

OCTOBER 11, 2015 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STAFF

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

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

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Dir. of Religious Education: Donna Sciacca

Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok

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 4:15 - 4:45pm or anytime by appointment.

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 at 11:30 a.m. 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 meet for an enrichment class 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 have a certificate of eligibility from his/her 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 expected to attend Pre-Cana Conferences and to meet with the parish priest several times leading up to the marriage. The period of preparation time required is six months unless approved otherwise 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. 12 - 18, 2015

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

Monday, Oct. 12

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

Tuesday, Oct. 13

8:35am (chapel) Marie Vogan (Maxine Vogan)

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Rosary prayed after Mass

8:35am (chapel) Grace Knowles (Pamela Erbrick)

Thursday, Oct. 15

8:35am (chapel) John Sabath (Julia Fererson)

Friday, Oct. 16 - 24 hr. Adoration begins after School Mass

9:00am (Church) Keith Heckler (RA @SJB Faculty & Staff)

Saturday, Oct. 17 - Closing Mass & Benediction

9:00am (chapel) Intentions of Joan Black (Irma Nemes)

5:00pm (church) Fran Torgerson (Jackie Litzenberger)

Sunday, Oct. 18

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

10:30am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

Meetings for the week of Oct. 12 - 18, 2015

Mon. Oct. 12: Conquest, 6:40pm – Parish Hall

Knights of Columbus, 7:30pm – Marian Room

Wed. Oct. 14: K of C Penny Party, 5-9pm – Parish Hall

Thurs. Oct. 8: Nitty Gritty Garden Club, 7pm – Marian Room

Fri. Oct. 16: Discovering Christ (Pilot), 6:30pm – Parish Hall

Sat. Oct. 17: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room

Sun. Oct. 18: Teen RCIA, 11:45am – Marian Room

The Church Cleaning Team

for the week of October 12th is Team # 1:

Laura Gumprecht, Anita Colahan, Susan

Middleton, Kate Irvine, Sharon Forte

Your parish thanks you!



Mass Collection

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

October 4, 2015

\$5,861.00

Thank you for your generosity!

24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday Oct. 16th

Following the 9am school Mass

**Concludes with Mass & Benediction
on Saturday at 9am**



Special Note:

**Starting in November
Monthly Adoration
moves to the 1st
Friday of the month.**

Gospel Reflections
A Letter from Our Pastor,
Father Simi



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

***“Jesus looked at them and said, “
For human beings it is impossible, but not for
God. All things are possible for God.”
Mark 10:27***

This weekend we welcome a missionary. He is preaching at all the Masses. He reminds us how we are called from the moment of baptism to be first disciples of Jesus whom He then sends out as His missionaries. Fr. Pilla comes to us to remind us of how we all share in Christ's mission to preach the good news to all peoples.

What is the good news? It is this: heaven is possible again. What is heaven? It is this: that we can know God the Father again and develop that intimate relationship again with Him that we were all created for from the beginning. This is the meaning of life.

It is this first relationship that makes possible the fruitfulness and indissolubility of all other relationships. This was the relationship that was broken from the beginning.

In last week's gospel, we heard how Jesus describes our broken relationship with God as a hardening of our hearts to Him: our disobedience, or sin. This hardening of heart was like a tumor that stopped the flow of eternal love from the Father's heart to our hearts, to the hearts of husbands and wives. This was how separation, divorce, remarriage and adultery have broken marriages.

This week we see how a prosperous and moral life is not enough to make us happy. The young man in today's gospel represents all of us. Like him, we think, “If only we do what's right and have all our physical needs taken care of with hard work and the accumulation of wealth, then I and my family should be happy.”

We all know that like that young man, it is not necessarily so. Sadness can still be a huge part of our prosperous and moral lives. Such a life is based on our very personal attempts that are not able to persist and lead to happiness because it does not heal the very first relationship that has been broken from the beginning: our relationship with God.

God Himself has to heal that relationship and we must accept Him in order that all our other relationship can then be healed. This alone will lead to our true happiness. Without God, it is impossible for us to be happy in a fruitful and lasting way. Sadness will always somehow overcome all our relationships and good works.

So we see how our Lord Jesus, after having introduced the notion of His suffering, death and resurrection to us, goes first to introducing its healing

effects on marriages, from which all our lives come. Secondly, He now teaches us the healing effects of His passion on our lives as hard working and wealth seeking adults.

The young man in the gospel represents that ambitious drive in all of us to achieve and to prosper and be happy. He represents this drive within us to do right and to provide. He also represents for us how all our youthful energy can become futile in arriving at true happiness.

Jesus meets us there today. He looks lovingly at us with His gaze of love, hoping that we would recognize the eternal love of His Father in His eyes. Today, Jesus invites us to follow Him completely and unreservedly. Today, He shows us the way to true happiness by inviting us to love Him above all things.

Today, Jesus offers us the promise of true happiness because He is going to love us with His whole being, by laying down His life for us, by completely immersing Himself into our sadness, the sadness that always leads to our suffering and our death.

Today, Jesus invites us to unite our search and longing for true happiness to Him and His search for us. He invites the young man to give up everything for Him because He Himself is going to give up everything on the cross for us. This is heaven.

“Lord teaches us to love you above all things.”

Fr. Simi.

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER Bedminster, PA

Join us in Praying for Vocations & World Peace

Weekly Prayers

Every Monday

7pm in Our Lady's Chapel:

*Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours,
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Every Wednesday

9:30am in Our Lady's Chapel:

*Adoration, Liturgy of the Hour,
Rosary, Divine Mercy Hours, Chaplet*

Every 3rd Sunday

12-1pm in Our Lady's Chapel

Adoration, Prayers for vocations to the Priesthood



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

Parish Religious Education Program



OUR MISSION TASK

It isn't always easy to do the things you know God is calling us to do. But sometimes, it we don't

over think them, they are more attainable than we realize. For instance, you needn't go to the far ends of the earth to fulfill your baptismal promises to evangelize.

Pope Francis continually calls us to participate in the joy of evangelization, "All members of the church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature; she was born to go forth." Throughout his message Pope Francis talks of spreading the Word of our Lord. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7)

So many people today are connected to their electronics for work and play. Many parishes are using websites & other social media to reach out to a whole new generation of believers. Sometimes this reach is wider than that of traditional media.

It is unlikely that we are going to move to a remote region of the world but that doesn't mean we can't spread the word of the Gospel.

We can be evangelizers simply by living the Word of God.

Helping an elderly neighbor with their trash cans once a week; volunteering at your parish; offering to drive some friends to weekly or daily Mass.

If you love your faith and live it, you are already spreading the Good Word. You are already becoming an ambassador and light to those who might not even know they need it.

Let us pray... *"Lord, our God, help us to walk with you on the pathway to the beatitudes and to live out your mission in today's world. Open our hearts and our Christian communities to the needy, the afflicted, the oppressed. May we radiate the Living Christ and transform our lives in the hope of the Resurrection. This prayer we make to you who is the living God, now and forever." Amen*



The Regina Academy

at St. John the Baptist

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Visit our website for the latest news & upcoming events

School Headmaster: Mr. Michael Patterson

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Salt Life Youth Ministry Corner

"Why should I register my teen for youth group?"

Without filling out the registration packet, your teen cannot attend any Salt Life event. The packet contains Youth Ministry **Registration & Consent forms** provided to us by the Archdiocese. Until you complete & file these forms with our parish office, we are not permitted to email you meeting information, event calendar and flyers. All our parish ministries are fully compliant with the procedures outline by the Archdiocese.

Registration is NOT a commitment to attend all events.

I understand how busy teens are -- I was one of those extremely busy teens not that long ago...playing sports every season, volunteering, musical practices, choir performances...on and on. All I ask is to update me when you plan to attend or if you have to cancel. Fill out a form in the Narthex and return to the Salt Life box (Narthex) or the Parish Office.

"When is the first event?" - Saturday, October 24th, 3:30-7pm in the Parish Hall & kitchen. We will prepare a hot meal for those in need in our community. Feel free to bring a friend! (They do not need to be Catholic! But they do need to register).

Emily Litzenberger, Youth Minister

SJB CYO BASKETBALL season is now upon us...Teams are now forming for Boys and Girls in 4th thru 12th grade. Please register NOW so we can get our teams ready for practice, and secure our court time.

Registration forms are available on the Parish website.

Please submit registration forms along with your fees to the Parish office, or the school office.

We are also in need of some volunteers to help out with coaching and/or Parental chaperons. *All volunteers are required to possess current Youth & Child Clearances. This is an easy process, call the parish office for details.*

If you are interested in helping, but have no knowledge of the game, no worries. Please contact Claire @ cmgeib@aol.com





**The MSC Center Valley
6th Semi-Annual Raffle
Is about to kick off.**

The money we raise during this raffle helps to support the operation of the SACRED HEART VILLA, a retirement home for American MSC priests and brothers. Raffle tickets will be available at the parish office. Some parishioners will receive raffle tickets in the mail. The raffle tickets can be purchased for a \$5.00 donation.

A winning ticket is drawn every day during the month of November.

Thank you to all for your support.

The Nitty Gritty Garden Club is accepting donations to be used to purchase engraved bricks for three memorial walkways.

The walkways will be a part of the larger ongoing beautification project taking place in the teardrop garden in front of SJB. Take this opportunity to create a lasting memorial to your family, friends and loved ones or SJB group, class or organization.



Bricks will be engraved and installed at periodic intervals. The donation for each brick is \$50. For more information contact Tom High at 610-847-2374 or tojo@epix.net or Rich McEvoy 908-797-3195 or ramcevo@ptd.net



The **MSC 30th Annual Golf Tournament** was a great success with 124 golfers this year! A most sincere thank you to the ladies of St. John's for their dedication year after year helping to prepare, serve and clean-up for the tournament dinner. Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus for their dedicated help once again for picking up & delivering the chairs for our dinner, cooking on the golf course and serving drinks at the MSC Villa. Lastly, thanks to all the wonderful bakers whose tasty desserts were the *icing on the cake* for this all around successful day. We could not have done this without all of you!

**Pope: the Synod is guided by the
action of the Holy Spirit**



Pope Francis on Monday described the just opened Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family as an ecclesial expression that is guided by the action of the Holy Spirit.

Greeting participants at the Assembly just before work began on Monday morning, the Pope reminded them that a Synod of Bishops is not a conference, a parlor or a senate during which an agreement is reached.

It is, he said, a "walking together with the spirit of collegiality and synodality" never losing sight of the good of Church and of families.

Noting that the Holy Spirit speaks in the language of all the people of God who never fails to surprise us, the Pope said participants must be armed with apostolic courage, evangelical humility and trusting oration so that the Synod may be a space of action of the Holy Spirit.

The only method to be used, Pope Francis concluded, is to open oneself to the Holy Spirit so that he may guide us and enlighten us.



ARCHBISHOP WOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Remember "R" 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, October 17, 2015

9am

registration begins at 7:45am

For information contact Mary MacDonald at 215-672-5050 x 245



WITH MUCH APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO ALL THE DONORS & VOLUNTEERS AT OUR AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE WHICH WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25TH. BECAUSE OF YOU THE BLOOD CROSS WAS ABLE TO HELP 108 PATIENTS! MAY GOD BLESS YOU – Sylvia D. Holznagel

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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, Rose Marie Alex, Lillian Appleman, Mary Balbirer, John & Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Glenn DeKutowski, 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, Susan Gross, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Steve Hancharik, Bill Hejnor, Joyceann Heley, Charles Houston, Anna Jesiolowski, Martha Juchnowicz, Donald B Knight, Georgine Kocher, Anthony Kondracki, Deanna Kovner, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Charles Lutcavage, Julia Maher, Loretta Malloy, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget Julia McHugh, Michelle McNevin, Anne McNichol, Emma Michael, Florence Middleton, Joseph Moore, Jennie Moreno, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, Frances Nowicki, James O'Hanlon, Gary Palmer, Helen Patzek-Charlton, Nicholas Powell,

Gladys Proca, Marianne Przyuski, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Gregory Rickert, Valerie Roberts, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Kelsey Russell, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Andrew & Florence Schroker, Lucyann Sciacca, Mario Sciacca, Joe Shuman, Gail Silveira, **Joseph Simkanin**, Baby Ella Stack, Carolyn Stahley, Shane Stroup, Michael Suder, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas & Frank Toner, Barbara Vogan, Diane Wesoski, Tamara Widmer, Betty Wismer, 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, 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 freedom.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 17th & 18th, 2015
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday, 5:00pm October 17th	Gerrie Belsito Lynn Gammello Dave Slifer Marion Wolf	Anne Slifer	Gianna Gammello James Gammello Emily Vinal	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
Sunday, 8:00am October 18th	Jackie Litzenberger Jim McHugh Renee Moyer Bea Romaszewski	Helene Bell	Angelina Day Grace McArdle Maggie McArdle	Patty Leidner Elaine Jocelyn
Sunday, 10:30am October 18th	Peg Glancey Dan Hauber Maryann Huber Bruce Keyser	Patti Keyser	Joey DeVenuto Audrey Giovino Maria Middleton	Ordinary Time