

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 June 15 - 21, 2020 Daily Mass 8:35am in the Main Church

Monday: John Sabath (*Loving Wife*)

Tuesday: Tom High (*Janet Reidler & Family*)

Wednesday: Ron Maisenhalter (*Harold Rick*)

Thursday: Jack Glancey (*Loretta Farrell*)

Friday: Timothy Higgins (*Jack Lynch*)

Saturday

5pm: Steve & Arlene Hancharik (*Hancharik Family*)

Sunday

8am: Parishioners' Intentions

10:30am: Intentions of Josephine DeRosa (*Donna Sciacca*)

The 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.

Because our parish office greeting area is rather small, it makes for social distancing a bit of a challenge. Therefore, we ask for your patience as we serve one person (family) inside at a given time.

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 during this *restricted yellow phase.*

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

Weekly Mass Collection for Sunday, June 7, 2020

Envelopes \$7,479.00

Parish Giving \$1,679.86

THANK YOU for your ongoing support.

‘One Bread, One Body...One Cup of Blessing which we bless...’

Reflection by Br. Michael Moore, OMI

Today’s Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, is about the bountiful generosity of God and it is also about the deepest description of who we are as the Church; we are the Body of Christ. Today’s feast is not just or simply about what we receive every time we celebrate the Eucharist; it is fundamentally about who are.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we remembering in a sacred and profound way the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus; the Paschal Mystery. This is not some drama at which we are silent and passive observers. The Church document on the liturgy calls us to be Full, Conscious and Active participants in the celebration of the Eucharist at all times.

During the celebration of the Eucharist we present the most ordinary of things to God; bread and wine; fruit of the earth and work of our hands. God accepts, blesses them and then through power of the Holy Spirit they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. God then surprises us even more and returns these new gifts to us out of love. The Eucharist is an expression God’s ultimate bountiful generosity. Our response can only be gratitude which is why when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we prayerfully respond, Amen. May we never take this greatest of gifts for granted. We didn’t earn, it’s not our right and we can’t demand it. It is God’s gift given freely out love to each of us. As Pope Francis reminds us; ‘The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment form the weak.’ (The Joy of the Gospel: 47).

As we have already said, this wonderful feast also calls us to remember who we are: we are the Church, the Body of Christ. St. Augustine, great church writer, (345-430AD) said, ‘Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ. When you say ‘Amen’ we are saying, ‘Yes, I believe that this is Body and Blood of Jesus and that I will become the Body of Christ to others.’ At the meal we call the Last Supper during which he first offered himself to us

through the breaking of bread and pouring of wine, he asked that when whenever we do this we are to do it in memory of him. At this same meal he also took the place of slave, washed our feet and asked us to do the same for each other; we are to serve each other. We can’t do one without the other. Because we have shared in the Eucharist with each other, we are called and challenged by Jesus to care for and serve each other. If we celebrate the Body and Blood of Jesus in memory of Jesus, we are also to serve each other in memory of Jesus. We can’t do one without doing the other!

At end of mass, we hear words, Go now to love and serve the Lord. This is the invitation and challenge presented to each of us precisely because we have celebrated the Eucharist with each other. We are to take what we have experienced around the altar out and live it in our ordinary lives with each other: The love of God made visible through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



SACRAMENT 1st HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, June 20, 2020

O' Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for our parish 2nd graders, to prepare worthily to approach Your holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, their young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive You. Amen.



2020 Parish Sacraments

Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020
at 10am

Children are to arrive at 9am for photos
Rehearsal - Thurs., June 18th at 6pm
in the church.

Sacrament of Confirmation
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
at 3pm

Rehearsal - **Candidate & Sponsor** - 11am
Saturday, Sept. 26th in the Church.



2020-2021 PREP School Year
begins on September 14 & 15, 2020
Serving Grade Levels 1st - 7th

Returning Students: Registration forms for were mailed home and are due back along with your payment **on or before JULY 6th.**

New Students: If you have a child entering the 1st grade in September, or if you recently moved into our parish and have a child in grades 1 – 7, please contact the parish office to register them in our Parish Religious Education Program.

Volunteers are needed to help assist in our classrooms. Child Clearances are required. Contact Donna Sciacca, DRE at the parish office or email to prep@stjohnsottsville.org

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.

[You may Access & Download forms from our parish website.](#)



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading



Lord God,
We ask for your almighty hand
to be upon all those who graduate today.
Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and love.
Help them to stay true to their dreams,
to use their gifts wisely,
and to walk into the future with
faith, hope, and great love.
Amen.



June 2020

Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates!

Dakota Campbell
Joseph DeVenuto
Melaina Falter
Theodore (Danny) Froman
Lia Logaivau
Madeline McCarthy
Grace Scherer
Darafinn Twomey

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

www.rasjb.org

Parish Email List: ***“Sign Me Up”***

Periodically we send out emails to our parish family to keep them abreast of the latest news and events happening in our parish. If you would like to be included in these communications, please let us know.

Be sure we have [your most current](#) email address on file at the parish office.

- ✓ Spread the word to your family, friends, all who attend St. John’s, and ask them to do the same.
- ✓ Contact us. Send an email and in the subject line write, ***“Sign Me Up.”***
- ✓ Be sure you use your most current email when sending. Email to:
prep@stjohnsottsville.org

St. John’s Online Stewardship Program



Through our online program...*Parish Giving*, funds are electronically deposited directly from your checking, debit, or credit card account into our parishioner Mass contribution fund. A link to this program is on our parish website, www.stjohnsottsville.org Click on the tab and follow the screen prompts. *It’s that easy & secure!*

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



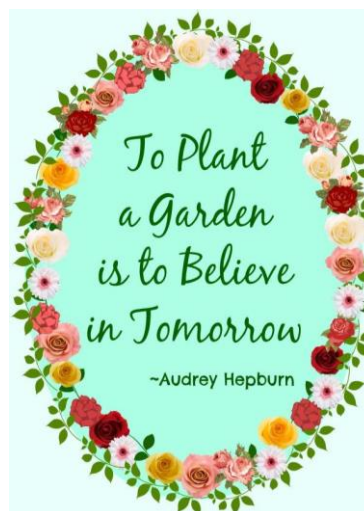
From the very start of the “Stay At Home” order by Gov. Wolf, our LORD’S PANTRY went into action to prepare for the large influx of families anticipated who would be in need of a helping hand.

PPE supplies were ordered to assure they could Keep their doors open. Their doors opened on a Monday and stayed open thru Friday.

Somedays it seemed that as quickly the food came in, the food went out.

The normal waiting period for a new family signing up to verify eligibility was waived. And immediately they began serving an abundance of families who suddenly found themselves without jobs, and without the means to provide food for their families.

Thank You Cathy Leidtke, Barb Merrick, and all the volunteers (too many to name) who showed up to serve. And a Special Thanks to all our parishioners, and neighbors who stepped up to increase donations of food, gift cards, and cash to help the pantry purchase what was not donated.



*Thank You to
our
Nitty Gritty
Garden Club
who powered
through these
difficult days to
keep our gardens
beautiful for our
return to Mass.*

Ministry Schedule for: JUNE 20 & 21, 2020 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Peg Glancey	Christina Crews	Siobhan Crews	Liz Torgerson Bob Galdo
Sunday 8am	Bruce Keyser	Jeanne Keller		Patti Leidner Karen Parash
Sunday 10:30am	Donna Sciacca	Ward Van Haute	Caius Van Haute Max Van Haute	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak



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, Ernie D'Angelo, 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.

PRAY FOR UNITY AMONGST ALL PEOPLES, AN END TO RACISM, CIVIL UNREST, AND FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIFE TO HATE.

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.