

### PARISH STAFF

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am  
Mon- Fri: 9:00am (Thursday at old St. John's Church)  
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 July 5-11, 2021

Daily Mass: 9am

Mon. Tues. Wed & Friday in St. Joseph's Chapel  
Thursday at Old St. John's Church

Monday: Pat DeCicco (*The McCord Family*)  
Tuesday: Gary Litschauer (*Mary Kosmin*)  
Wednesday: Kathleen Lapsley (*John Lapsley, Jr.*)  
Thursday: Joseph Sebreck (*Mary Kosmin*)  
Friday: Maria Louzon (*Gina Puente*)

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Joseph Gervase Sr. (*Donna Sciacca*)  
Sunday 8am: Parishioner's Intentions  
Sunday 10:30am: Paul Kunigus (*Joe Fleck*)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm  
Fri. 9am – 1pm

To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or to purchase a grave please call the office for an appointment.

### WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

June 20<sup>th</sup>: Envelopes \$ 3,837.51  
E-Giving: \$ 2,852.01

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
for OUR Parish Office & School Roof  
GOAL \$93,000 vs. COLLECTED: \$48,868.61

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Our Narthex Ministry Meeting Room is once again open for use by our parish ministries. Call the parish office to reserve.

Mon. July 5: Knights of Columbus 6pt. Mtg., 7:30pm  
Sat. July 10: Men of Faith, 9am



**Join the  
Cleaning Team!**

Wk. of July 4 - TEAM 4

**Call the Parish Office to  
Volunteer.**

*This is a once per month commitment.*

## Obedience, Servitude and Humility

*Ezekiel 2: 2-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10; Mark 6: 1-6*

The prophet Ezekiel (God strengthens him) begins his book with an account of his call to the service of God. If you want the true effects, you need to begin with Chapter One. Ezekiel, in fear, falls to the ground. He is told to stand up. For the Jewish people, to stand is the correct posture for prayer. To pray on your feet indicates that you are ready to move. Prayer is about readiness for service.

Ezekiel is sent to his own people who have rebelled against God. "Hard of face and obstinate of heart" they will be a challenge to his ministry but he is told not to fear them or their words. His words are to be the Word of God and in demonstration of this he is told to eat a portion of the scroll. This wonderful Eucharistic image reflects viaticum, food for the journey.

Paul is another Ezekiel, a man so in tune with the Word of God that he seems to have lived on the scriptures. He has labored long in the service of God and he has been good at the work. He has an embarrassing problem, what it is we don't know, but Paul sees it as a kind of reminder that he's not perfect. He knows that it would be easy to slip from preaching the Word of God into preaching the word of Paul. So he comes to terms with his problem, and carries it as a message from God that the grace of God is what sustains him not his own strength. Jesus is also part of the prophetic line. In this reading we have a kind of, "successful missionary returns home."

Jesus has been involved in a successful tour of the area preaching and healing. He goes to the synagogue, for the Sabbath, and begins to teach. The people start to ask themselves questions, not about the teaching but about the teacher.

Three questions are aimed at his right to minister and two are rhetorical suggesting that his family background and job are not a suitable foundation for being taken seriously. Instead of rejoicing in his apparent wisdom they criticize and refuse to believe. We sense a return of the hard face and closed mind attitude. The laboring classes are not supposed to produce great thinkers. Snobbery is not a recent invention.

Jesus' use of a proverb indicates that his situation is not new. It also points to the waste of human resources that occurs because we look outside the community for solutions to problems. The outcome of the attack is interesting. Jesus is powerless. The attack and the underlying lack of faith distress him.

Jesus' loss of ability to respond to signs on demand, points to the nature of his ministry. His healings are not magic events; his work is not a travelling side show winning listeners through a display of miracles. There are plenty of others into such self-glorification.

Jesus' healings are not separate from the faith of the recipient. They are like sacramental signs, which point to the inner working of the grace of God. Words of wisdom and great deeds don't produce faith. The transformations in people are public reminders of the healing presence of God in all.

Ezekiel, Jesus, Paul, and of course all of us in our daily response to the call of God to mediate the love of God to the world, are like farmers sowing seed.

We are only a part of the process. We are channels of the love of God. The seedbed is also crucial.

Our task is to work in harmony with the Spirit to be fit proclaimers of the reign of God.

by Patricia Stevenson rsj.

Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart



### *Nothing Compares to Being There*

*"I have greatly desired to eat this Supper with you."*

*cf. Luke 22:15*

All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while they are grieving, or watching as your baby takes his first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics. Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to being there.



**ROSARY RALLY at  
FATIMA HOUSE  
SATURDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 12 Noon**

**America is at a historical crossroads!  
We need to pray for the restoration of order and  
morality in our society.**





TEACH the CHILDREN



2021-2022

**REGISTER before July 20th  
and avoid a per child LATE FEE**

Registration forms and our 2021-2022 Calendar are available on our website, [www.stjohnsottsville.org](http://www.stjohnsottsville.org)

**Returning families:** Please check your inbox for your registration forms. If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade please download the "New Student" PREP registration form.

**New to our Parish Program?** If you have a child entering the 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, contact Donna Sciacca at the parish office to register your child, call 610-847-5521.



COMING  
SOON!

Starting Fall 2021

## Children's Mass

**10:30am Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Oct. & Nov. 2021 & Jan., March & May 2022**  
*Open to all registered parish youth who have received  
their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.*

**Sign-up Now! For each Mass we need:**

- 2- Lay Readers (age 13 - 18)
- 4- Ushers (age 13 - 18)
- 3 - Offertory Gift Procession
- 2- Greeter w/ parent
- 3- Altar Servers (trained ministry servers only).

AUDITION LIST FORMING NOW!

St. John the Baptist Parish Youth's Choir  
Parish Youth in Grades 3-12 are invited to join!



Musical direction by Rob Galdo & Nio Logaivan

*Audition days & times to be announced.*

To audition, parents please email your child's name to Donna Sciacca at [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)



**THE REGINA ACADEMY**  
at St. John the Baptist  
**Knowing ~ Loving ~ Serving**

**Faith  
Family  
& Freedom**  
the antidote to today's culture  
**Registration NOW OPEN**  
for 2021/2022 school year. *Space is limited*  
[www.rasjb.org](http://www.rasjb.org) • 610-847-5523

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School  
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director  
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## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Bedminster, PA "A Quiet Country Retreat"

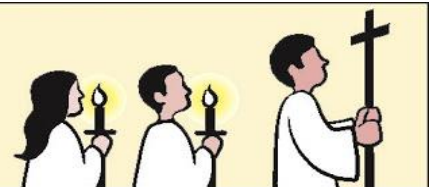
Offering Day Retreats for groups up to 50  
Overnight Retreats for groups up to 8



**Monday, 7pm** Adoration & Prayers  
**Wednesday** Benediction & Prayers  
following the 9am Mass at St. John's  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12pm**  
Adoration & Prayer for Vocations  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10am**  
**Rosary, Confession, & Mass**  
**followed by Lunch**

Call Joan Black for directions, reservations, or more info  
at 215-795-2947

Altar  
Servers



If your child is interested in training to be an Altar Server, is a **registered parishioner**, has **received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion**, and is **age 9 & up**...please email your contact info, incl. child's name/age to [prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.**

For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy getting back to nature?

Do you enjoy the outdoors?

Do you believe in planting a greener tomorrow?

Do you see the beauty that surrounds us and do you want to preserve it? Then come and join us!



For more information, contact:  
Mary Kosmin: [mtkozmo@verizon.net](mailto:mtkozmo@verizon.net) or 215-384-5080



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**We're back!**



Dinner to follow at the  
Holy Family Parish Center,  
Nazareth, PA.

**Spread the news!** Gather your family & friends, and let's come together for a long overdue good time.

**Entry forms & Sponsor Hole forms** are available at the parish office, or call Peg Glancey at 610-847-5217.

## WE ARE UPDATING OUR PARISHIONER RECORDS

If you are **NEW** to our parish, don't forget to **register at our parish office** to be included in all our upcoming news announcements.

If you **moved**, or if your **phone number** or **email address changed**...please let our parish office know of these changes.



July 10 & 11, 2021 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Ministry Schedule	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5 PM	Lynn Gammello <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Christina Crews	Siobhan Crewss Julia Byers	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Joan Black Jim Black	Marie Burke	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Dennis Litzenberger Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Leona Russell <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Ward Van Haute	Caius Van Haute Max Van Haute	Nio Logaivau Rob Galdo



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**NEW CYCLE:** June 1 – Sept. 1, 2021

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



### OUR SICK:

Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Joe Cegielski, Steve & Patty Combs, Tom Fleck, Kathy Gaughan, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Cathy & Mark Hancharik, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Nancy Moreno, Ray Malachowski, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Gerry Pacitti, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabath, Ed Van Haute, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer

### OUR TROOPS:



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony James Fleck, 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

***May God protect and watch over our troops.***

**A prayer for OUR FIRST RESPONDERS:** *Lord, please watch over all the men & women who work as first responders. We pray for their safety and that they return to their families at the end of each shift. We give thanks for their selfless service, compassion and care for everyone. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*