

### 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 February 8 - 15, 2021  
Daily Mass, 9am Monday – Friday

**Monday: Paul Rick** (*Doug & Delores Warmhessel*)  
**Tuesday: Tom High** (*Barbara & Bernie Andrews*)  
**Wednesday: Intentions of Brian & Susan Middleton**  
(*Fatima House*)  
**Thurs. @ old St. John's: Ann C. Lapsley** (*John F. Lapsley Jr.*)  
**Friday: Robert Stanley** (*Marie Juchno*)

### Weekend Masses

**Sat. 5pm: Ernie D'Angelo** (*Florinda D'Angelo*)  
**Sun. 8am: Parishioners' Intentions**  
**Sun. 10:30am: Steven G. Salva** (*SJB Office Staff*)

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is **Closed** to walk-in services.  
Please call 610-847-5521 for service.

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### MASS COLLECTIONS

**Jan. 31st: Envelopes \$ 3,038.00**  
**Parish Giving - Not available at press time.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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**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  
**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.

## A HEALING ENCOUNTER

Gospel of Mark 1:29-39

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins His *healing ministry*, this very first recorded account of the miracle of healing Simon's mother-in-law.

Saint Mark narrates that in Simon's (Peter) house, his mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They tell Jesus about her as soon as He enters this home. Jesus then grasps her hand, helps her up, and her fever disappears. Once her health gets restored, she "waited" on them, serving Jesus with His Apostles at the table.

Cured from her illness, she used her newfound health and life to serve Jesus, in a humble yet meaningful way she could. In those early days, it was not customarily allowed for a man, let alone a holy man like Jesus, to be served by a woman not of kin. But this woman's desire to give thanks to the Lord knew no boundaries. She understood that God's will restored her health so that she would use her new life to serve Him and other people.

I can't help but wonder, especially in the world in which we live today, how many of us were cured from an illness, whether light or grave, and saw our healing as a call from God?

How many of us prayed the proverbial "foxhole prayers" calling out to our Lord for healing of a loved one, and then when our miraculous prayers have been answered, the memory fades quickly and we return to our everyday lives.

God does not want us to simply have fun while we have the strength of health. He is calling us to use our health for a greater purpose; to serve Him and others. The will He has for those of good health, and for all of us who are alive, even if sickly, is that we use our lives for the good, glorifying Him and serving others, according to our own capacities.

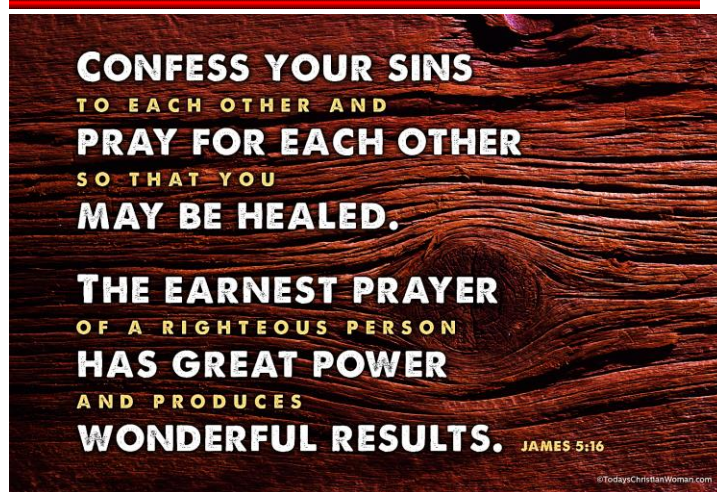
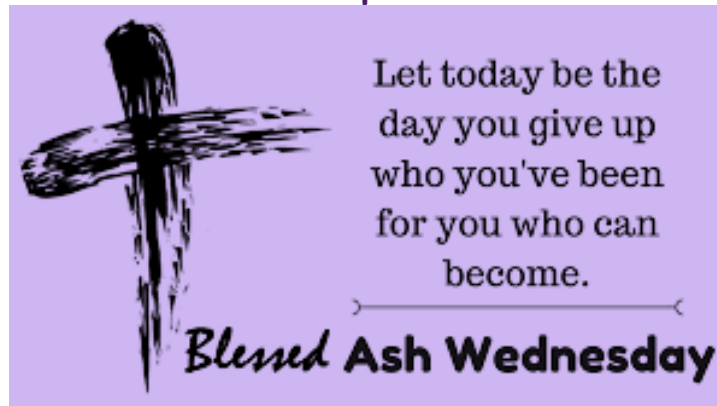
Notice that throughout the Readings today, the theme is 'being called by God, and responding to do His will.'

Knowing and understanding what God desires of us is truly important, yet often overlooked. Amidst all the noises and distractions in life, it takes constant prayer on our part to be receptive to what God is really telling us. And whenever we hear God calling us, and we feel the Holy Spirit prompting us, it is through prayer and the Sacraments that we would have the strength and faith to answer the Lord like Samuel did, "*Speak, for your servant is listening*" (1 Samuel 3:10).

## ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Mass at 9am & 7:30pm



### PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR LENT

#### Draw Near to the Heart of God.

When people hear the name of St. Mother Teresa, many envision the beloved saint on the streets of Calcutta serving "the poorest of the poor." And at the heart of this saint's beautiful work was a profound understanding of God's heart—his thirst—for all of humanity and each one of our hearts.

Suggested reading for Lent, "*I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa*" by Fr. Joseph Langford, an intimate friend of Mother Teresa's and co-founder of the Missionaries of Charity Fathers.



† TEACH the CHILDREN †

Children's Reflection - Gospel of Mark 1:29-39

**JESUS HEALS US**

Right after Jesus chose his disciples he visited the home of Simon and Andrew, with James & John, two of his new disciples. When they got there they saw that Simon's mother-in-law was very sick with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up and she was instantly healed. She then went into the kitchen to cook dinner and serve them. The disciples were so amazed that they told everyone nearby what Jesus had done! One, by one people who were sick, came to be healed. Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many who were sick with unclean spirits (demons). Very early in the morning, before anyone else got up, Jesus went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.

Simon and those who were with him earlier went after him, and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For it is this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the all of Galilee. But how did he do this? We must remember that even though Jesus was here on earth with us for a short time as a man, **Jesus is God, the Son of God Our Father in heaven.** Jesus was sent to save us from our sins and to teach us how to love one another...how to live as children of God. If we let him, Jesus can change our hearts. He taught us that to be forgiven, we must ask for forgiveness when we make mistakes. He also taught us that we must forgive others when they make mistakes, even when they hurt us. This is another way Jesus heals us. Through the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus knew it was important to change our hearts so we could be saved and reach our goal, to get to heaven and live in the Kingdom of God for all eternity.



**THE REGINA ACADEMY**  
at **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
Knowing ~ Loving ~ Serving

**THANK YOU to ALL who joined us for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner kicking off Catholic School's Week. Your continued support is so very important to our continued success and is greatly appreciated.**

February Important Dates:

- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Presidents Day – School Closed
- Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday, 9am Mass
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Declamation RASJB

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

**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA  
PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY**



**12 Noon on Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at  
FATIMA HOUSE**

After our Lady appeared to them, they started praying and offering sacrifices, just as Our Lady asked. It was common to find Jacinta and Francisco offering their trials and sufferings for sinners.

So, in honor of St. Jacinta & St. Francisco Marto, We are all urged to pray the rosary in public for the conversion of sinners.

**Call Joan Black for more information 215-795-2947**



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL PARTNERS IN HOPE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s most important fundraiser, Catholic Charities Appeal, gives ‘joy, hope and strength,’ says Archbishop Perez, he is asking the faithful to “look deep into (their) hearts” to aid “those who have been so deeply affected by COVID.”

It benefits hundreds of thousands of people through numerous organizations and ministries throughout the five-county Archdiocese.

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to hundreds of thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

### The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Clergy
- Local Mission Activities

### Become a Partner in Hope and make an impact all year round!

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

To make your donation online, visit:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/>

### Last Chance to Place Your Order

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4545

is currently taking orders after all Masses in the Narthex



### Captain Chucky’s Crab Cakes Sale

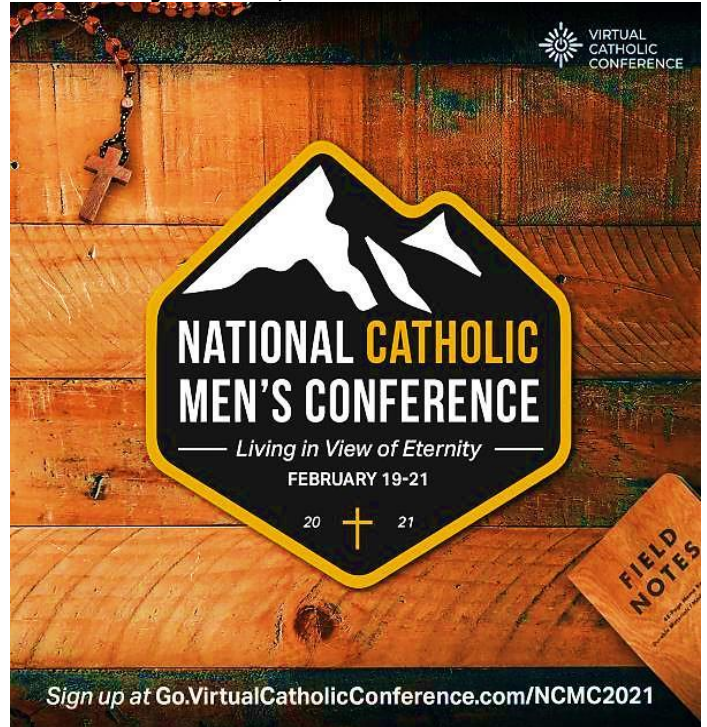


The deadline to place your order is this weekend - Sun., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Payment is due at the time of ordering.

Order pick-up Sat. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4pm at the church.

## National Catholic Men's Virtual Conference February 19-21, 2021



## National Catholic Women's Virtual Conference March 12-14, 2021



For More information or to register visit:

<https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021>

Ministry Schedule for:

February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Schedule:				
	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5pm	Weez Roney	Anne Slifer	Paige Mattle	Patty Leidner Karen Parash
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8am	Nancy Kazinski			Laurie Fleck Karen Parash
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30am	Donna Sciacca	Tom Costello	Elia Logaivau Sawe Logaivau	Nio Logaivau Susan Rogers
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Feb. 17 9am	Joan Black	Donna Sciacca	OPEN	Laurie Fleck Sue Rogers
7:30pm	Weez Roney	Tom Costello	OPEN	Patty Leidner Karen Parash



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

\* New Name Added

**NEW CYCLE:** Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021



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

**OUR SICK:**

Roger Bahnck Sr., Roger Bahnck, Jr., Tara Bahnck, John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve Combs, Patty Combs, Julia Ferguson, Patricia Fite, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, **Peg Glancey**, MaryAnn Hauber, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Kathie Mandra, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Nancy Moreno, Jeff Olimpo, Gerry Pacitti, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Pete Shultz, Sr., Steve & Wendy Snyder, Riley Telesco, Cynthia Tocci, 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, Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva, and all who we have lost to the Coronavirus.