

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 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 Oct. 16 - 22, 2017
Morning Prayer in St. Joseph Chapel, Mon. – Fri. at 8:15am

Monday, Oct. 16

8:35am (chapel) Christine Marsh (Jim & Joan Black)

Tuesday, Oct. 17

8:35am (chapel) Margaret Neebe (Tom Fink)

Wednesday, Oct. 18

8:35am (chapel) George Toth (Jerry)

Thursday, Oct. 19

8:35am (chapel) John Reidler (Loving wife Janet & family)

Friday, Oct. 20

9:00am (church) Henry & Katherine Petritsch (Jerry Petritsch)

Saturday, Oct. 21

5:00pm (church) Joseph Ripp (SJB Choir)

Sunday, Oct. 22

8:00am (church) Stephen Mule (Moyer Family)

10:30am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

Meetings for the week of Oct. 16 - 22, 2017

Mon. Oct. 16: Choir Practice, 7pm – church

Conquest, 6:45 – School Gym

Knights of Columbus, 7:30pm – Parish Hall

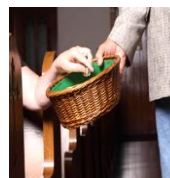
Wed. Oct. 18: Altar Society, 1pm – Marian Room

Sharing Christ, 7-9pm – Narthex & Marian Room

Thurs. Oct. 19: Garden Club, 7pm – Marian Room

Sat. Oct. 21: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room

Sun. Oct. 22: Sharing Christ, 9:15-10:15am – Marian Room



Weekly Mass Collection
Sunday Collection \$6,302.00
E-Giving \$617.00

Thank you for your generosity



SJB Cleaning Team for the week of October 16th 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 1009
in our
JourneySongs Hymnal.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

(Matthew 22:1-14)

Matthew's parable of the wedding feast and the declined invitations is the last of three successive parables of judgment against Israel, especially her leadership. There are obvious connections among the three parables. Each has an "authority figure" (father, landowner, and king respectively). "Sons" or "a son" appear in all three. The second and third parables share the two groups of slaves and the severe judgment against those who oppose the son.

In today's parable, the king represents God; the son, Jesus; and the wedding banquet, the time of divine-human celebration symbolized by the kingdom. The beautiful spousal imagery of the Lord and Israel provides a rich, biblical backdrop.

Today's story incorporates two favorite Old and New Testament images: a feast and a marriage.

Matthew has provided many allegorical traits to today's story, e.g. the burning of the city of the guests who refused the invitation, which corresponds to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. It has similarities with the preceding parable of the tenants: the sending of two groups of servants, the murder of the servants, the punishment of the murderers, and the entrance of a new group into a privileged situation of which the others had proven themselves unworthy. The parable ends with a section that is very peculiar to Matthew which some take as a distinct parable on its own.

The wedding garment of love

Let us consider the moving words of St. Augustine of Hippo in his sermon (#90) on today's Gospel passage:

What is the wedding garment that the Gospel talks about? Very certainly, that garment is something that only the good have, those who are to participate in the feast... Could it be the sacraments? Baptism? Without baptism, no one comes to God, but some people receive baptism and do not come to God... Perhaps it is the altar or what a person receives at the altar? But in receiving the Lord's body, some people eat and drink to their own condemnation (1 Corinthians 11:29). So what is it? Fasting? The wicked also fast. Going to church often? The wicked go to church just like others...

So what is this wedding garment? The apostle Paul tells us: "What we are aiming at... is the love that springs from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith" (1 Timothy 1:5). That is the wedding

garment. Paul is not talking about just any kind of love, for one can often see dishonest people loving others... but one does not see among them this love "that springs from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith." Now that is the love that is the wedding garment.

The apostle Paul said: "If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal... If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-2). He said that even if he had all that, without Christ "I am nothing." It would be useless, because I can act in that way for love of glory... "If I have not love, it is of no use." That is the wedding garment. Examine yourselves: if you have it, then come to the Lord's banquet with confidence.



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Offering Private & Small
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Programs Open to Everyone

Monday 7:00PM – Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday 9:30AM – Adoration & Prayers

3rd Sunday 12PM – Adoration & Prayer for Vocations

1st Saturdays 10am Mass,

Rosary, Confession, before Mass & Lunch after Mass

For more information or directions please call

Joan Black 215-536-3508

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS for October 2017

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Work brings a basic dignity to our human participation in God's creation. Although we can cooperate in God's work through our labor, and we can exercise creativity in the arts, speech, and thought, we cannot truly create out of nothing. Only God creates in this fashion, ex nihilo, and it was in this way that He created the world.



TEACH THE CHILDREN

So how can you draw your child into the Bible?

The first step is to have a Catholic Children's Bible that easy for them to read, highly visual with color illustrations and is accessible to them at all times.

Here are some ways to make the Bible less intimidating and to get its truth deeper into young hearts and minds.

Read it. Too often, adults wind up reading the Bible to children rather than taking the time to listen to children read it themselves. Kids need to know that they can both read and understand the Bible on their own.

Handle it. Make sure all children have their own Bibles, and take time to teach them how to find passages themselves. Make a visual connection for pre-readers by holding an open Bible while you tell Bible stories.

Sing it. Music stimulates and resides in a special part of the brain and is a strong carrier of information. Find artists who have put Scripture to music, and use hand motions or dance steps to drive the words to long-term memory.

Chant it. Rhythmic chanting of Bible verses forces fluency in the brain and makes memorizing easier. This is also a great way for children to learn the books of the Bible, the tribes of Israel, fruits of the Spirit, etc.

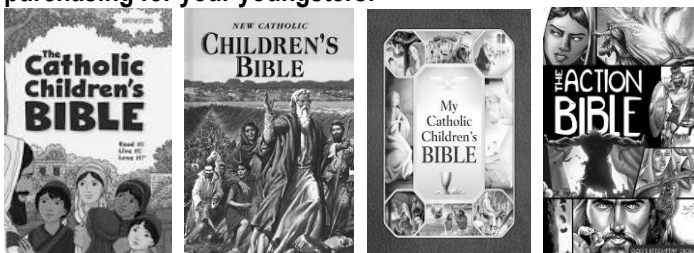
Draw it. If learners can draw or teach someone else what they've learned, it's an indication the information is safely stored in long-term memory for later access and retrieval. Encourage children to draw the Bible story they've just learned and challenge them to teach it to their friends and family.

Act it out. Bible stories are filled with drama and interest. Simple costumes and props can be added to a script taken directly from the Bible for fun and laughter while children learn.

Watch it. Today's kids are strong visual learners. Use well-produced Catholic Bible videos to enrich family devotions.

Use technology. New children's Bible apps for tablets and mobile phones, websites, games and other online resources are being released every day. Just be sure you are using a Catholic Bible app. Stay on the leading edge of technological development because that's where your kids are.

Some suggested children's Bibles you may consider purchasing for your youngsters:



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

SHADOW DAY

Tuesday, October 24th @ 8:15AM

Your Child is invited to Spend a Day at the Academy!

Your child will experience the many exciting things going on in our school everyday.

For Information and to Register please call the School Office at 610-847-5523 or visit us at: www.rasjb.org

School Headmaster: Mr. John Mundy
Dir. of Institutional Advancement: Geoff Meyer
Phone: 610-847-5523 www.sjbottsville.org

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

Join us on Sundays, TWICE A MONTH...in the Marian Room, 9:15 – 10:15am for a half hour DVD viewing from the SYMBOLON series AND FOLLOW-UP discussion.

Our next viewing is on October 29th.

No need to register, just come on in, and join us.



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

at our

2017 PARISH CARNIVAL

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

CARNIVAL APPRECIATION NIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th at 7pm

in the Parish Hall

Mix & mingle with fellow volunteers, enjoy some light refreshments and share a laugh or two while you view the many photos from our carnival.

Stoke the Fire in your Soul

Spiritual reading can be the fuel that sets our hearts on fire for Christ. We are all creatures of habit. From the moment we get out of bed in the morning until we return there in the evening, our daily routines are much the same. We drive the same way to work, during which we listen to the same radio station; we stop at the same coffee shop where we buy the same coffee. At night, we make the same meals and mindlessly watch the same television shows. Then we pray the same prayers. And the cycle begins again the next morning. We do this every day, all the while longing for more. We crave the peace that we know will only come from knowing



Christ better, understanding his Church more, learning about those who devoted their lives to doing his will. And yet we leave no time to tend that fire that is burning within us. But in order to change our lives, we first must change our habits. *St. Paul of the Cross gives us a few suggestions: "Prayer, good reading, the frequentation of the sacraments ... these are, believe me, the means of sanctifying yourself."* While a stronger prayer life and more frequent reception of the sacraments are obvious ways to grow in faith, many ignore the third recommendation: good reading. Because in order to grow spiritually, we must grow in intellect and understanding of God and of ourselves. More importantly, we must make time to sit in silence and be inspired.

St. Jerome said, "When we pray, we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us."

Take time this fall to stir that fire within, because if you're tired of being stagnant in your faith, perhaps it's time to turn the page.

1. "A Mind At Peace: Reclaiming an Ordered Soul in the Age of Distraction" by Christopher O. Blum and Joshua P. Hochschild
2. "A history of the Church in 100 Objects" by Mike Aquilina and Grace Aquilina
3. Forever: A Catholic Devotional for your Marriage" by Jackie Francois Angel and Bobby Angel
4. "Saint Benedict for Boomers: Wisdom for the Next Stage of Life" by Bret Thoman, OFS
5. "Tied In Knots: Finding Peace In Today's World" by Greg Willits
6. "To Light A Fire On Earth: Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular World" by Bishop Robert Barron
7. "The Marian Option" by Carrie Gress, Ph.D.
8. "Stunned By Scripture: How the Bible Made Me Catholic" by Dr. John Bergsma
9. "God Alone Is Enough: A Spirited Journey with Teresa of Avila" by Claudia Mair Burney
10. "Little Talks with God" by St. Catherine of Siena

Our Lady of Guadalupe is pleased to present an

WOMEN'S ADVENT BREAKFAST at the



Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA

Saturday, Dec. 9th - 9 a.m. to 12 noon, \$30 per person

Full tables can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10.

Plan to attend this morning of fun, fellowship and reflection. *Featuring renowned Catholic speaker:*

SARAH CHRISTMYER

Presenting an original talk on this year's theme,
"Come to the Manger".

Hot Breakfast Buffet and Live Music

Tickets can be purchased in Narthex (Oct. 14 & 15)

or email: AdventBreakfastOLG@gmail.com

Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.
Tickets are expected to sell quickly, so plan on purchasing early! Please make checks payable to OLG.



MASS MOB
Sunday October 15
12 p.m.

St. Jude – Chalfont
Join us for the first
of many planned

"Mass Mob"s in central Bucks County parishes.
Gather together for Mass and then connect with the parishioners in the narthex afterwards before going to brunch. Who doesn't love brunch?

ALL SAINTS BONFIRE
Friday Oct. 27th at 7 p.m., Telford.



All are welcome to join us for a hayride, s'mores, and scripture. RSVP via email by October 22 to claim a spot for you and your friends!

Email: buckscatholicya@gmail.com

OCTOBER 15, 2017 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, Patricia Baker, Nancy Beans, John & Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Patti Bucci, Libby Chapman, 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 Fratrick, 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, **Sharon Horvath**, Charles Houston, Martha Juchnowicz, Georgine Kocher, Valerie Korbar, Jim Lacey, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Charles Lutcavage, Julia Maher, Loretta Malloy, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Harvey Mueller, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, Helene Nastro, James O'Hanlon, **Gabrialie Otero**, Jonathan Ott, Gary Palmer, Joseph and*

*Mary Victoria Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Harry Reckner, Rachael Rice, **Carol Reardon**, Betty Rick, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy Rodman, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Florence Schroker, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, 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.

Thank you for serving & protecting our freedoms

Oct. 21st & 22nd , 2017 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Darlene Bittenmaster Cathy Leidtke Joel Roney Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Luke Grindrod Mead Grindrod Emily Saab	Susan Middleton Karen Parash
Sunday 8am	Mark Fetter Nancy Kazcinski Marianne McEvoy Donna Nice	Jeanne Keller	Joseph Fetter Danny Froman Natalie Nice	Marion Wolf Karen Parash
Sunday 10:30am PRESENTATION of the 2018 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS	Gerri Belsito Joan Black Phil Donahue Bruce Keyser	Christina Crews	Courtney Reguera Joey DeVenuto sub-needed	Ordinary Time