

PARISH STAFF

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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
July 6 - 12, 2020
Daily Mass 8:35am in the Main Church**

Monday: Ross Stokes (*Ken, Terri, & Ashley Olimpo*)

Tuesday: Ron Maisenhalter (*SJB Cancer Group*)

Wednesday: James Kreschollek (*Bruce & Patti Keyser*)

Thursday: Jack Glancey (*Kosmin Family*)

Friday: Adela DiRenzo (*Bambina Ventresca*)

Saturday, July 11th

5pm: John Zdanowicz (*Dave & Anne Slifer*)

Sunday, Jul 12th

8am: Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Children.*)

10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

Parish Office Summer Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm (closed for lunch 12-2pm)

Friday 9am – 1pm.

Face coverings should be in place before you enter the office. **We appreciate your support and cooperation during this time. Thank you**

Ministry Meetings may resume with some safety precautions in place.

Please Note: The SJB Narthex Mtg. Room, Marian Room, and the Chapel are not open for meetings at this time.

Guidelines were emailed to Ministry Leaders. If you need to schedule a ministry meeting, please contact the parish office.

**Weekly Mass Collection for
Sunday, July 5, 2020**

**Weekly Offering totals
not available at press time
due to printer's holiday schedule.**

HE IS WITH US ALWAYS

Gospel of Matthew 11:25-30

Whatever demands Jesus may make on our following of him, he wants to be at all times truly a source of comfort, of consolation and of forgiveness and reconciliation. Whatever demands life may be making on us, he is there too to be called on. When we are in difficulties and pain, we can ask him to take them away. He may not always do so but we can expect him to restore our peace. For we need to remember that Jesus is not to be seen as an escape from our problems. Sometimes he will give us peace not from our pain but within our pain. There can be the danger that we expect Jesus or his Mother or some other saint or the Church to be there to wave a magic wand that wipes away all our problems, all difficulties, all obstacles. Jesus' own life is an excellent example. In the garden of Gethsemane, faced with imminent arrest, torture and execution, he did not want to have to go through it. This is a perfectly normal human reaction to the threat of death. Jesus begged his Father to spare him going through this appalling ordeal. The Father was silent and his will was clear. Jesus should face what is coming. He is full of an inner peace, which had come once he had said that total 'Yes' to his Father. His prayer in the garden had been answered, although not in the way he originally requested.

Here we might say we have the two sides of the Gospel coming together. On the one hand, Jesus makes that absolute and total surrender of himself into God's hands but, at the same time, experiences the "rest" that comes to those who "labor and are overburdened."

"God writes straight with crooked lines."
We sometimes approach God, or Jesus, or Mary!

"God, give me this... God, I must have this or I can't go on... we are saying *my will* be done. It is not surprising, then, that such prayers seem to go unanswered.

There are some things which can be changed in life, and it is up to us to do the changing, mainly by changing ourselves. There are other things which cannot be changed and need to be accepted and lived with. Peace comes from saying a sincere Yes to what is clearly God's will in our life. This will of God is most often made known by the realities by which we are surrounded. Peace comes when I want – really want – what God wants. When God's will and mine coincide.

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Bedminster, PA "A Quiet Country Retreat"

Offering Day & Overnight Retreats
for Small Groups & Individuals



Monday, 7pm
Adoration & Prayers
Wednesday, 9:30am
Adoration & Prayers
3rd Sunday, 12pm
Adoration & Prayer for
Vocations
1st Saturday, 10am
Rosary, Confession, Mass &
Lunch

MSC SISTERS COMMUNITY NEWS



Unite with us for NUN RUN 2020

For details and options,
visit: [MSCreading.org](http://www.MSCreading.org)



Access & Download forms from the PREP page on our parish website at www.stjohnsottsville.org

WELCOME to our New Students



If you have a child entering **the 1st grade in September**, or if you are **new in our parish and have a child in grades 1 - 7**, please call the parish office to register them in our Parish Religious Education Program.

Volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to assist in our program, please contact Donna Sciacca at the parish office. Diocese, Federal, and State Child Clearances are required.

Payment plans are available to families who may be experiencing financial difficulty at this time. Call the office to set up an appointment with Donna Sciacca, DRE at 610-847-5521.



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist is now accepting **Registrations for the 2020/2021 School Year.**

\$1500 transfer grants are available for students transferring from another school.

Why register your child for our school?

Here are just some of the wonderful benefits:

- ~ Joy Filled Authentic Catholic Community
- ~ **Classical** (not Common Core) Catholic Curriculum
- ~ Protective and Nurturing Environment that allows ***Children to Become Who God Intended Them to Be***
- ~ Weekly Mass and Adoration
- ~ Full Day Pre K and Kindergarten
- ~ Transfer Grants Available
- ~ Busing from All Local School Districts

To register your child now, or for more information, visit our **ADMISSIONS PAGE on our website at www.rasjb.org**

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
Mrs. Jackie Lenox, Asst. Head of School
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director
www.rasjb.org



Altar Flowers Celebrate Life

Now that we have resumed our regularly scheduled weekend Masses, we are once again able to accept your Altar Flower donations in honor of a loved one.

Choose from a:



**A floral Center Piece
to be placed in front of
our Altar.**



**or a floral arrangement
in a vase to adorn the
2 pedestals that sit on
either side of our
Tabernacle.**

Call our parish office to place an order for your floral donation or stop by the

Bucks County Nursery & Florist

Rt. 412 & Gessner Rd., Kintnersville

(ask for Linda or Jerry Tumolo)



Victorious, a virtual retreat for women. You Are Made New Ministry is hosting a 6-session virtual retreat focused on claiming Christ's victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears, and crowning Him as the Victorious King of our hearts! Retreat leaders include: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden. Learn more and register: www.YouAreMadeNew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat or contact De Yarrison at 610-287-2989

CHOIR - by Chloe

Submitted by Helen Kondracki

If you had asked me what choir was 7 years ago, I would have told you that it was a bunch of people singing a song that they'd practiced.

If you had asked me what choir was 5 years ago, I would have told you that it was a bunch of people having fun learning songs and then performing them.

If you had asked me what choir was 4 years ago, I would have told you that it was a bunch of people working together on songs, even when they didn't feel like it, and even when they had bad days, and creating something beautiful. I would have told you that it was what I wanted to do in my life, but I didn't think I was good enough to.


If you had asked me what choir was 2 years ago, I would have told you it was a bunch of people that worked on a collection of pieces and tried to sing them exactly right so that the judges would like their performance. I would have told you that you could only be as good as the choir you were in.

If you had asked what choir was 1 year ago, I would have told you that it was a group of people that spent hours together perfecting music, and working to make people feel something when you sang that music. I would have told you that it is a group of people that are bonded together by the emotional connections they find with a song, and that, even though they may not all see eye to eye or be the best of friends, they are one.


Today I can tell you that a choir is a family. A choir is a family that is held together, not by mutual interests or blood, but by a love of music. A choir is a family that has bonded over the hearts they have poured into their music, a family that may not always like each other but always loves each other, and a family that doesn't give up on anyone. I would have told you that choir is one of the things I have done with my life, and that my choir family has faced disappointment and heartache and fear, and that maybe we still are. Maybe there isn't a single guarantee that we will ever sing together again, and maybe our last performance together already passed and we didn't even know. But I don't believe that. Because a choir is more than just a bunch of people singing a song they've practiced. It is hours and days and months and years of commitment all built on top of itself and no virus is going to change that.

Ministry Schedule for: JULY 11 & 12, 2020 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer		Patty Leidner Karen Parash
Sunday 8am	Donna Nice	Vanessa Williams	Violet Williams Kalista Williams	Ordinary Time
Sunday 10:30am	Donna Sciacca	Sean Lynch		Liz Torgerson Bob Galdo



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



June 1st – Sept. 1st

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, Ross Brinkert, Steve Combs, Patty Combs, Julia Ferguson, Patricia Fite, Maddie Gardner, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, MaryAnn Hauber, Valerie Korbar, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Maria Middleton, Nancy Moreno, James O’Hanlon, Gerry Pacitti, Pete Shultz, Sr., Riley Telesco, Cynthia Tocci, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer.

OUR 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, Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Cory Litzenberger, Dan O’Connor, Jonathan Pucci, Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva.