

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 June 21 - 27, 2021

Daily Mass: 9am

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

Monday: Intentions of Josephine DeRosa (*Donna Sciacca*)

Tuesday: Joseph Christiano (*The McCord Family*)

Wednesday: Mark C. Lapsley (*John F. Lapsley Jr.*)

Thurs., Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist:
Parishioner's Intentions

Friday: Valerie Korbar (*Mary Kosmin*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm: Elizabeth Messa (*Dan & Dawn Tideman*)

Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 10:30am: Anthony Tanzone (*Ken, Terri, Ashley Olimpo*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm / Fri. 9am – 1pm

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

June 6th: Envelopes \$ 5,777.00

E-Giving: \$ 2,685.95

SPECIAL COLLECTION

for OUR Parish Office & School Roof

GOAL \$93,000 vs. COLLECTED: \$42,876.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues. June 22: Baptismal Enrichment Class, 5:30pm

Thurs. June 24: NGGC, 7pm – Narthex Mtg. Room

Everyone enjoys a clean church!



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

**Wk. of June 20th - TEAM 2
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

This is a once per month commitment.

Please Volunteer We Need Your HELP!

The Sweetness of a Storm

Gospel of Mark 4:35-41

To grasp the awesome power Christ displays in this scene, we need to activate our imagination. Few situations leave men so helpless as storms at sea. The Lake of Galilee, where the disciples were sailing in this case, is still known for the violence of its squalls, which arise and subside rapidly and unpredictably due to its peculiar geographical situation. In the midst of these gales, the forces of nature unleash their full, terrifying force, and human fragility is nakedly exposed.

St. Mark makes it quite clear that the disciples feared for their lives, so we can safely infer that this storm was no minor agitation. That a mere word from the Lord reins in nature's primeval brawn shocks the helpless fishermen even more than the stormy lake had frightened them just moments before. They had seen his miracles, they had heard his wisdom, they had witnessed his power over the human heart, but to see the most unruly powers that flow through the bowels of the universe submit like a well-trained golden retriever – this was a Lordship they had not yet even conceived of; this is Christ our Lord.

Jesus asks, ““Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?” Yet, we still doubt too: when we hesitate to follow a particular Church teaching; when we hesitate to obey the voice of conscience or look for expert advice to clarify a foggy moral issue; when we delay going to confession; when we make excuses to avoid the duties of our state in life or the commitments of our Christian discipleship; when we let frustration and anxiety carry us away in the face of difficulties... In these ways and in many others, we show that we don't know Christ as well as we should, that we don't trust him as we ought to.

Each Sunday we profess our belief in the Creed, which begins: “We believe in one God, the Father all-powerful...” If we truly believe that God is our Father (that we are his beloved children), and that he is all-powerful, why would we ever give in to fear?

Unfortunately, we, like the apostles, often become anxious, nervous, doubtful, and even just plain scared. And sometimes, unlike the apostles, this fear and doubt lead us to abandon ship, to put our trust in someone else (usually ourselves). The lesson Christ teaches here, both with his words and with his actions, is simple: when he is with us, we are safe.

Excerpts from, “The Better Part” by Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D



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.

2021 is the Year of Saint Joseph



**Prayer to Saint Joseph
by Pope Francis**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too,

show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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: Donna Sciacca at prep@stjohnsottsville.org



TEACH the CHILDREN



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

2021-2022 REGISTRATION is OPEN!

Back to In-Person...in the Classroom Learning.

If your child is medically unable to attend in-person learning, please contact Donna Sciacca to arrange for an alternate learning platform.

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

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

Registration forms and our 2021-2022 Calendar are available on our website, www.stjohnsottsville.org



Starting Fall 2021

Children's Mass

10:30am Mass on the **3rd Sunday** of the months of: **October & November 2021**
January, March & May 2022

We are looking to **Sign-up Volunteers Now** to **Serve** at these Masses. **Open to all registered parish children who have received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.**

2- Lay Readers (age 13 & up)

4- Ushers

3 - Offertory Gift Procession

2- Greeters w/ parents

3- Altar Servers (will be scheduled through our current Ministry of trained servers).

Parents if you have a child(ren) who would like to serve at one of these Masses please contact Donna Sciacca, DRE at prep@stjohnsottsville.org



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



CONGRATULATIONS !

Joseph Gonzales-Fleck
Meade Grindrod
Francis Reinhart
Peter Shea



Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director
www.rasjb.org
610-847-5523

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
3rd Sunday, 12pm

Adoration & Prayer for Vocations
1st Saturday, 10am

Rosary, Confession, & Mass followed by Lunch

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



**Strong and Beautiful
Mini-Conferences**

Saturday, October 23, 2021

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA

CWC2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event due to continued pandemic limitations. This year, Catholic women are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference – morning or afternoon – and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure.

Morning keynote by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Afternoon keynote by Mother Clare Matthias, CFR.

For more info or to register visit:

<http://www.catholicwomensconference.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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**ATTENTION PARENTS
of 2021 GRADUATES**

If you are a registered family of St. John's we would like to recognize **ALL our 2021 Graduates** in an upcoming bulletin.



Please send their name, school name & date of graduation to our bulletin editor:
Email to: prep@stjohnsottssville.org

**Solidarity in Freedom' is theme of
Religious Freedom Week June 22-29**

The USCCB invites Catholics **"to pray, reflect and act to promote religious freedom"** during this week.

The first day of the observance is the feast of two English **Martyrs**, who fought religious persecution, **Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher.**

The week includes **the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, June 24**, and ends with the feast of two apostles **martyred in Rome — SS. Peter and Paul.**

Resources prepared by the USCCB for Catholics to **"Pray, Reflect, Act"** on the day's theme can be found at: www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek



Thank you for your support!

The members of the Garden Club thank our SJB family for their overwhelming support of our plant sale. We sold lots of plants, received generous donations, and enjoyed socializing with fellow parishioners. Thank you for making this fundraiser a huge success.

Welcoming New Members....

If you enjoy gardening or want to help to maintain our beautiful parish campus, please join us on THURSDAY, JUNE 24th at 6pm in front of the church for our next work & meeting session. For more information contact:

Jeanne Keller: jeake1@msn.com

Mary Kosmin: mtkozmo@verizon.net or 215-384-5080

The Nitty Gritty Garden Club

Peter's Pence Collection Next weekend, we will take-up the Peter's Pence collection which is a way to support the universal church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters.

For more information, go to www.peterspence.va/en.html.

June 26 & 27, 2021 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Ministry Schedule	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5 PM	Lynn Gammello John Becker	Christine Crews	Siobhan Crews Juliet Meyers	
SUNDAY 8AM	Bea Romaszewski ?	Anne Slifer	Not Filled Not Filled	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Donna Sciacca	Leona Russell	Paige Mattle Brady Mattle	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, 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*