

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.
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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.*

Week of Monday July 23 – Sunday July 29, 2018

Mass Intentions

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

Mon. – Fri., 8:35am in the Chapel

Monday: Deceased members of Schulberger Family (*Lena O'Brian*)

Tuesday: Robert Nyzio (*Fetter Family*)

Wednesday: Ryan Mullen (*Tom & Elaine Martin*)

Thursday: Daniel Scarangelli (*Tom & Elaine Martin*)

Friday: Lucky Lambing (*Loving wife Lorraine*)

Weekend Masses in main Church

Saturday:

5pm: Patricia Reigel (*Mary Miller*)

Sunday:

8:00am: Thomas Hollander (*Dennis Margaret*)

10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

Ministry Meetings this Week

Thurs. July 19: K of C, 7pm - Marian Rm & Narthex

Parish Council, 7pm - Rectory

Sat. July 21: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel

Sunday Mass Collection from July 8th

Collection Baskets \$5,370.00

"Parish Giving" \$623.17

Thank you for your generosity!

This week's Cleaning Team is # 5:

Marion Wolf, Janet Reidler, Fred Furmaniak, Joan Harrison

Your parish Thanks You!

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

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in the Narthex before & after all Masses**

Parish Office Summer Hours

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

Gospel Reflections

A Letter from

Our Pastor, Father Simi



Dear brothers and sisters,

*His heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things.*

(Mark 6:34)

Our Lord continues to draw us deeper into Himself and the work that He and His Father are doing for us and in us.

Last Sunday we see how we are summoned by Them to share in Their work as Prophet who by their infinite love for us make themselves vulnerable to us who are very often inclined to reject Them and Their hopes for us. The Prophet remains faithful to the unfaithful.

In the Sacred Scriptures proclaimed at today's Mass, we see the Son calling us to enter more deeply into His love for all expressed in His work as Shepherd. Like the twelve apostles, we too can experience personally the lengths to which the Shepherd is willing to go to feed and protect His flock.

The scene of today's gospel is a deserted or lonely place. It would mean a uninhabited place of sparse vegetation. Mark tells us that Jesus and the apostles retreated to this lonely place because they were descended upon by a continuous flow of so many people that they weren't able to eat, (Mark 6:31.)

Mark paints for us in one chapter the ever changing loyalty of the crowd, of the flock from who our Lord has chosen His apostles and to whom He sends them. His sheep are prone to reject Him one minute and then cant have enough of Him the next.

The sheep know not what food they want and so know not the Shepherd who will lead them to it. This is the very sad situation which draws compassion from the Shepherd and driven by this compassion, He feeds them with the food of His teachings.

So we who are baptized into Christ are immersed into His total and complete loyalty to a flock who is forever changing loyalties. With Christ we will encounter both acceptance and rejection from the sheep that He has invited us to join Him in caring for.

The food which our Lord, the Divine Shepherd wants to feed us is Himself. A sheep is only fully alive when he or she is united to and tended to by his or her Shepherd. A child is only fully alive when he or she is united to and tended to by his or her parents. A child never ceases to be a son or a daughter.

The Shepherd teaches us today this deep truth of who we truly are. We are children of the one Father. With Christ and through Him and in Him, we can become fully alive again to the Father as His children.

The Shepherd teaches us today this one constant and eternal truth. This eternal truth must become our food, taken and eaten and ruminated on and digested and broken down to release the rich nutrients of grace in us till we become the Food that we eat.

So let us join our Shepherd today for a while in this deserted and lonely place and there take the time to ponder on our own restless and ever changing responses to Him, our rejection of Him and then our acceptance of Him.

In that deserted and lonely place of our ever vacillating loyalties, we find the Shepherd who has not left us on our own but who is moved with pity for us and our waywardness. He does not reject us when we reject Him but He patiently and consistently tends to our brokenness for He never ceases to be the Shepherd to a flock who keeps forgetting whose sheep they are.

Let us remain with Him today to be fed by Him so we can grow a little bit more and become a little bit more like our Shepherd, like the Son, like our one Father.

Fr. Simi

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ENGAGING OUR CHILDREN IN THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Below is next Sunday's Gospel reading along with a simplified explanation for school age children. The purpose of this column is to teach our children to listen to the Word of God, and help them understand His message in the Gospel. Encourage them to also listen carefully to Father's homily. Many times it is then that we hear God's word speak to us more clearly.

Gospel for July 29, 2018 ~ John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

(Explain) In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the *"Bread of Life Discourse."*

John's Gospel also notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

This story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish.

(Talk about) During Sunday Mass, after we have prayed the "General Intercessory Prayers," also known as the "Prayers of the Faithful," we sit down. The ushers take up the collection while we sing the hymn for that part of the mass which is known as "The Offertory." It is at this time that a few of our fellow parishioners bring forth "the gifts" to present to Father. This offering is the beginning of the part of the mass known as the "Liturgy of the Eucharist." We present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine into the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

(Pray together) The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

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- #5 – Small Class Sizes
- #4 – Academic Excellence
- #3 – Classical Curriculum
- #2 – Catholic Faith

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SAVE THE DATE

33rd Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday, September 14, 2018

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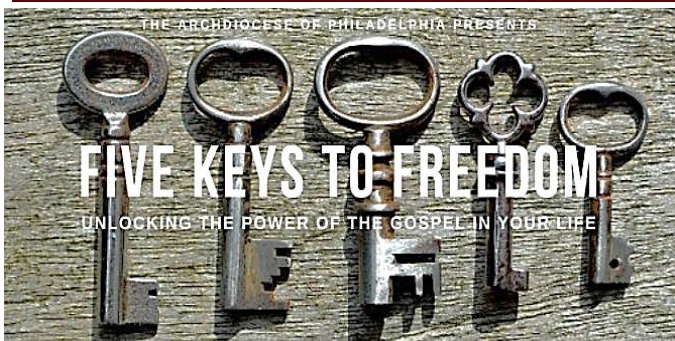
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discover their identity in Him, and to assure everyone that they belong in His Church. Visit them regularly for the latest news & events throughout the Diocese of Philadelphia. Visit anthemphilly.com



All of us struggle with something. It might be that nagging resentment towards a family member, a painful or broken relationship, a fear that keeps you from doing what you want, or that same sin you keep committing even though you know it's wrong. Whatever your struggle, the good news is that Jesus Christ wants to set you free from the things that bind you. Come learn about the Five Keys of Unbound, a simple process of prayer that will help you unleash the liberating power of the Gospel into your life and find greater freedom.

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July 28th & 29th St. John's annual
Pontifical Mission Appeal weekend.

We extend a warm welcome to our guest missionary priest, the **Rev. K Prathap Reddy**, priest of Kurnool Diocese in India. Help support the MISSION DIOCESE in INDIA who bring the Good News of Jesus and much needed material support to every corner of the world. Sponsored by the **Pontifical Mission Societies**, who help build up these Churches in 1,111 Dioceses, mostly where Christianity is new. The Societies support these Churches until they are self-sufficient.

Pope Francis, from the very beginning of his papacy, has repeatedly called each one of us to be Missionary Disciples. By this declaration, Pope Francis is asking each one of us to personally live out the call of our baptism, to know and to live the faith and to witness the Gospel in both word and action. We are called to evangelize, to proclaim Jesus' love for all. This evangelization does not happen overnight but with love, mercy, joy and prayer. It is like a flame that spreads, a thought inspired by our founder, Pauline Jaricot. Be the Missionary Disciple that "lights the flame." Become a member of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

As a 2018 Mission Member, we ask you to pray daily for the Church's Missionary work . . . Each day say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be and ask for the intercessions of St. Francis Xavier and St. Therese of Lisieux, Patron & Patroness of the Missions for this work.

Today, please consider making a Special Commitment to the Church's Mission by pledging daily prayer and offering personal sacrifices as well as financial help to the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Please pray for the work of our Missionary Group and Missionaries throughout the world and show your generous support.



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, 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, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, Baby Ella Stack, 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.

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**Ministry Schedule for July 28th & 29th
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
SATURDAY 5PM	Joe Cegielski Peg Glancey Cathy Leidtke Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Brigid Froman Danny Froman	Amleto Pucci Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Marianne McEvoy Donna Nice Ron Watson	Kathy Fetter	Tommy Loughran Natalie Nice Violet Williams	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black Leona Russell Donna Sciacca	Laura Fleck	Joseph Gonzales-Fleck Brickston Vinal Emily Vinal	Ordinary Time