

MAY 28, 2017 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH STAFF

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

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

Dir. of Religious Education: Donna Sciacca

Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok

Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese

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 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. 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: Couples planning marriage are to contact the parish office & schedule a meeting with our wedding coordinator approx. 10-12 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 that is 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 May 29 - June 4, 2017

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

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

9:00am (Old St. John's Church) For all Our Troops

Tuesday, May 30

8:35am (chapel) Salvatore Boni (Susan Scheliga)

Wednesday, May 31

8:35am (chapel) Mary & Bill Mallon (Kathy Vinceguerra)

Thursday, June 1

8:35am (chapel) John Sabath (Barbara Sabath)

Friday, June 2 – First Friday / RA School Closing Mass

9:00am (church) Intentions of Cathy Leidtke (SJB Staff)

24 hr. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament opens following Mass

Saturday, June 3 – First Saturday

9:00am (chapel) Benediction & Mass

5:00pm (church) Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday, June 4 – PENTECOST

8:00am (church) Intentions of the 2017 Regina Academy Graduates

10:30am (church) Intentions of the 2018 Confirmation Candidates

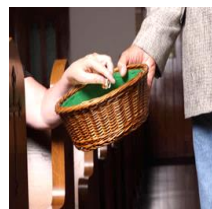
Meetings for the week of May 29 – June 4, 2017

Tues. May 30: Choir Practice, 7pm – church

Wed. May 31: RA GRADUATION, 5:30pm – church

Thurs. June 1: Pastoral Council, 7pm – Marian Room

Sat. May 20: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room



Weekly Mass Collection May 21, 2017

Envelopes \$5,886.00

Parish Giving \$ 268.00

Thank you for your generosity!



SJB Cleaning Team for the week of May 29th is Team # 5:

*Marion Wolf, Janet Reidler, Fred
Furmaniak, Beth Baird, Patricia Combs*

Your parish Thanks You!

Our Mass READINGS for this weekend may be

found in

SECTION 917

of the JourneySongs Hymnal.



JESUS PRAYS FOR US

Gospel of John 17: 1-11

We shift scenes this weekend between the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 and this passage from the night of the Last Supper from John. The two passages are closely related, although the two events are separated by the Passion and Resurrection. Here, Jesus prays that the Father will lift the disciples up in strength to prepare to make disciples of all nations, in spite of the failures Jesus well knows will follow in the days ahead — and the betrayal that has already begun to unfold. This is the beginning of the Prayer of the Hour of Jesus, the “priestly prayer” that prepares Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the foundation of the church — which received the Great Commission at the Ascension.

Luke begins the Acts of the Apostles to set the scene for the Great Commission. Just prior to the Ascension, the apostles still seem confused about the nature of salvation and their mission in the world. They ask, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” Jesus tells them: “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

This, then, is the mission of the church. It reverses the old order, the old model, and makes us evangelists. The church established by Jesus in the Great Commission exists to go out into the world to carry the Word of God to all nations. This is done by witness rather than power — in other words, through evangelization. In today’s Gospel from John, Jesus prays to the Father to strengthen not just those disciples (soon to be Apostles, which roughly means “those who are sent”), but also later in the same prayer for those whom the Apostles evangelize. “I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:20-21)

In this Prayer of the Hour of Jesus makes it clear that His Church will be a pilgrim church, one that evangelizes and spreads the word of the Holy Spirit. He says in this prayer just before He goes to the garden of Gethsemane that “As you have sent me into the world so I have sent them into the world.” That moment, though, comes at the Ascension, punctuated by the two angels who appear immediately afterward in Acts 1:1-11, who question why they are still “standing there looking at the sky.” It was time to go into the world and make disciples of all nations.

This applies to us as well, the descendants of the Apostles and the baptized members of the Church founded for the purpose of evangelization. In Acts, the evangelical fervor of the converted was hardly limited to the Apostles, but also to those converted as well. Stephen, who was among the first ordained deacons of

the Church, became also the first martyr of the Church for his insistent profession of the faith. We are no less called to this Great Commission than the apostles who received it.

If that sounds like a tough act to follow, well ... it is. None of us feel worthy to carry this mission on our own merits. That is why we return to John 17, where Jesus prayed not just for the disciples present at the Last Supper, but also for us — you, me, and the people on each side of you in the pews today. Throughout the Prayer of the Hour of Jesus, He repeatedly asks that He can glorify the Father through his perfect sacrifice, and that this will allow us to glorify the name of Jesus through our own imperfect sacrifices, and thus also glorify the Father. Even for “those who believe in me through their word,” Jesus prays that we may glorify the Trinity and so be added to the Trinitarian life. This prayer, this sacrifice ties us to the Great Commission through the explicit inclusion given by Jesus Christ himself.

We all have different vocations within this Great Commission that are uniquely ours if we freely choose to take them up. For many of us, evangelization means teaching our children the faith and forming them properly in the Word so that they may do the same with their children. Others may be called to more formal vocations within the Church, such as the ordained or religious life, or perhaps to ministry in formation or service to the poor and infirm. We must individually discern through prayer and study what our vocation might be, and humbly accept the answers we find, and trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us in truth.

But make no mistake — we are all responsible for this Great Commission and the mission of the Church to make disciples of all nations. We are sent to glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on Earth to accomplish this task. Thankfully, we have this prayer of Jesus Christ to lift us up, and to fulfill His joy within us as we proceed.



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Daily Programs For Up to 50 People

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Overnight Retreats Available for

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Programs Open to Everyone

Monday 7:30PM – Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday 9:30AM – Adoration & Prayers

3rd Sunday 12PM – Adoration & Prayer for Vocations.

1st Saturdays 10am Mass, Confession, Rosary & Lunch

For more information please call Joan Black
at 215-536-3508



Pentecost

SUNDAY, JUNE 4th 10:30am MASS
ALL PARISH
6TH GRADERS

FORMAL PRESENTATION and
BLESSING by FR. SIMI for our INCOMING
2018 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
Students are to arrive & gather in the Narthex
by 10:15am.

REGISTER NOW for
2017-2018 PREP
for Grades 1 - 7

before summer vacation carries us away
from the thought of school days.

Registration forms are available for
download on our website or for pick-up at
the parish office.

*If you are interested in volunteering as an
office assistant or classroom assistant
contact Donna Sciacca, DRE at the parish
office for more information.*



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

CONGRATULATIONS **REGINA ACADEMY at SJB** **2017 GRADUATES**

Ena Altier
Aidan Blaikie
Kaelin Costello
Maggie McArdle
Maria Middleton
Anna McCarthy
Zachery Kolvities
Maya Reshetar
Donald Schwender

Heavenly Father, we ask for your almighty hand to be
upon all those who graduate today. Bless their lives
from this day on with goodness and love.
Help them to stay true to their dreams, to use their gifts
wisely, and to walk into the future with faith, hope, and
great love. Amen.

School Headmaster: Mr. Michael J. Patterson
Dir. of Institutional Advancement: Geoff Meyer
Ph: 610-847-5523
www.sjbottsville.org

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 29th - 9AM
at Old St. John's Church



Catholic Family Living

SUMMER FUN

Summer is the season that heralds barbecues and all-day swimming, but many Catholic families aren't entirely sure how to encourage old-fashioned family bonding time without the intrusion of technological devices.

To temper the possibility of boredom with engaging activities that are both family- and faith-friendly, go back to nature. Now, more than ever before, it's necessary for us to reconnect with creation, as an intentional act of contemplating the beauty, wonder, and simple riches God created for us to use and enjoy. Here are some suggestions for you and your family to enter into those sweltering summer months with purpose.

Visit a state park

State parks are those family hot spots that some of us overlook as affordable locations to create family memories. You can start with the parks in your state, or venture on a road trip to discover new ones. They are usually clean and provide ample space to experience the holy leisure that summer provides.

Though the list is endless on what you can do at state parks, here are some ideas:

Camping: If you have a camper, try a new state park this year for your adventure into nature. If you are more of an outdoorsy type, try tent camping.

Swimming: Most parks have beaches that your family can enjoy together, which is a perfect way to spend a sweltering sunny day.

Canoeing: If your park has a beach, it will probably also offer canoe or paddle boat rental. Take one out on the water with your family. This is an ideal way to see how your family operates as a team and use the time you share for interesting and possibly hilarious conversation.

Nature center: Another sure hit with young children is the nature center, which is like a mini-museum where you can learn about what kinds of insects, animals, trees, and birds are indigenous to the park where you're staying. Some even have kid-friendly activities or a park ranger who is willing to take you on a guided tour.

Go stargazing: Even if you don't own a telescope, taking a drive into the country on a clear summer's night to watch the stars has a definite celestial feel to it. Look for the Big and Little Dipper constellations, marvel at the bright lights of distant planets and the twinkle of the occasional shooting star. Pondering the immensity of the cosmos in relation to our miniscule presence on earth is another gateway into conversation about God's vastness and our gratitude for the beauty of the night sky.

Go birdwatching: It's fun and educational to look up colorful or exotic birds and identify them by their songs, which can be listened to online.

Make a campfire: You don't have to be camping in order to build a campfire. Build a cozy fire by twilight and invite the kids to roast hot dogs and marshmallows?

SJB 5th ANNUAL CARNIVAL

June 7th – 10th, 2017

Wed. & Thurs. - \$20 wrist band nights

Designer Bag BINGO

Friday June 9th

Doors open @ 5pm

Bingo @ 6:30pm

Tickets \$25 in advance

\$30 at the door.

GRAND PRIZE

\$1,000.00 Louis Vuitton
Handbag!!!!



Saturday - "FREE to Enter"

bicycle raffle for children ages 12 and under.



Join in the fun with our ALL NEW **Music Trivia** hosted by our DJ.

Carnival will finish with a Ceremony to Honor our
Veterans followed by a SPECTACULAR
FIREWORKS SHOW!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS in the Narthex!

For more information contact Margaret McArdle
at 215-534-1970

Visit our parish website for more on our exciting Carnival



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St. John the Baptist Carnival



DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 pm

GAMES START AT 1:00 pm

20 GAMES \$15.00

Plus 4 'Specials' available at an add'l cost

DOOR PRIZES, 50/50

Lunch & Snacks Available for purchase

Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center

8040 Easton Road (Route 611), Ottsville

610-847-8178

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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, 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, Joe Fite, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Claire Fratrik, Violet Freeh, Janet Galen, Patricia Gall, Kathi Gallagher, 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, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Sally Lindenmuth, Barbara Lavelle, Charles Lutcavage, Julia Maher, Loretta Malloy, Ray Malachowski, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget Julia McHugh, Anne McNichol, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, James O'Hanlon, 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

June 3rd & 4th– PENTECOST SUNDAY

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Darlene Bittenmaster Peg Glancey Cathy Leidtke Marion Wolf	Sean Lynch	Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled	Mary Pucci Karen Parash
Sunday 8am	Marianne McEvoy Renee Moyer Bea Romaszewski Weez Roney	John Zadanowicz	Danny Froman Samantha Froman Natalie Nice	Ordinary Tlme
Sunday 8am	Gerri Belsito Wendy DeGroot Phil Donahue Leona Russell	Tony Luna	Luke Luna Caius Van Haute Audrey Van Haute	Choir