

### **PARISH STAFF**

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### **MASS TIMES**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am**

**Mon- Fri: 9:00am**

**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 5 -11, 2021**

**Daily Mass: 9am Monday – Friday**

**Monday: Joseph Cristiano** (*McCord family*)

**Tuesday: Maria Middleton** (*Jennie Blandi & Family*)

**Wednesday: Kathleen Lapsley** (*John F. Lapsley Jr.*)

**Thursday**(*old SJB Church*): **Sarah Saiia** (*Kosin Family*)

**Friday: Maria Middleton** (*Jim & Joan Black*)



### **Weekend Masses**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Saturday, Vigil Mass, 5 PM**

*For the Souls in Purgatory*

**Sunday, 8 AM & 10:30 AM**

*For the Intentions of All our Parishioners*

**Sunday, 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet**

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm: Fri. 9am – 1pm

The wearing of a face mask is mandatory.

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

### **MASS COLLECTIONS**

*Due to the holiday, Holy Week Mass collection totals were not available at press time.*

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

### **FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE**

**Bedminster, PA**

**“A Quiet Country Retreat”**

**Offering Day Retreats for groups up to 50  
Overnight Retreats for  
groups up to 8**



**Monday, 7pm**

Adoration & Prayers

**Wednesday, 9:30am**

Adoration & Prayers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12pm**

Adoration & Prayer for Vocations

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10am**

**Rosary, Confession, Mass followed by Lunch**

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

## The Resurrection of Jesus reminds us of the glorious future awaiting us

We are so accustomed to hearing of Jesus risen from the dead that we could say, “Oh yea...we know all about it” and miss the grace of this holy season of Easter. But think about it, Jesus rose from the dead! Death is not the end. It is only the door to beyond. Let us not allow the resurrection of Jesus to have to fight for room in our lives; let Jesus’ death and resurrection be the center of our lives. We had been waiting for this moment for thousands of years. The Old Testament shows us that history was working out God’s plan but the highpoint in God’s plan for us was the resurrection. Easter is the greatest celebration of the Church. Jesus’ resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. Jesus’ resurrection reminds us that there is more to each of us than meets the eye, that we have an immortal soul. Although our body will return to dust, our soul will live forever with God.

*What is the purpose of life? What is your goal in life? Where is your heart in life?* Life has only one ultimate goal, to prepare for the next life, and if you are not preparing for your own resurrection you are like a train that has become derailed and goes nowhere.

We have a wonderful future ahead of us. We will be resurrected like Jesus. The end of our second reading today said, “...the life you have is hidden with Christ in God...” (Col 3:3) “But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.” (Col 3:4).

Paul wrote to the Philippians, “For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Savior we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.” (Phil 3:20) Just think of it, you will be transformed to become glorious like Jesus. Do you live like someone who believes in such a glorious future? If you do, surely everything in this world takes on a new perspective, so that, as I said earlier, we do not become possessed by our possessions. And since you will be transfigured, will be glorious like the risen Jesus, why do you not pray for a substantial amount of time every day? It is a contradiction to say that you believe in God if you don’t pray. The reason we have so many problems is because we don’t pray enough. Pray, pray, pray.

John, in his first letter says something similar, “My dear people, we are already children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.” (1 John 3:2)

In the same letter John says, “Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are”(1 John 3:1). We died to an old way of life on the day we were baptized, we died to living only for this life. On the day you were baptized you were born again. You became adopted sons or daughters of God.

All the resurrection accounts are different and we cannot reconcile them. In the account from Mark 16 we read last night (Year B) three women came to the tomb. In the account from John 20 this morning, firstly Mary Magdalene and then Peter and John go to the tomb. One of the things all the resurrection accounts have in common is the stone rolled back from the entrance to the tomb. If you are not living like a son or daughter of God roll away the stone. If you are not happy, that is a sure sign that the stone needs to be rolled away in your life. If you knew the risen Jesus you would have such joy in your heart that you nothing else could give you. Think of the total change that occurred in Paul’s life after he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. You must roll away the stone for that.

Listen once again to part of our second reading today,

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on things that are on the earth, because you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:1-3)

God has adopted you as his son or daughter. Thank God for this most wonderful privilege. If you had met the risen Jesus you would certainly know it. If you haven’t yet met the risen Jesus, roll away the stone and meet Jesus.

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Easter 2021

Dear PREP Families & Catechists,

Easter is the holiest day in the Catholic Church. On this Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us. But it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, in this world.

Easter is a time for hope, renewal of spirit, rekindling of faith and rejoicing in the triumph of the Lord.

It is also the time to reach out to our loved ones and come together in prayer and celebrations of the miracle of Easter.

"For God so loved the world,  
That He gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in Him,  
should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16



*Wishing all of you a Happy & Blessed Easter!*

Donna Sciacca, DRE



## First Holy Communion



Rehearsal, Thurs., April 22<sup>nd</sup> at  
6pm in the Church.

Bring your child's Banner & Photo  
Order Form with your payment.

**Sacrament Mass – Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 AM in the Church**

Communicants are to arrive by 9am for their pictures.



Final Candidate, Sponsor, & Parent ZOOM Mtg.,  
Thurs. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

**Rehearsal – Sat. May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM in the Church**

*Candidate & Sponsor attendance mandatory*

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION within the MASS**

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 AM Mass**

Candidate & Sponsor to arrive by 9:45 AM



**THE REGINA ACADEMY**  
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**Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist**  
**In-House Declamation Contest**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School**  
**Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director**  
[www.rasjb.org](http://www.rasjb.org)  
610-847-5523





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For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal, please email [CCA@thecfcp.org](mailto:CCA@thecfcp.org) or call 215.587.5650.

**High School Workshop on  
"Catholicism and the Common Good"**

**Monday, June 28 - Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

Join the Collegium Institute for our first summer seminar of the Young Catholic Leaders Initiative for advanced high school students. Over the course of three days, Catholicism and the Common Good will focus on one of the 'three necessary societies' stipulated by Catholic Social Teaching, namely, the family, the state, and the Church. Through a combination of keynote lectures and seminars with Penn faculty, panel discussions and city tours with experts in local history, we will explore the principles undergirding Catholic thought on the common good by engaging with thinkers ranging from Augustine and Aquinas to Weil and Wojtyla, as well as seeking to apply those principles to our contemporary American context.

For more information and to Register visit:  
<https://forms.gle/hvGCHx4Lo67D7P496>



**Malvern  
Retreat House**

315 S. Warren Avenue  
Malvern, PA 19355  
610.644.0400

**April 16 - 18, 2021**

**Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your  
Marriage**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

**For more information, or to register,** visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring  
the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities,  
the Deaf Community, Family, Friends  
& Caregivers**

**Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm  
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia**

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

St. Christopher Parish Schola will provide the liturgical music. *All are Welcome!*

**Register by email** [opd@archphila.org](mailto:opd@archphila.org) or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.



**Annual Wedding Anniversary  
Mass**

**Saturday, May 1, 2021  
5:15 PM Vigil Mass**

**Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year?** The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds or celebrating their 5, 10, 25 or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. **Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

To Register please call The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.

For more details see the flyer on the wall in our Narthex

Ministry Schedule for  
April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Ministry Schedule:	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
Saturday 5 PM	Dorothy Ciegelski	Kim Zampirri	Martin Elsner Juliet Myers	
SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter	Jeanne Keller	OPEN OPEN	
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black	Ward Van Haute	Audrey Van Haute Max Van Haute Caius Van Haute	



**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, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Julia Ferguson, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Cathy & Mark Hancharik, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Nancy Moreno, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Gerry Pacitti, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabath, Pete Shultz, Sr., 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, Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva.

*May God protect and watch over our troops.*