

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 1- 7, 2021
Daily Mass, 9am Monday – Friday

Monday: Jeffrey Miller (*John F. Lapsley*)

Tuesday: Intentions of Vince Morelli (*Jim & Joan Black*)

Wednesday: Steven Monteforte (*Daniel Tomai*)

Thurs. at old St. John's: Kathleen Lapsley (*John Lapsley*)

Friday: Intentions of Marlene McKenna (*Jim & Joan Black*)

Weekend Masses

Sat. 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions

Sun. 8am: Maria Middleton (*SJB Office Staff*)

Sun. 10:30am: Matthew Falter (*Falter Family*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS COLLECTIONS

Jan. 10th: Envelopes \$ 4,860.00
Parish Giving \$ 1,672.00

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

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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Gospel of Mark 1:21-28

The man in the Gospel was in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Everything seemed to be fine. But there was a problem inside. Perhaps to outward appearances at least everything was in order. But inside he was “unclean.” That could be said about any of us. None of us is yet the wholesome and holy person we are called to be.

Jesus’ teaching, the word of God, challenged him and showed him up for what he was and likewise challenges us and shows us up for what we are, throwing light on the dark corners of our lives.

Prayer and spiritual reading can reveal to us who we really are. The Lord can also reveal our need of his healing outside of prayer. Our dreams are said to be expressions of our wishes, desires and emotions so they can also reveal who we are before the Lord. Sometimes an event in our lives or our reaction to it may show us up for who we really are when we see our weakness and lack of holiness laid bare. In whatever way our true self is revealed to us, such moments of self-revelation are opportunities for grace, opportunities for the Lord to work on us and heal us and transform us into the holy and wholesome person we are called to be. Such a painful moment occurred in the life of that man in the Gospel today. Jesus cleansed the man of the evil spirit. But it was not easy for the man.

There is a sense in which we “convulse” when overcoming evil. If overcoming our attachment to sin were easy we would all be saints by now. The problem, of course, is that we don’t want to face the spiritual “convulsing” involved in spiritual growth. It is easier to remain as we are because such necessary spiritual “convulsing” is letting go of our ego and our attachment to sin. When we let go Jesus takes its place in our lives. To help us overcome our attachment to sin and our egos and instead allow God more into our lives, prayer, reception of the sacraments, and spiritual reading are so necessary.

The man in the synagogue enjoyed a new life after encountering Jesus. Jesus offers the same new life to us also. For that new life of Jesus we must decrease, he must increase.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life February 2, 2021



(Celebrated in Parishes February 6-7)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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 1:21-28

In today's first reading we hear the story of a young man named Jonah, who was told by God to deliver a warning the people of Nineveh. Jonah did not want to do this, he believed the people of Nineveh deserved to be punished. Because Jonah thought he knew better, he disobeyed God.

As Christians, we are called to follow God's will for us, which is not always easy. We must honor God and not put our wants above what he wants us to do.

In today's Gospel, we hear the authority given Jesus from God is over sin and evil. As Jesus was teaching in the temple, a man possessed by "an unclean spirit" which represents evil, began shouting at Jesus accusing him and calling him "God's Holy One." Jesus immediately replied and told the unclean spirit to leave this man immediately. At once, the evil left the man. Everyone in the temple was astonished! They said, "what is this teaching that speaks with such authority that even Satan knows him and obeys him?" The news of what Jesus did spread throughout the land.

The same is true for us. Through our Baptism we have been called by God, commissioned, to spread the *Good News*. Jesus was recognized by his actions, and we too have a mission to be recognized as his followers by our actions. When we act out of faith in God wonderful things happen. Until we begin to live and act with faith we are one among the many of those who have been called and chosen but who have not yet begun to realize fully what it means to be followers of Christ.

Pray together: "Come Holy Spirit"



THE REGINA ACADEMY
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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
2021
January 31 – February 6

From January 31 to February 6, 2021, we will host a *traditional* Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist, the best choice when families are looking to find the right school for their children.

February Important Dates:

Feb. 12th – Early Dismissal

Feb. 15th – Presidents Day – School Closed

Feb. 17th – Ash Wednesday, 9am Mass

Feb. 26th – Declamation RASJB

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director
www.rasjb.org
610-847-5523



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL PARTNERS IN HOPE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia's most important fundraiser Kicks off this Week. 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/>

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4545

currently taking orders after all Masses
in the Narthex



**Captain Chucky's
Crab Cakes Sale**



The deadline to place your order is
next week - Sun., Feb. 7th.

Payment is due at the time of ordering.

**Pick-up
Saturday Feb. 13th from 1-4pm
at the church.**



STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES

2021



YOUTH

Conference

https://youtu.be/Vx7_s4m0Fkk

Accepting reservations now!

All compliances will be in force regarding COVID restrictions.

Visit the website below for locations and dates.

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>

Make a Lenten Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux

March 12-14, 2021

St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA

"The Science of Weakness: A Lenten Journey with St. Therese of Lisieux" is a 3-day retreat with Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, that will reveal just how wounded and weak was the Little Flower of Lisieux, and how God taught her to turn those weaknesses into the strength she needed to become the "greatest saint of modern time" and to leave a legacy of hope for millions of "little souls."

Single and double occupancy rooms are available.
for more information and to register visit:

[https://www.catholiclifeinstitute.org/
calendar/special-events/](https://www.catholiclifeinstitute.org/calendar/special-events/)

COVID precautions will be taken!

Healing and Mercy Mass

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
Friday, Feb. 5 at 7pm

Followed by the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and prayer for spiritual and physical healing.

Ministry Schedule for:

February 6th & 7th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Schedule:				
	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5pm	Lynn Gammello	Kim Zampirri	Julia Byers Juliet Myers	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8am	Mark Fetter	Jeanne Keller	Meade Grindrod	Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30am	Joan Black	Sean Lynch	Elia Logaivau Sawe Logaivau	Nio Logaivau Bob Galdo



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

* New Name Added

NEW CYCLE: Dec. 1st, 2020 – March 1st, 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.