

**PARISH STAFF**

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

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**Dir. of Religious Education: Donna Sciacca**

**Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok**

**Finance Manager: Carolyn Marchese**

**PARISH SPIRITUALITY**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am**

**Mon - Thurs: 8:35am / Friday 9:00am**

**Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm**

**CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or call the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest.**

**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.***

**Mass Intentions for June 11 - 17, 2018**

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

**Monday, June 11**

**8:35am (Chapel) Hank Tancredi**

**Tuesday, June 12**

**8:35am (chapel) Gerry Black**

**Wednesday, June 13**

**8:35am (chapel) Jim Lacey**

**Thursday, June 14**

**8:35am (chapel) John & Gladys Proca**

**Friday, June 15**

**8:35am (chapel) Sue Brown**

**Saturday, June 16**

**5:00pm (church) Parishioners' Intentions**

**Sunday, June 17 – Father's Day**

**8:00am (church) Intention of all Fathers & Dads to be**

**10:30am (church) In Memory of all Father's**

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**Meetings for the week of June 11 - 17, 2018**

**Mon. June 11: Prayer Shawl, 7pm – Marian Room**

**Thurs June 14: Baptismal Class, 6pm – Parish Office**

**Sat. June 16: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel**

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**Weekly Mass Collection**

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**\$6,233.00**

**via Parish Giving \$535.00**

**Sunday, June 3, 2018**

**\$5,236.00**

**via Parish Giving \$435.00**

***Thank you for your generosity!***



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**SJB Cleaning Team for the week of June 11th is Team # 4:**

*Karen Parash, Jeanne Keller,  
Chris Zdanowicz, Dot Cegielski,  
Diane Watson, Joyce Vinceguerra*

***Your parish Thanks You!***

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

**Section 956**

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**Parish Office Summer Hours**

**Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm**

**Friday: 8:30am – 12pm**

## *A Reflection on the Gospel Mark*

3:20-35

How do we know if something is of God or not? The Gospel of Mark is about the movement of the Holy Spirit in the lives of humanity. Jesus has just started his ministry and we are only three chapters into the Gospel of Mark, and so far he has healed St. Peter's Mother-in-law (Mark 1), preached repentance and forgiveness of sins, healed a paralytic, a leper and a man with a withered hand, and has engaged the Pharisees about questions of the Sabbath. In all this time of healing, preaching, and giving people good news of God's love, there have been two groups that are not so sure about him: his family and the religious authorities.

Mark says that Jesus' relatives "set out to seize him" for they say, "he is out of his mind." What Mark is suggesting is that Jesus has a more heightened consciousness than those around him. His relatives fear being rejected by the scribes and when they realize they can no longer control him, advise Mary to do as they as distance herself from Jesus.

When the scribes say that Jesus must be possessed by Satan in order to drive out Satan, their statement allows for Mark to present to us more on Jesus' teaching on forgiveness.

Jesus summons them and speaks to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan?" "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand" and "no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man." Jesus' final words here are about forgiveness – that "all sins and all blasphemies" will be forgiven except the blasphemy "against the Holy Spirit." Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." So Jesus by driving out the unclean spirits can restore people to their original wholeness. Sinners are invaded and bound by Satan; Jesus sets them free.

That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that

cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

In the final section of chapter 3, Mark shows Jesus redefining the meaning of family. When one in the crowd tells Jesus his mother and brother and sister are here, One might think Jesus was rejecting His Mother when looks at the crowd gathered around him and says, "You are my mother, and you are my brothers and sisters." Some take this to mean that Jesus has brothers and sisters. For the Hebrews during that time, extended family was referred to as your brothers and sisters. Mark initiates that people cannot be labeled according to prefixed assumptions, they can only be defined by what they do. Jesus was teaching dramatically, and comparing two things, the dignity of being physically the Mother of God, and the privilege of hearing the word of God and keeping it. Jesus said it best, "My mother, brothers and sisters are those who do the will of God."

We must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

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### FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

Bedminster, PA

#### "A Quiet Country Retreat"

Offering Day & Overnight Retreats for Individuals & Small Groups

**Our Programs Are Open to**

**All**

**Monday, 7pm**

Adoration & Prayers

**Wednesday, 9:30am**

Adoration & Prayers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12pm**

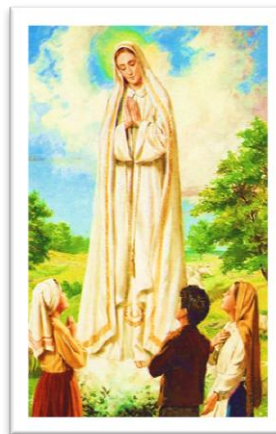
Adoration & Prayer for

Vocations

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10am**

Rosary, Confession Mass

& Lunch



For more information or directions  
please call Joan Black 215-536-3508



Each week, a brief explanation of the following Sunday's Gospel reading will appear below. Teach your child to look up the Gospel passage in the Bible, have them read it aloud to you, then along with this column, help your child to understand the meaning of Gospel they just read. Let's engage our children and involve them in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass each week.

**Gospel for June 17<sup>th</sup>: Mark 4:26-34**  
**"The Reign of God is like a Mustard Seed."**

Jesus uses two parables about seeds to teach us about the Kingdom of God and about our faith.

**1<sup>st</sup> Parable:** Jesus says "this is how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis is on the seed, which seems to have the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom. **2<sup>nd</sup> Parable:** Here the focus is on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

**Explain:** *Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. This kingdom is present in the Church today, but it is still in process. Because we are the Church, we bear the responsibility of continuing the work of Jesus and his disciples. Jesus counts on us to continue his work. We must sow the seeds by spreading his word and making him known. We do this by living Christ-like lives, by reaching out to others, by inviting others into the kingdom. Just as small seeds grow over time, so our small acts of kindness today have the possibility of making a big difference in the future. God's kingdom is not yet fully established. It is growing and will come to fullness at the end of time. How rewarding to know that we are helping make it happen.* **Action:** *Pray "The Lord's Prayer" together as a family.*



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

*With much pride, we congratulate our Regina Academy 2018 Graduating Class*

<i>Evan Allena</i>	<i>Luke Grindrod</i>
<i>Lucia DeVenuto</i>	<i>Gerald Litschi</i>
<i>Samantha Froman</i>	<i>Aidan McCarthy</i>
<i>James Gammello</i>	<i>Grace Tate</i>

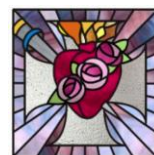
*Our graduates will be attending Archbishop Wood, Bethlehem Catholic, Nazareth Academy, Palisades High, Pennridge High, and Villa Joseph Marie.*

*We wish them every success!*

School Headmaster: Mr. John Mundy  
 Dir. of Institutional Advancement: Geoff Meyer  
 Ph. 610-847-5523

**2018 Catholic Women's Conference**  
**Saturday, October 27, 2018 9am-4pm**  
**Deadline to register is: July 23rd**

**2018**



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018 9am-4pm**  
**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered SJB Parishioner? \_\_\_\_\_

Group rate **\$45.00**

**Checks should be made payable to:**  
**St. John the Baptist Parish**



315 S. Warren Avenue  
Malvern, PA 19355  
610.644.0400

## WOMEN OF GRACE

WITH JOHNNETTE BENKOVIC

Friday, Jul 13, 2018 - Sunday, Jul 15, 2018

5:00 pm - 12:00 pm      \$270.00 per person

## YOUNG WOMEN OF GRACE

Saturday, Jul 14, 2018

9:00am – 8:00pm      \$65.00 per person

**Get Spirit Savvy!!** Young Women of Grace

Retreat Day, Malvern Retreat House

The Young Women of Grace® Retreat inspires teen girls ages 13+ to “Get Spirit Savvy” and understand the gift of their feminine genius and how to use it to thrive in today’s culture! Through fun, interactive, hands-on activities, inspiring Catholic speakers, and great music, girls will leave the retreat ignited by the Holy Spirit and ready to “step out into the deep” wherever God calls them to follow!!

It is recommended, but not required, that the girls have completed the “Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity” study program. (All speakers are safe-environment certified.)  
**“Get Spirit Savvy!”**

Speakers Include:

Sue Brinkmann, OCDS

Mary Dillenback

Katelyn D’Adamo

Johnnette Benkovic

Father Philip Scott, FJ

**REGISTER NOW – EARLY SELL OUT EXPECTED**



**MISSIONARIES SISTER  
of the Most Sacred Heart**



The MSC Sisters are very grateful for your dedicated stamp donations but are temporarily suspending the collection of used stamps.

**The following items are appreciated:**

1. Religious Items (Holy Cards, Rosaries, holy Oils, Medals, Scapulars)
2. Inspirational and/or Devotional Booklets, Dream Catchers (No outdated Missals, prayerbooks).
3. Unused Greeting Cards (All Occasion, Birthday, Christmas, Holidays, etc.) Please No cards promising Masses or prayers or requiring a donation.
4. Note Pads, Writing paper, Blank Note Cards, Pens & New, Unused Stamps.
5. Calendars of all types (Wall, Pocket, wallet card size).

Any questions, please call Roseanne 610-847-5987

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### FEELING STRESSED? PRAY THESE PRAYERS

**Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila:**

*Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.*

*Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.*

**Prayer of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini:**

*Fortify me with the grace of your Holy Spirit and give your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to you so that your Will may be my will. Grant that I may rid myself of all unholy desires and that, for your love, I may remain obscure and unknown in this world, to be known only to you. Do not permit me to attribute to myself the good that you perform in me and through me, but rather, referring all honor to your Majesty, may I glory only in my infirmities, so that renouncing sincerely all vainglory which comes from the world, I may aspire to that true and lasting glory which comes from you. Amen.*



Please remember in your prayers our parishioners, who are sick, homebound, in the hospital, under hospice or residential care.

Susan Ackerman, Lillian Appleman, Patricia Baker, Nancy Beans, Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, 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, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Claire Fratrick, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallegher, 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, Gabrielle Otero, Jonathan Ott, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria

Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Harry Reckner, 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, Nick Tscheschlog, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, 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, Liberty DeVenuto, 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.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING & PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS.**

**Ministry Schedule for June 16th & 17th  
The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
SATURDAY 5PM	Dorothy Cegielski Joe Cegielski Peg Glancey Dave Slifer	Tony Luna	Luke Luna Olivia Luna Emily Saab	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Kevin Murphy Bea Romaszewski Weez Roney Ron Watson	Patti Keyser	Brigid Froman Danny Froman Samantha Froman	Laura Fleck Karen Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Beebe Gerri Belsito Leona Russell Donna Sciacca	Laura Fleck	Joseph Gonzales-Fleck Audrey Van Haute Caius VanHaite	Lia & Nio Logaivau