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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Mon - Thurs: 8:35am / Fri: 9am

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 Feb. 3 - 9, 2020
Daily Mass

Morning Prayer in St. Joseph Chapel, Mon. – Fri. at 8:15am
Mon – Thurs. 8:35am (Chapel); Friday at 9am (Church)

Monday: Marie Louzon *(Harold Rick)*
Tuesday: John Zdanowicz *(Mary, Tim & Marie Burke)*
Wednesday: Jack Rielly *(Jack Lynch)*
Thursday: Bill Harris *(Kosmin Family)*
First Friday: Patrick Loughery *(McDevitt Family)*
1st Friday Devotion: *The Sacred Heart of Jesus*
24 hr. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the close of morning Mass.

Saturday
9am: Benediction & closing Mass
5pm: Paul Rick *(Ralph & Ruth)*

Sunday
8am: Parishioners' Intentions
10:30am: Matthew Falter *(The Falter Family)*

Meetings this Week

Mon. Feb. 3: K of C, 7:30pm – Marian Room
Tues. Feb. 4: CYO (Boys BB), 7:45pm – School Gym
Wed. Feb. 5: Flame of Love Rosary, 8am - Church
RCIA, 5pm – Parish Office
K of C, 7pm – Marian Rm. & Church
Thurs. Feb. 6: Baptism Class, 6pm – Parish Office
Choir Practice, 7pm – Church
CYO (Boys BB), 7pm - Gym
Sat. Feb. 8: Men of Faith, 9am – Chapel & Marian Rm.
Sun. Feb. 9: Conquest Priest Appreciation Dinner, 4:30pm – Fatima House

Weekly Mass Collection for January 26, 2020

Envelopes: $ 6,558.00
Parish Giving: $ 455.00

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Candlemas Day

Today is the ***Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple***. In the past, it was known as the *Purification of Our Lady*. It was further referred to as ***Candlemas Day*** because Simeon saw in Jesus a great Light.

Simeon "took him in his arms." In the original biblical language this expression described what the priests of the Old Law did as they accepted the gifts offered by the faithful for use in the temple sacrifices. At the time of Jesus' birth, the custom was for the mother of a male child to present him at the temple forty days after his birth, along with a lamb and a pigeon as a sacrifice. Luke's Gospel tells us that Mary and Joseph were poor and could not afford a lamb, so Jesus was presented in the temple with two turtledoves for sacrifice.

It was at his presentation that the prophet Simeon held the infant Jesus in his arms. At this moment he knew that the savior he had been waiting for had arrived and prayed his glorious *Nunc dimittis*.

On this last of the holy days that celebrate the arrival of the *Light of the World*, we celebrate Candlemas, the day when the candles for the coming year are blessed in the church. In the blessing of the candles on Candlemas, we emphasize once more Jesus as the Light of the World. The candles used in church must be at least 51 percent beeswax. The pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from his Virgin Mother; the wick signifies the soul of Christ; and the flame represents His divinity. Everything involved with our sacred liturgy has a meaning, and all these things point to Christ.

Many English cultures have weather lore in relation to Candlemas.

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter won't come again.

This led to the folklore behind "Groundhog Day," which falls on February 2.

Schedule of Weekly Friday Devotions

Follows morning Mass and Benediction

1st Friday: The Sacred Heart of Jesus
2nd Friday: St. Peregrine
3rd Friday: St. Nicholas
4th Friday: St. John the Baptist
5th Friday: St. Joseph

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER
Bedminster, PA
"A Quiet Country Retreat"
Offering Day & Overnight Retreats for Individuals and Small Groups

Mon, 7pm Adoration & Prayers

Wed, 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 fatimahousebedminster.webs.com

Workshop: FEBRUARY 8, 2020 ~ 1PM - 3PM

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A CATHOLIC VERSION OF MINDFULNESS? Susan Brinkman, OCDS

By combining the centuries-old devotions of the ***Practices of God and the Sacrament of the Present Moment,*** a Catholic can not only learn to live mindfully, but to use this method to achieve perfect peace of soul – something today's popular version of mindfullness based in Buddhism, can never do. teach you how to live mindfully in an authentically Catholic way. For more info or to register, visit: **www.catholiclifeinstitute.org/course-registration or email CatholicLifeInstitutePress@gmail.com**

Join us on Feb. 22nd - 12 noon

Rosary Rally

America Needs Fatima

For the conversion of America

PREP

TEACH the CHILDREN

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

Sacrament of

First
Reconciliation
Thursday, Feb. 13th 6pm
in the Church.

Reminder

Feb. 4th: "PARENT LETTER" due to your child's teacher.

Please be sure your letter is in a sealed envelope with your child's name written on the front. (See handout from our Parent meeting for details).

Completed & signed Parent Permission & Info forms are due back by FEB. 4th.

Lent Begins on ASH WEDNESDAY

FEB. 26th
9AM & 7:30PM

Parent's please take your child to church so they may receive their Ashes.

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

We Promise A Partnership To Love, Lead And Inspire Your Child

Why The Academy

- Catholic Faith
- Classical Curriculum
- Academic Excellence
- Small Class Size
- Like Minded Families With Shared Values
- Teachers Who Love Each Child As God's Creation

The Catholic Classical Education Difference

The Catholic Classical method nurture's student's intellectual and spiritual potential, inspiring them to want to learn. It teaches them logic, reason and critical thinking; showing them how not just what to think.

A Classical education develops students' analytical and critical thinking skills by teaching them how to use reason and think logically. This prepares children for higher-level learning, teaches them to become solutions-oriented problem-solvers, and develops independent thinkers who seek the truth; all through the lens of our Catholic Faith.

Upcoming Events

PARENT CONFERENCES: Thursday, February 6th
4PM – 8PM

EARLY DISMISSAL: Friday, February 7th at 12PM

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
tkoerber@rasjb.org
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director
amattle@rasjb.org / 267-424-5762
www.rasjb.org

1 Week away…tickets are going fast!

Tickets available in the Narthex. Speak to any Knight for more information.

PARTNERS IN HOPE

By donating $1 a day, you will support virtually every aspect of Catholic life for enrichment and improvement.

PHILADELPHIA HAS A 26% POVERTY RATE, ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION. The Catholic Charities Appeal gives support to the housing and homelessness services in Philadelphia, providing men, women, and children with a warm meal and safe shelter.

https://catholiccharitiesappeal.org/donate/

CA$H BINGO

Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center
8040 Easton Road (Rt. 611), Ottsville, PA 18942
610-847-8178

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
Doors open at 12pm
Games start at 1pm
20 Games for $15
Plus 4 specials available at additional cost
Lunch & snacks available to purchase
Door Prizes, 50/50

Coming Soon
Advent DVD Bible Study

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"Give Up Worry for Lent!"

3-Night Parish Mission

March 8 - 10th, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 5194 Cold Spring Creamery Road, Doylestown, PA 18902

Do you desire the lasting peace that comes from trusting God? *Give Up Worry For Lent!* will help you surrender your life to Jesus Christ and kick the worry habit as part of your Lenten renewal.

Speaker: Gary Zimak, leading Catholic speaker and author, FollowingTheTruth.com

To learn more, email to:
Deacon Bob Brady at dcnbobb90@gmail.com

Ministry Schedule for: February 8 & 9, 2020 – 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Joe Cegielski Dorothy Cegielski Weez Roney Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	NEED VOLUNTEERS	Ordinary Time
Sunday 8am	Joan Black Jim Black Renee Moyer Bea Romaszewski	Kathy Fetter	NEED VOLUNTEERS	Choir Susan Middleton Sue Rogers
Sunday 10:30am	Joan Beebe Cathy Leidtke Leona Russell Donna Sciacca	Pattie Keyser	Gianna Gammello Elia Logaivau Paige Mattle	Mary Pucci Sue Rogers
Sacrament of 1st Penance Feb. 13 at 6pm	n/a	n/a	n/a	Susan Middleton Karen Parash

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK: Roger Bahnck Sr., Nancy Beans, John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Ross Brinkert, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, MaryJane Deutsch, Dominic Diamond, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Marvin Eichlin, George Farrelly, Julia Ferguson, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Claire Fratrik, Kathi Gallegher, Addie Gardner, Kathleen Gaughan, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Mary Halwski, Maryann Hauber, Joyceann Heley, Michael Heuston, Thomas High, Sharon Horvath, Marilyn Hull, Martha Juchnowicz, Valerie Korbar, Aleena Lang, Nate Leidtke, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Jackie Litzenberger, Charles Lutcavage, Loretta Malloy, Jill Martindell, Peg Masse, Adelaide McElderry, Carol McGlinchey, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Emma Michael, Maria Middleton, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Harvey Mueller, James O'Hanlon, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Gregory Rickert, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Steve Salva, Shane Stroup, Riley Telesco, Sean Thatcher, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Helen Wall, Maryjane Whealton, Steve Wimpenny, Tamara Widmer, Ed Wismer, Liem Zbyszinski

OUR TROOPS: Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, Casey DeLauretis, 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.