

OCTOBER 18, 2015 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**PARISH STAFF**

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

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

**Deacon: Ernest D'Angelo**

**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. 19 - 25, 2015**

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

**Monday, Oct. 19**

8:35am (chapel) Roy & Betty Weber (Bill & Bea Rogers)

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**

8:35am (chapel) Henry & Kathryn Petritsch (Loving son Gerry)

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**

*Rosary prayed after Mass*

8:35am (chapel) Jeffery Halpern (Barney & Mary Fontenot)

**Thursday, Oct. 22**

8:35am (chapel) Keith Heckler (Kim Greene)

**Friday, Oct. 23**

9:00am (Church) David Vogan (Maxine Vogan)

**Saturday, Oct. 24**

5:00pm (church) Parishioners' Intentions

**Sunday, Oct. 25**

8:00am (church) Joe Litzenberger (Loving Wife)

10:30am (church) James Robert Giarratana (The Giarratana Family)

***The Altar flowers have been donated in memory of Genie Cullen by Francis Nowicki.***

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**Meetings for the week of Oct. 19 - 25, 2015**

**Mon. Oct. 19:** Knights of Columbus, Parish Hall

**Wed. Oct. 21:** Altar Society, 1pm Marian Room

**Thurs. Oct. 22:** Divine Mercy Presentation, 7pm - Church

**Fri. Oct. 23:** Discovering Christ (Pilot), 6:30pm – Parish Hall

**Sat. Oct. 24:** Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room

Youth Group, 3pm – Parish Hall

**Sun. Oct. 25:** Teen RCIA, 11:45am – Marian Room

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**The Church Cleaning Team for the week of**

**October 19th is Team # 2:**

*Joyce Melchiorre, Peg Trouts,*

*Jean Wurster, Terri DeVenuto*

***Your parish thanks you!***



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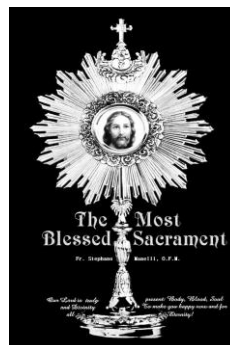
**Mass Collection**

**28th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**October 11, 2015**

**\$5,861.00**

***Thank you for your generosity!***



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***Our Parish  
24-Hour Monthly Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
moves to the  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.  
Next date is  
Friday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>  
following the 9am Mass***

*Gospel Reflections*  
*A Letter from Our Pastor,*  
*Father Simi*



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

***“For the Son of Man did not come to be served  
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for  
many.”  
(Mark 10:45)***

This weekend, our Lord keeps our focus on the central part of His mission here on earth: His suffering, death and resurrection. This is His mission which He has received from His Father. His whole existence is to love and please His Father.

It is the Father's will to restore His relationship with us. This is all that the Father wants. He loves us and misses us. He only desires that we return to Him and to be in a perfect love relationship with Him.

To fulfill this dream, the Father sends us His divine Son to not only shows us how to be in love with the Father, but to enable us to be in love with His Father again. God the Father is going to reveal to us how He loves us and how He wants to be loved.

The way He loves us is with His whole being and nothing less. His whole being exists for His own Son. His whole identity is His fatherhood of His Son. I think you parents have an inkling of this kind of love. Your children become your whole existence. They are the reason you are a mother or father.

The Father's whole existence is His Son, Jesus. He is going to love us with nothing less than Jesus Himself. The Father will love us with His whole purpose of existence: His Son. He is going to sacrifice His Son for us.

Remember Abraham? God the Father was from the very beginning giving us a clue on how He is going to love us. Just as Abraham was ready to sacrifice his very own son Isaac to God, God was foreshadowing the sacrifice of His own Son Jesus for us.

The Father sacrifices His Son by having Him drink the cup of all of humanities suffering, pain and death. God the Father was going to show us the depth of love by baptizing (immersing) His very own Son deep into the waters of our own suffering and death.

This is the core of our faith because it is at the core of the Father's love for us. It is the central part of our catholic faith because it is the central part of Jesus' very own love for His Father. He pleases His Father completely by giving His life for us because it will please the Father to then raise us with His Son from all that separates us from Him: sin and death.

Yet the disciples, like us today, did not really quite get this. Like James and John, sons of Zebedee, we do

not really even know what we want. “You do not know what you are asking.” (Mark 10: 38) We want to be counted with Jesus in His glory, we just really don't know what that glory is and what it takes to get there.

Jesus glory is His Father. Jesus glory is to please His Father by doing only what the Father wants Him to do. Jesus glory is to obey His Father who wills that He lays down His life as a ransom for us from sin and death. Jesus glory is the cross.

The Zebedee boys had no idea about that kind of loving. We too might have a faint idea but we do not fully appreciate its depth, width, height and length. James and John at first will be repulsed by it all. The cross will first come to them as a scandal, a stumbling block that they will have to overcome.

Jesus, however, is going to teach them and even enable them to not only understand the cross as an act of divine love but will also empower them to love like that. Jesus is going to teach them and empower them to share in His way of loving; the way of the cross.

Jesus will empower us to share in His way of loving but it is going to be a struggle just as it was for the original disciples. The struggle will be with drinking the cup of suffering that Jesus chooses to drink and being immersed in the suffering and death that Jesus obediently and lovingly immerses Himself in.

Love seeks not special places of honor. It seeks only to please the Father.

*Fr. Simi.*

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



### Was Jesus a pessimist or a stark realist?

On three different occasions the Gospels record that Jesus predicted he would endure great suffering through betrayal, rejection, and the punishment of a cruel death. The Jews resorted to stoning and the Romans to crucifixion, the most painful and humiliating death they could devise for criminals they wanted to eliminate. No wonder the apostles were greatly distressed at such a prediction! If Jesus their Master were put to death, then they would likely receive the same treatment by their enemies. Jesus called himself the "Son of Man" because this was a common Jewish title for the Messiah. Why must the Messiah be rejected and killed? Did not God promise that his Anointed One would deliver his people from their oppression and establish a kingdom of peace and justice? The prophet Isaiah had foretold that it was God's will that the "Suffering Servant" make atonement for sins through his suffering and death (Isaiah 53:5-12). Jesus paid the price for our redemption with his blood. Slavery to sin is to want the wrong things and to be in bondage to destructive desires. The ransom Jesus paid sets us free from the worst tyranny possible-- the tyranny of sin and the fear of death. Jesus' victory did not end with death but triumphed over the tomb. Jesus defeated the powers of death through his resurrection. Jesus also used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion. What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations. A disciple must be ready to lay down his or her life in martyrdom and be ready to lay it down each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required. An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: to serve is to reign with Christ. We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service as Jesus did for our sake. Are you willing to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus did?

**Let us pray..."Lord Jesus, your death brought life and freedom. Make me a servant of your love that I may seek to serve rather than be served." Amen.**



## The Regina Academy

### at St. John the Baptist

4040 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942

Ph: 610-847-5523 [www.sjbottsville.org](http://www.sjbottsville.org)

Join us at  
**3pm on Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
for our annual

## MOM'S WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

**Visit our website for the latest news & upcoming events**

School Headmaster: Mr. Michael Patterson

Dir. of Institutional Advancement: Geoff Meyer

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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*





## The MSC Center Valley 6<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Raffle

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 are available for purchase 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

## Join us for **COACH** Bingo!!

**WHEN: Friday, November 6**

**WHERE: St. Agnes Church, Parish Social Hall**

445 N. Main Street, Sellersville ~ 215-257-2128

**TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00pm (doors open at 6pm)**

**TICKETS: \$35**

**CONTACT: Michelle for your tickets:**

[mjgarges@verizon.net](mailto:mjgarges@verizon.net) – only 200 on sale – Order your tickets now!

**ALL money goes to support our parish! Thank you.**



**The Knights of Columbus** would like to thank those who supported and donated to the Penny Party. Without you we would not be able to fund the many activities that help people in our community.



## *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

### *A Quiet Witness*

*The purpose of our ministry is to offer a symbol of God's love and comfort through the gift of a prayer shawl. We knit or crochet shawls to be given to people in our parish or community. We pray for God's blessings and love to be poured out to those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need of God's loving embrace. We have gifted over 400 people with our prayer shawls. Our ministry gifts each baby baptized in our parish with a prayer shawl.*

*We gift those who are either physically, emotionally or spiritually sick with God's loving embrace through our prayer shawls.*

*If you know of someone in need of God's loving embrace and would like to have them receive a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office.*

**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.** If you are interested in helping, but have no knowledge of the game, no worries. **Please contact Claire @ [cmgeib@aol.com](mailto:cmgeib@aol.com)**

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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 Fratrik, 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 24th & 25th, 2015  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
<b>Saturday, 5:00pm October 24th</b>	John Becker Darlene Bittenmaster Jim Black Joan Black	Melissa Johnson	Brendan Krug Johann Krug Jack Pauly	Marion Wolf Karen Parash
<b>Sunday, 8:00am October 25th</b>	Nancy Kaczinski Kevin Murphy Donna Nice Ron Watson	Kathy Fetter	Danny Froman Samantha Froman Maria Middleton	Denny Litzenberger Tom High Sue Rogers
<b>Sunday, 10:30am October 25th</b>	Joanne DaCunha Dan Huber Maryann Huber Dolly Kovacs	Leona Russell	Julia Costello Kaelin Costello Nicole DeCicco	Choir Sue Rogers