

PARISH STAFF

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Mon- Fri: 9:00am (Thursday at old St. John's Church)
Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm

CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm
or by appointment.

Register in the Parish: Please contact the parish office to register when you move into our parish.

Certificates of Eligibility: Issued to registered parishioners, 16 yrs. and older, received all of their Sacraments of Initiation, attend MASS regularly at St. John's, and receive the sacraments of Communion and Penance often.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the fourth Sunday of every month. Sacrament of Baptism



takes place immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Parents and Godparents must attend 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 provide a *Certificate of Eligibility* from their pastor. 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*.

Mass Intentions

Week of April 26 – May 2, 2021

Daily Mass: 9am Monday – Friday

Monday: Ann C. Lapsley (*John F. Lapsley Jr.*)
Tuesday: Maria Middleton (*Dolly Kovacs*)
Wednesday: Lucy Sciacca (*Lucyann & Ron Rossi*)
Thursday @ old Church: Theresa McFadden (*Jack Lynch*)
Friday: Michael Hardiman (*Juncho Family*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5pm: Elaine & Ronald Weaver (*Ed Wismer*)
Sunday, 8am: Parishoners' Intentions



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Rite of Confirmation within the Mass
10:30am: Intentions of our *Confirmandi*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm

Fri. 9am – 1pm

The wearing of a face mask is required for service.

To plan a funeral or purchase a grave in our parish cemetery, call to make an appointment.

MASS COLLECTIONS

April 18: Envelopes \$ 6,571.00/ E-Giving: \$ 3,359.00

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Monday, 7pm

Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday, 9:30am

Adoration & Prayers

3rd Sunday, 12pm

Adoration & Prayer for Vocations

1st Saturday, 10am

Rosary, Confession, Mass
followed by Lunch

Call Joan Black for directions, reservations, or more info
at 215-795-2947.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Gospel of John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is easily distinguished from other shepherds, he or she is the one who is prepared to die for the sheep.

This may appear a little extreme as an image but it is not so hard to understand when we consider the lengths we go to in this country for pets. Here farmers go out in extreme weather to protect their flocks. They are certainly concerned about the protection of their livelihood but most farmers are also concerned to deal humanely with their animals. The difference between the shepherd and the hired hand is commitment. At the first sign of trouble the flock is abandoned by the uncommitted.

There is a lot of trouble in the world and in communities, a lot of running away, either literally or through denial. We can discern a number of troubles that beset the church. We may be tempted to run away or look somewhere other than our own communities for answers. Vatican 2 made it clear that the church could not be made to fit any one image of our devising. It also emphasized that the church was the people of God, a sign of God's gathering of all humankind into God's love. It was only after stating these truths that the council turned to the question of structure. It is self-evident that any group needs some structures if it is not to lose itself in unfocussed activity or worse, lose sight of its goals. Structures are to serve the mission of the church.

Leadership and the way it is exercised is an important part of the health of the enterprise. All adult disciples take part in the leadership of the church. Certain members elect the Pope on behalf of the whole community.

At present not all members of the church are involved in determining named leaders but it does not excuse us from the exercise of leadership in other ways. We are all called to exercise our leadership in education, in parish affairs, in service of the poor and in community worship. Most of us work in one area or another and we need to be informed on matters concerning that area.

Formation as adult Christians includes knowing our history so that we can judge new movements in the light of the tradition. We are not keepers of a museum but holders of a living tradition, we must be looking forward to discern ways that the Christian story can serve the world.

In the face of much despair, we must remain a sign of God's all-encompassing love, even in the face of the

narrowmindedness of members of our own communities. In our local churches we need to be looking for ways that the three-fold role of the Good Shepherd can be exercised well.

Priest: in the development of good worship and sound prayer.

Prophet: in the challenge to the community itself to strive to follow Christ more closely.

King: in the concern for and care for members of our own community.

Remember it was the last aspect of Christian living that so impressed non-Christians in the early centuries. Our dominant image of sheep as a vast woolly carpet moving over the hills or along a dusty road, can have the effect of making us forget that, while as members, we are willingly to accept the ministry of leadership from others, it is a conscious action based on the recognition that leadership is a gift for the community and that when we lead we do so, willingly to die for the group.

Patricia Stevenson rsj

Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart





TEACH the CHILDREN



CONGRATULATIONS

2021 FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

Ryan Campbell

Audrey Carr

Matthew Carr

Thomas Carr

Steven Combs

Amalia Crews

Anthony DeCrosta

Elizabeth Fauerbach

Reianna Hannigan

Benjamin Ivenz

Dax Jacoby

MaryGrace Kowalschik

Sirino Logaivau

James McCarthy

Grace Mignone

Charlotte Mundy

Jacob Roney

Christina Rowe

Dylan Schuback

Tyler Soderman

Mia Tumolo

Isabelle Watson

ATTENTION!

**Next Sunday May 2nd @ 10:30am Mass
Sacrament of Confirmation**

Please be advised - **available seating will be limited** due to the reserved seating for our Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors, and their families. Available Parking will also be limited.



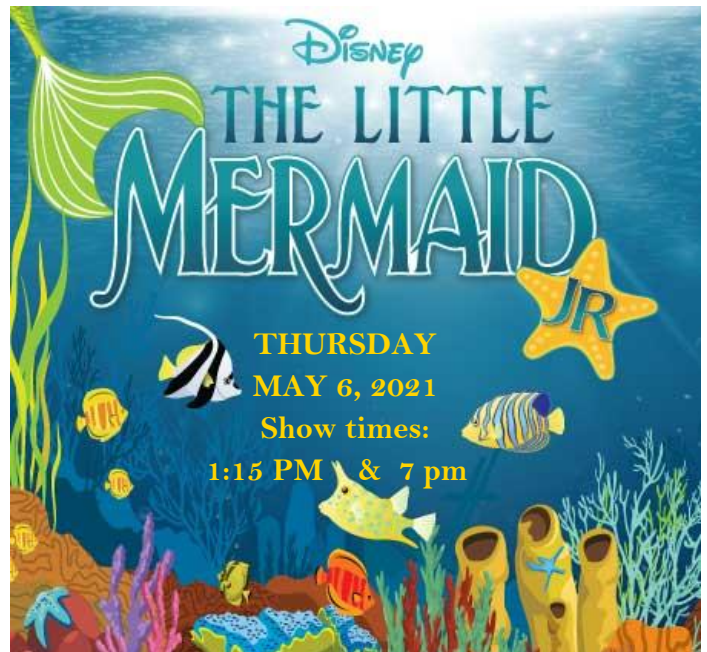
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**Do you know someone who has been away
from the church for a while?**



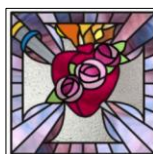
Invite them back!

SJB NITTY GRITTY



OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR CLUB!

We are looking for men & women who enjoy gardening & fellowship to join our group. Please consider sharing your talent (love of gardening) as we work together to keep our parish grounds looking beautiful...all for the glory of God. You can leave a message at the parish office or contact directly Jeanne Keller or Mary Kosmin to join.



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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 23, 2021

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA



On April 29, 1965, Pope Blessed Paul VI encyclical **Mense Maio** ("The Month of May"), promoted May devotions to the Blessed Mother, **"the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise."**

Seek Peace - Pope Paul VI's encyclical concerned with peace, invokes the *"intercession and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace"* amid ongoing persecutions and violence in many areas of the world. Turning to Christ though Mary is an important way to pray that May becomes a month of peace.

Honoring the Family - Pope Francis reminds us that by honoring Mary, we honor Jesus and our families. *"The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families."*

Honor Your Mother- Let Mary's month be a new reason to honor and celebrate your own mother.

**Ministry Schedule for
May 1st & 2nd - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Ministry Schedule:	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5 PM	Lynn Gammello	Anne Slifer	Martin Elsner OPEN	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Jim Black	Megan Gilbert	Need Volunteers	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
SUNDAY 10:30AM Sacrament of Confirmation	N/A	Ward Van Haute	Caius Van Haute Max Van Haute Need 4 Volunteers	Ordinary Time



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

*** New Name Added**

NEW CYCLE: March 1 – June 1, 2021

To RENEW or to ADD a name to our prayer list, please call the parish office.



OUR SICK:

Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Louis Belsito, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Joe Cegielski, Steve & Patty Combs, Julia Ferguson, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Cathy & Mark Hancharik, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Nancy Moreno, Ray Nalachowski, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Gerry Pacitti, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabbath, Pete Shultz, Sr., Fred Van Haute, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, Christine Zdanowicz, and all those afflicted by the Coronavirus.

TROOPS:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Matthew Gumprecht, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, Aileen Lauer, Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Cory Litzenberger, Dan O'Connor, Jonathan Pucci,