

PARISH STAFF

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Mon - Fri: 8:35am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm

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

Register: Please contact the parish office to register when you move into our 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. 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 for the Week of August 3 - 9, 2020 Daily Mass 8:35am in the Main Church

Monday: John Joseph Koerber (*Tom & Sue Rogers*)

Tuesday: Ron Maisenhalter (*Helen Kondracki*)

Wednesday: John Zdanowicz (*Paulette Frankenfield*)

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately follows
Mass, closing Benediction at 7pm.*

Thursday: Kaitlyn Markulec (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)

Friday: Kathleen Lapsley (*John Lapsley, Jr.*)

Saturday

5pm: Marie Louzon (*SJB Lector Ministry*)

Sunday

8am: Parishioners' Intentions

10:30am: Barbara Fox (*Altar Society*)

Parish Office Summer Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm / Friday 9am – 1pm

No Walk-Ins – Please call ahead for service

610-847-5521

PARISH LIFE - GREEN PHASE

July 17, 2020: Diocesan Clarifications to the Green Phase are as follows:

- Any gathering outside of the Mass, incl. Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, parish or school events that take place on the parish grounds are limited to no more than 25 people.
 - No meetings or events may take place inside any of the church buildings until further notice.
 - The guidelines for face coverings, social distancing, frequent washing of hands, and the frequent use of hand sanitizer are still in place.
 - Weekly professional sanitizing of all surfaces inside our church continues. To assure it remains free of contaminants until we gather for Confession prior to our Saturday vigil Mass, no one is to gather inside our church from noon on Friday thru Saturday at 4pm.
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Mass Collection for Sunday, July 26, 2020

Collection Baskets: \$ 5,647.00

Parish Giving: \$ 2,135.83

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

took... blessed... broke... gave!

Gospel of Matthew 14: 13-21

John the Baptist's death moves Jesus deeply. Not only had they been cousins, and men who shared a deep common bond of dedication to God's Kingdom, but John's death was for Christ a signal that his own ministry was to rise to another level: the Precursor had finished his mission; the King was now to arrive. Christ's heart was heavy with sorrow for John's tragic death, and his mind was full of its consequences. He goes away to be alone, to have time to reflect and to pray as he begins a new stage of his mission. But the crowds won't leave him alone; they give him no space. They flock around him. All day he is there, listening, teaching, and healing – all day he pours out his love on these needy crowds, when what he had planned to do was go off on his own to reflect and pray.

When the disciples try to get Jesus to send away the people away, suggesting they must be hungry and there is nothing here for them to eat, Christ instead teaches a lesson: just as the Son of Man (Jesus) has come to serve, to give and not to count the cost, so his followers must do the same. "Feed them yourselves," he quips. Imagine the look on the disciples' faces! Five thousand men, with another few thousand women and children, and the Master tells the Apostles to give them a meal. They point out that they really have barely enough food even for themselves, let alone to feed thousands. But however little they have, when they put it into the hands of the Lord it becomes more than enough.

Matthew emphasizes Christ's example of self-forgetting love by drawing a parallel between it and the culmination of Jesus' self-giving, the Eucharist. The four verbs that describe what Jesus does with the five loaves in this scene are the same four verbs that describe what Jesus does with the bread that becomes his body during the Last Supper – the same ones every priest still uses today in the sacrifice of the Mass: took... blessed... broke... gave. It is a summary of Christian theology.

Jesus did that with human nature: taking flesh, praying to his Father, suffering his passion, and spreading the Good News.

He does it with each of his disciples: he calls them, pours out his grace on them, gives them a share in the cross, and sends them into the world to make more disciples.

The Eucharist is Christ's ongoing love affair with the souls for whom he died, and it makes what it teaches (self-forgetting love) actually happen in those who receive it with faith.

My heart thirsts for those who are thirsty. I hunger for those who hunger. I want to feed those who are hungry; I want to heal those who are sick; I want to teach those who are confused.

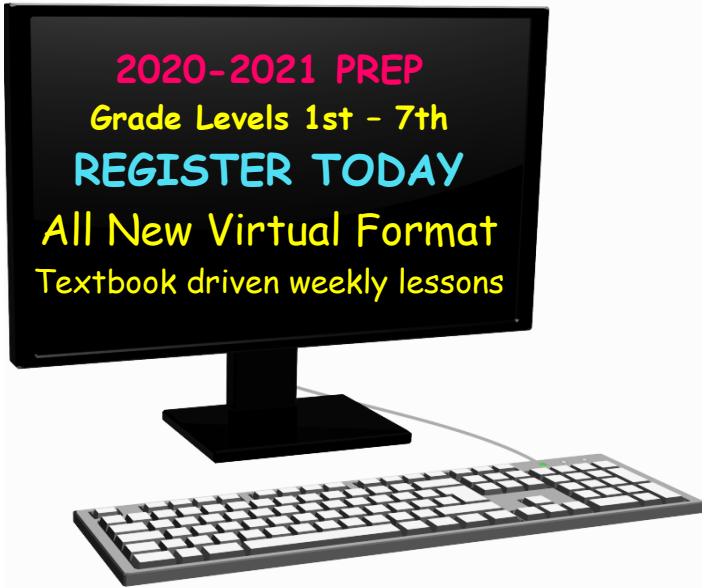
This is why I came, to put my omnipotence, my goodness, and my wisdom at the service of others.

But I don't want to do everything myself. I choose apostles to work with me, because I want to bring all people together into my Kingdom, to make all people full, active citizens.

In wisdom and love I choose to need the generosity of those whom I call to follow me: the successors of the apostles (the Pope and the bishops in union with him) and through them priests, consecrated men and women, and all Christians.

If each of my followers will give me what little they have, I will multiply it, I will make it feed the starving masses, with both food for their bodies and for their souls. No matter how little it seems you can do, I want you to do it, and I will take care of making it overflow into eternity.

Jesus



Registration forms available to download.

Visit our PREP page on our website

www.stjohnsottsville.org

WELCOMING New Students

SHARING JESUS WITH YOUR CHILD



If you have a child
entering
the 1st grade in
September,
or if you are
new in

our parish and have
a child(ren) in grades 1 - 7

please call the parish office to register them in
our Parish Religious Education Program.

Payment plans are available to families who may be
experiencing financial difficulty at this time. Call the
office to set up an appointment with Donna Sciacca,
DRE at 610-847-5521.



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Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
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Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director
www.rasjb.org

**FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Bedminster, PA
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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 & Lunch



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

The new date is October 23, 2021.

For further information visit:

www.catholicwomensconference.org

August 14-16th, 2020

Retrouvaille Retreat for Married Couples
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. The next program begins the weekend of August 14-16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

To register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Napa Institute Virtual Conference
August 14-15, 2020

"Finding Hope in the New America."

Join speakers such as Cardinal George Pell, Scott Hahn, Curtis Martin, George Weigel, Ryan Anderson, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Fr. Robert Spitzer, and many more as they address issues ranging from socialism to how to answer our call to evangelization in a hostile world. In these unprecedented times in our nation, we must view all the critical issues through a Catholic lens, with great hope in Christ.

Keynote speakers:

Dr. Tim Gray and Chris Stefanick

Registration \$149 per person before August 1;

This is an online conference.

Visit: <https://web.cvent.com/event/8c58f522-c5de-46f1-a0b2-a42726ed04ae/summary>



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"...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary." – Sr. Lucia of Fatima

Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic.

Rosary in English:

New schedule beginning August 3:

Every week, Monday through Thursday at 8 PM until further notice

For more details and log-in, visit:

<http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary>



Biking for Vocations
August 5-9, 2020

Biking for Vocations 2020 is an exciting five day biking pilgrimage designed to raise awareness of vocations to the priesthood and vocational discernment, as well as to generate support for the seminarians currently in formation. This year, there will be two biking routes around the Archdiocese. Both include visits to parishes where the seminarians will participate in holy hours, prayer services and Masses as well as their vocation stories.

Location: Various locations around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

More info: For the schedule, to meet the cyclists and find out how to participate, **visit:**

<https://heedthecall.org/bikingforvocations/>

Ministry Schedule for: August 8th & 9th, 2020 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Dorothy Cegielski	Helene Bell	Martin Elsner	Ordinary Time
Sunday 8am	Mark Fetter	Anne Slifer	Joseph Fetter	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
Sunday 10:30am	Dolly Kovacs	Ward VanHaute	Caius VanHaute Max VanHaute	Liz Torgerson Bob Galdo



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

* New Name Added



June 1st – Sept. 1st

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, Ross Brinkert, Steve Combs, Patty Combs, Julia Ferguson, Patricia Fite, Maddie Gardner, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, MaryAnn Hauber, Valerie Korbar, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Maria Middleton, Nancy Moreno, **Mark Neustadter**, James O'Hanlon, Gerry Pacitti, Pete Shultz, Sr., **Steve & Wendy Snyder**, Riley Telesco, Cynthia Tocci, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer.

OUR 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, Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Cory Litzenberger, Dan O'Connor, Jonathan Pucci, Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva.