bea Romaszewski	John Zdanowicz	Brigid Froman Danny Froman Samantha Froman	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Dolly Kovacs Lynn Gammello Dan Hauber	Donna Sciacca	Brickston Vinal Emily Vinal Emily Saab	Mary Pucci Karen Parash