



John 12:24

Masses for the week of March 23 - 29, 2015

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

Monday, March 23

8:35am (chapel) Intentions of Regina Cullen (Jim & Joan Black)

Tuesday, March 24

8:35am (chapel) Millie Torre (Joan Beebe)

Wednesday, March 25

8:35am (chapel) Maria Meier (Ron Meier)

7:30pm (chapel) Parishioners' Intentions

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

9:00am (church) Dale Furness (Peg & Bob Trouts)

7:30pm (church) **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 28

5:00pm (church) Helen Thaler (Harold & Betty Rick)

Sunday, March 29 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00am (church) Grace Rossi (Gene Marusa)

10:30am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

Meetings for the week of March 23 - 29, 2015

Mon. March 23: Conquest, 6:45 - School

Light Weigh, 7pm – Parish Office

Sat. March 28: Men of Faith, 8am –Marian Room



The Church Cleaning Team for the week of

March 16th is Team #1: Laura Gumprecht, Anita Colahan, Susan Middleton, Kate Irvine, Sharon Forte

Your parish thanks you!



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May The Souls of,

Kenneth Scheetz

Mary Kocsis

Through the Mercy of God, Rest In Peace.

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, Roger Bahnck, Mary Balbirer, Elizabeth Bartolillo, John & Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Ann Burns, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Glen DeKutosli, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Josephine Fasano, Bernice Fees, Charles Fees, Jr., Patricia Fite, Sarah Fleck, Nancy Fratrick, Mary Gallo, Kathleen Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Judy Green, Susan Gross, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Steve Hancharik, Bill Hejnor, Joyceann Heley, Eli Hinkie, Charles Houston, Doris Johnson, Martha Juchnowicz, Kathleen Kershaw, Kimberly Koch, Georgine Kocher, Anthony Kondracki, Deanna Kovner, Barbara Kuehnle, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Charles Lutcavage, Julia Maher, Eileen McCarty, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget Julia McHugh, Michelle McNevin, Anne McNichol, Florence Middleton, Joseph Moore, Jennie Moreno, Nancy Moreno, Wanda Muth, Frances Nowicki, Helen Patzek-Charlton, Ryan Phillips, Nicholas Powell, Gladys Proca, Marianne Przyuski, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Gregory Rickert, Joseph Ripp, Valerie Roberts, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Jean Scattergood, Lana Schell, Herbert Scheuermann, Mario Sciacca, Joe Shuman, Gail Silveira, Carolyn Stahley, Shane Stroup, Michael Suder, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas & Frank Toner, Barbara Vogan, Diane Wesoski, Tamara Widmer, Ed Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder.



Edward Armstrong, Jr., Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, Casey de Lauretis, Steehly de Lauretis, Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, James Kidd,

Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Cory Litzenberger, Dan O'Connor, Jonathan Pucci, Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Nicholas Spangler-Loch, Don Valdez, Justin Walsh.

Thank you for serving & protecting our freedom!

Mass Collection

Sunday, March 15, 2015 \$ 6,050.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Gospel Reflections
A Letter from
Our Pastor, Father Simi



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

***“Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.”
John 12:25***

Our Lenten journey approaches the end. It approaches the purpose for which we have fasted, prayed and given alms to the poor. We are now one week away from celebrating as God’s family with great solemnity and focus that pivotal event in which all creation will find its meaning and ultimate fulfillment.

As Christ’s body, we will enter with Him into His suffering, death and resurrection. As members of His body, we are going to enter most deeply into this saving event, the sacrifice by which the Father will glorify His name. (John 12:28) This is the ultimate expression of love that the Father will ever reveal to us: the laying down of His Son’s own life for our sakes.

This is the event that alone gives meaning to marriages. Without this event, our marriages are in vain, for we cannot love each other unto eternity save through Him who has conquered death.

This is the event that alone gives meaning to family life. Without this event, our affection and devotion to one another is doomed to an eternity of separation for only Christ is able to restore our families beyond death.

This is the event that alone gives meaning to all our vocations, for all our ambitions, our hopes and dreams come to nothing if we do not share in the eternal glory of Him whose glory is in His fulfilling His Father’s will, His hopes and His dreams for us on the cross.

This is the event that alone gives meaning to our existence as Church, as diocese, as parish, catholic schools, as catholic universities and catholic hospitals, for without this saving event of the Son’s suffering, death and resurrection, we have no reason to exist.

This is the event that alone gives meaning to our existence as a nation, a government, a state, a country of citizens and immigrants for without our united journey with the crucified Son to the Promised

Land of the Father, death awaits our nations too just as it overpowered civilizations before this.

This is the event which alone can save the world, with all the many expressions of death that grip it and curse it, for the Son alone has overcome the tyranny of death and the rule of the prince of darkness over this world. (John 12:31)

What are your plans for Holy Week?

Fr. Simi.



**Pope to
teachers:
Engage with
peripheries in
your classrooms**

Pope Francis has called on teachers to engage with the peripheries within their own classrooms, loving their students for their limitations as well as their potential.

“Indeed, the duty of a good teacher - all the more for a Christian teacher - is to love his or her more difficult, weaker, more disadvantaged students with greater intensity,” the Pope said.

The educational relationship of the teacher must be such that each student feels “loved for what he or she is, with all of their limitations and potential,” he added.

Professional associations of Christian teachers are “called to engage in the peripheries of the school, which cannot be abandoned to marginalization, exclusion, ignorance, crime.” The Pope also stressed the importance of teaching values, in addition to content, in order to promote harmony in the world.

“You must not teach just content, but the values and customs of life,” he said. “A computer can teach content,” but only a teacher can show “how to love, how to understand which values and customs create harmony in society.”

Similar to parenthood, at least in a spiritual sense, the Pope stressed that teaching “allows us to see the people who are entrusted to our care grow day after day.”

Pope Francis went on to remind teachers that they are never alone, joined as they are with “the entire educational community to which they belong.” More than simply a job, Pope Francis said, teaching is “a relationship in which each teacher must feel fully involved as a person, to give meaning to the educational task towards their students.”

Parish Religious Education Program

**CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMANDI**



- Isabella Allena
- Stephanie Beinhauer
- Gabriella Chichilitti
- Brandon Cieslak
- Gabriel Fetter
- TJ Froman
- Alexandra Gammello
- Addison Gardner
- Anna Grindrod
- Kyra Harrington
- Amber Henry
- Haley Hooven
- Sean Johnson
- Grace Korcheck
- Johann Krug
- Christopher Lande
- Brynn Maxwell
- Evan Thomas McGeever
- Madison McGovern
- Cassandra Mitsch
- Emily Murphy
- Jonathan Northrop
- Jack Pauly
- Shaun Pello
- Vanessa Renzi
- Javier Rodrigo
- Joshua Russo
- Julia Szklarski
- William Werner
- Steven Yannett
- Angus Yocum

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT

IN THE LAST DAYS, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE. YOUR BOYS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHESY,
YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS.

ACTS 2:17

The Regina Academy
at
St. John the Baptist



SHADOW DAY

(rescheduled from earlier date)

Your Child is invited to spend a Day at our Academy!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd

8:15am – 2:45pm

You and your children can spend the day at the Academy with our students. The students will be able to experience the many exciting things going on in our school.

Should you believe that Children benefit from a Classical Catholic Liberal Arts Education then we invite you to come and explore what The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist has to offer.

For Information and to Register please call
the School Office at 610-847-5523

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Spring Sports registration has begun...Track, Volleyball & Softball.

Registration forms can be obtained on

our Parish website.

Please contact Claire
at cmgeib@aol.com
with any questions.



**FATIMA HOUSE
RETREAT CENTER,
Bedminster, PA**



Please join us in...

**Prayer for Vocations and
World Peace.**

Weekly Prayers

Mondays at 7pm in Our Lady's Chapel: Adoration,
Liturgy of the Hour, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday at 9:30 -10:30am in Our Lady's Chapel:

Liturgy of the Hour, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

For additional information or directions, please call Joan Black at 215-795-2947.

Healing or Hoax?

New Age Energy Medicine & Alternatives

The Catholic Life Institute is hosting New Age expert Susan Brinkmann, OCDS for a 2-hour seminar on New Age healing techniques and alternatives. Topics to be discussed include Reiki, Acupuncture, homeopathy, chiropractics, essential oils, muscle testing, supplements, etc. What does science say about these methods? Why do people believe they work? And what does the Church have to say about their use?

**Get the answers on Saturday, April 11 from 9-11 a.m.
at Fatima House in Bedminster.**

\$35 fee includes refreshments.

Registration required.

Visit www.freeandfaithful.com or call/text [215-983-9701](tel:215-983-9701).

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SPONSORING



Saturday, April 18, 2015

Regina Academy at St. John's School Gym.

Doors open at 6pm - Post time of the races at 7pm.
Entrance to the event is \$5.00 which entitles you to unlimited hot food, snacks, desserts, soda, and coffee.
B.Y.O.B. setups will be provided.

For more excitement you can purchase and name a horse for \$10.00. If your horse wins the race you win \$40.00. To purchase a horse please contact Tom High at 610-847-2374 or any Knight of Columbus member.

This event is for adults age 18 and older. ABSOLUTELY NO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 !!!!

Bucks County Choral Society will perform

Johann Sebastian Bach's *Mass in B Minor*
Sunday March 22, 4pm

The performance will feature four guest soloists, the Riverside Symphonia Orchestra, and the 100+ voice Choral Society. *The music is sure to inspire you.*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
5175 Cold Spring Creamery Road, Buckingham, PA.

Myrtle Beach Trip 5 Days and 4 Nights, May 3 -7, 2015

\$750 per person. Call for a brochure.

Make plans to enjoy a wonderful vacation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

- Hotel suites with balcony and beach front view λ Visit Charlestown, SC
- Trip includes four breakfasts and four dinners
- Bus transportation and drivers gratuity included

For more information on these events sponsored by the 55+ Club, contact Pat Price at 215-300-2153, Pat Donnelly at 215-598-9763 or Jean Zielke at 215-794-1188.

The Message of Divine Mercy

Brief Introduction, Monday, March 30

6:30 p.m., St. Juan Diego Chapel, OLG Church

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple.
It is that God loves us — all of us.

And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

For more information visit:

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/>



2nd Annual Spring Gala

April 10th, 2015

Blue Bell Country Club

Tickets \$125 single; \$200 couple and \$900 table of 10.

Limited to 250 guests.

Order Tickets: email mark@thekingsmen.org. Visit the website to make a donation www.thekingsmen.us



Early registration ends April 30th.
Have you registered yet????

Visit www.worldmeeting.org to REGISTER today!

VISIT <http://www.phillyevang.org/wmof>

FOR A SCHEDULE OF LOCAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY EVENTS.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**March 28 & 29, 2015 PALM SUNDAY
 HOLY THURSDAY
 GOOD FRIDAY**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday, 5pm March 28 PALM SUNDAY of OUR LORD'S PASSION	Peg Glancey Kathleen Halasz Bill McGowan Dave Slifer	Grace McGowan Anne Slifer	Kiera Maxwell Shea Maxwell Emily Vinal	Marion Wolf Elaine Jocelyn
Sunday, 8:00am PALM SUNDAY of OUR LORD'S PASSION	Nancy Kaczinski Jackie Litzenberger Jim McHugh Donna Nice	Kathy Fetter Melissa Johnson	Danny Froman Maggie McArdle Grace McArdle	Choir Sue Rogers
Sunday, 10:30am PALM SUNDAY of OUR LORD'S PASSION	Jim Black Joan Black Dolly Kovacs Donna Sciacca	Christina Crews Leona Russell	Joey DeVenuto Maria Middleton Jack Pauly	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
HOLY THURSDAY April 2 - 7:30pm MASS OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER	Bruce Keyser Cathy Liedtke Richard McEvoy Marianne McEvoy	Patti Keyser John Zdanowicz	Joey DeVenuto Danny Froman James Gammello Maria Middleton	Susan Middleton Sue Rogers
GOOD FRIDAY April 3 – 3pm PASSION OF OUR LORD	Joan Black	Patti Keyser Donna Sciacca	Liam Reixinger ?	Marion Wolf Elaine Jocelyn