

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Tony Ripp, M.S.C.
Dir. of Religious Education: Donna Sciacca
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok
Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese

PARISH SPIRITUALITY

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 the 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. 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: 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 anytime



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.***

For the Week of August 6 - 12, 2018

Mass Intentions

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

Mon. – Fri., 8:35am in the Chapel

Monday: Joyce Moninghoff (*Jerome & Debbie Smith*)
Tuesday: Marc Tobash (*Joe & Dorothy Cegielski*)
Wednesday: Robert Hueston (*SJB Friend*)
Thursday: Maria Meier (*Ron Meier*)
Friday: Joyce Moninghoff (*Claire Bushway*)

Weekend Masses in main Church

Saturday:

5pm: John Fachet (*Denny & Debbie Litzenberger & Family*)

Sunday:

8:00am: Parishioners' Intentions

10:30am: Anthony Kondracki (*Loving wife Helen & Family*)

Ministry Meetings this Week

Mon. August 6: Knights of Columbus, 7:30pm – Marian Rm.

Sat. Aug. 11: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel

Sunday Mass Collection from July 29th

Collection Baskets \$5,001.00

Pontifical Mission \$1,665.50

Electronic - Parish Giving \$ 451.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This week's Cleaning Team is # 2:

Joyce Melchiorre, Peg Trouts, Jean Wurster, Terri DeVenuto

Your parish Thanks You!

Today's Mass READINGS may be found in the JourneySongs Hymnal:

Section 980



MAGS (Merchant and Grocery Scrip Cards)

for eating...shopping...or filling your tank

Order Scrip Gift Cards!



On SALE everyday at the Parish Office and also in the Narthex before & after all Masses

Parish Office Summer Hours

Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 5:30pm; Fri: 8:30am – 12pm

Gospel Reflections - John 6: 24-31

“Give us this bread always!”

by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

We can certainly understand God’s frustration with his people in today’s first reading from Exodus. The God of Israel has just delivered his people from slavery and has set them on the way to their promised land. Yet after crossing the Red Sea and celebrating their victory, the first recorded action in the Sinai proves to be grumbling and dissatisfaction, first over the bitter water at Mara (Exodus 15:22-27), and then more complaining and nostalgic longing for the fleshpots in the land of Egypt, where they were able to eat their fill!

Into this setting of ingratitude and lamentation, God rains down bread from heaven (manna) and quail for their food. The Exodus passage (16:2-4, 12-15) contrasts the nonbeliever (who grumbles that the manna and quail are meagre nourishment) with the believer (who sees these as God’s generous gifts to the hungry).

In today’s Gospel text (John 6:24-35) that follows the miraculous multiplication of the loaves, Jesus says to the crowds who were seeking him: “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you” (John 6:26-27).

Jesus’ hearers continue the conversation and ask him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” (John 6:28). Jesus answers: “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent” (John 6:29). It is an exhortation to have faith in the Son of Man, in the giver of the food that does not perish. Without faith in him whom the Father has sent, it is not possible to recognize and accept this gift which does not pass away.

Along with physical hunger there is within each of us another hunger, a more basic hunger, which cannot be satisfied by ordinary food. It is a hunger for life, a hunger for eternity, nostalgia for God. The sign of the manna was the proclamation of the coming of Christ who was to satisfy our hunger for eternity by himself becoming the “living bread” that “gives life to the world.”

Jesus invites us to “come to him,” “believe in him,” “look upon him,” “be drawn to him,” “hear him,” and to “learn of him.” All of these verbs invite the active response of our faith (cf. John 6:35, 37, 40, 44, 45). His word is nourishment for our faith.

Those who heard Jesus ask him to fulfill what had been proclaimed by the sign of the manna, perhaps without being conscious of how far their request would go: “Sir, give us this bread always” (John 6:34). How eloquent is this request! How generous and how amazing is its fulfillment! “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” How difficult it was for Jesus’ hearers to make this passage

from the sign to the mystery indicated by that sign, from daily bread to the bread “which endures to eternal life”! Nor is it easy for us, the people of the 21st century to make such passages in our own life, from sign to mystery.

At times our grumblings and murmurings about the Eucharist and the Church often rise to fever pitch, not much different than the grumbling and murmuring of Israel in the desert. Excessive tensions arising from Church politics, gender issues, liturgical practices, language – all of these influence today’s Eucharist – and can lead us to a feeling of God’s absence.

Our Eucharistic celebrations are not taking place at Massah and Meribah – places of murmuring in the desert. We are often stuck in endless arguments between devotion and liturgy, or in a constant dispute between charity and justice: when devotion is treated as the enemy of liturgy and charity as the betrayer of justice, or when liturgy is reduced to private devotion and justice not recognized as constitutive to the Gospel.

Benedict XVI has put a great emphasis on Eucharistic adoration and devotion in Catholic life. Many of us have failed to see that our public worship is intimately related to adoration, so much so that they could be considered as one. Piety and devotion can be springboards to mature faith. Each time we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist as the Christian community, we profess, together with the whole Church, our faith in Christ the Eucharist, in Christ – the living bread and the bread of life.

At the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City in 2008, Filipino Bishop Louis Antonio Tagle delivered a remarkable catechesis that concluded with a profound explanation of the meaning of authentic Adoration of the Eucharist. He said:

“In the Eucharist, the Church joins Jesus in adoring the God of life. But the practice of Eucharistic adoration enlivens some features of worship. We believe that the presence of Christ in the Eucharist continues beyond the liturgy. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament connotes being present, resting, and beholding. In adoration, we are present to Jesus whose sacrifice is ever present to us. Abiding in him, we are assimilated more deeply into his self-giving. Beholding Jesus, we receive and are transformed by the mystery we adore. Eucharistic adoration is similar to standing at the foot of the Cross of Jesus, being a witness to his sacrifice of life and being renewed by it. The sacrifice or spiritual worship of Jesus on the cross is his supreme act of adoration.”

May our Eucharistic celebrations continue to transform our parish communities and the society around us into a civilization of love! May they nourish in us a hunger and thirst for justice. May our longing for the Eucharist make us ever more patient and kind with one another. Let us pray that we may truly become what we receive in the Eucharistic meal.



TEACH the CHILDREN

August 15th - Feast of the Assumption of Mary

A holy day of obligation for Catholics around the world, Commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven.

"We see in Mary the logic of the Assumption as the culmination of Mary's life. A Eucharistic requirement for that day is very fitting."

The dogma of the Assumption of Mary - also called the "Dormition of Mary" in the Eastern Churches - has its roots in the early centuries of the Church. The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary's earthly life ended, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven.

This belief traces its roots back to the earliest years of the Church.

According to St. John of Damascus, in the 5th century, at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, Roman Emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God. St. Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem replied "that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St.

Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven," the saint recorded.

The belief in the Assumption of Mary was a widely-held tradition, and a frequent meditation in the writings of saints throughout the centuries. However, it was not defined officially until the past century. In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus officially defining the dogma of the Assumption.

"By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," the pope wrote.

"What is more fitting than on the Assumption of the Blessed Mother to, once again, focus on her Son, on the Eucharist?"



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

A+ School Rewards At Giant

Want to help our school earn CASH?

REGISTER your BonusCard® using our ID # 25877

Each time you shop at any Giant using your BonusCard®, you will earn A+ Points. These points become CASH for our school! You will still keep your gas points for your use too!

Create your on-line account today

@ giantfoodstores.com

Our ID#25877

We were awarded \$1,058 the past school year. Let's try to get to \$2,000 this year! We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you!



Mr. John Mundy, Headmaster

610-847-5523 / jmundy@rasjb.org

Mr. Geoff Meyer, Dir. of Institutional Advancement

610-960-7062 / gmeyer@rasjb.org

Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director: 267-424-5762

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

Bedminster, PA

“A Quiet Country Retreat”

Offering Day & Overnight Retreats for Individuals
and Small Groups

Our Programs Are Open to All

Monday, 7pm: Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday, 9:30am: Adoration & Prayers

3rd Sunday, 12pm: Adoration & Prayer for Vocations

1st Saturday, 10am: Rosary, Confession Mass & Lunch

For more information or directions, please call

Joan Black at 215-536-3508, visit us at

fatimahousebedminster.webs.com



REGISTER NOW

33rd Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 14, 2018

Whitetail Golf Club

2679 Klein Road, Bath PA
18014



Registration forms available at
the parish office.

For more information call Peg Glancey at 610-847-5217

REGISTER/SPONSOR



9th Annual MSC Sisters NUN RUN

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Sacred Heart Villa

51 Seminary Ave. • Reading, PA 19605

Registration opens at 8:00 AM & closes at 9:50 AM

Start Times: Youth Run – 9:40

5K – 10:00

1M Walk – 10:10

Register, or to be a Sponsor, visit us online at:

mscreading.org/2018-nun-run/

email: CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org or call 610-9292802

Liturgy of the Word

Allowing God's word to penetrate our hearts and minds

During our Masses beginning this week, you will notice a change in the format in which the Cantor proclaims the Responsorial Psalm.

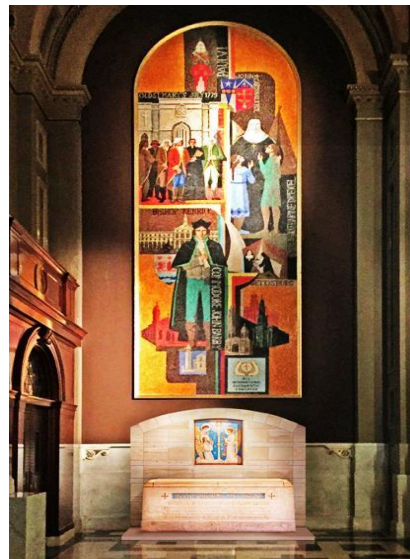
The Cantor who leads our congregation in song during the refrain of the “Responsorial Psalm” will now be joining the Lector at the ambo. This is because the *Responsorial Psalm* is part of the Liturgy of the Word.

Both the Lector who proclaims the first and second readings and the Cantor who proclaims the Responsorial Psalm will meet at the foot of the Sanctuary and then go to the the Ambo from which they will proclaim God's Word.

Following the completion of the second reading, both Lector and Cantor will leave the Sanctuary and return to their former positions...the Lector will return to their seat while the the Cantor will return to the mic in front of the piano. Then as we stand to prepare to hear our priest proclaim the Gospel, the Cantor will lead us in the singing of the Gospel Alleluia.

These changes serve to highlight the centrality of Christ Himself as *the Word*, from whom we receive the Father's voice, and the Word in whom we also find our response to the Father.

St. Katharine Drexel's tomb will move to the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia.



The remains of St. Katharine Drexel, the founder of the Sisters of the Blessed

Sacrament, will be transferred from the crypt under the chapel of St. Elizabeth

Convent, the congregation's

Bensalem motherhouse, in the coming weeks.

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have once again given the faithful of the archdiocese a tremendous gift,” said

Father G. Dennis Gill, the rector of the cathedral. Deeply religious, Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891 with the specific ministry of service to the two most persecuted races in American society — the “Indians and Colored People,” the common terms for Native American and African American people in that era. After a very long life Mother Katharine died March 3, 1955, and was canonized in 2000 with March 3 as her feast day.



Please remember in your prayers our parishioners, who are sick, homebound, in the hospital, and under hospice or residential care.

Susan Ackerman, Lillian Appleman, Patricia Baker, Nancy Beans, Loretta Bodisch, Patti Bucci, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Maria DeLuca-Lorenzo, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Marvin Eichlin, Loretta Farrell, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Claire Fratrik, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallagher, Kathleen Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Bill Hejnor, Joyceann Heley, Michael Heuston, Sharon Horvath, Charles Houston, Martha Juchnowicz, Georgine Kocher, Valerie Korbar, Aleena Lang, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Charles Lutcavage, Loretta Malloy, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Harvey Mueller, Charlie Murphy, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, James O'Hanlon, Gabriel Otero, Jonathan Ott, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Carol Reardon, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy Rodman,

Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Kelsey Russell, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, Baby Ella Stack, Jenna Stanzio, Shane Stroup, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Cynthia Tocci, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Helen Wall, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealton, Tamara Widmer, Edward Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder, Liem Zbyszinski



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, Casey de Lauretis, Steehly de Lauretis, 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, Don Valdez.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING & PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS.

Ministry Schedule for August 11th & 12th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15th – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
SATURDAY 5PM	Joe Cegielski Cathy Leidtke Jacki Litzenberger Dave Slifer	Marie Louzon	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Maryann McEvoy Donna Nice Ron Watson	John Zdanowicz	Danny Froman Natalie Nice Violet Williams	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black Wendy DeGroot Donna Sciacca	Laura Fleck	Joseph Gonzales-Fleck Olivia Luna Luke Luna	Susan Middleton Choir Nio
Wednesday, Aug. 15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MARY 9AM / 7:30PM	Jim Black Joan Black Not Filled Not Filled	Helene Bell Not Filled	Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled	