

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 22 - 28, 2020 Daily Mass 8:35am in the Main Church

Monday: Tom High (*Prayer Shawl Ministry*)

Tuesday: Ron Maisenhalter (*SJB Choir*)

Wednesday: John Zdanowicz (*Betty White*)

Thursday: Eleanor Lynch-Anater (*Stephens Family*)

Friday: Tom Fink (*Miller Family*)

Saturday

5pm: Jack Glancey (*Joe & Denise Carney*)

Sunday

8am: Parishioners' Intentions

10:30am: John Joseph Koerber (*Twomey Family*)

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 14, 2020

Envelopes \$4,607.00

Parish Giving \$2,137.00

Thank you for your generosity and for your ongoing support.

BE NOT AFRAID

Gospel of Matthew 10: 26-33

As we saw last week, the commission of the Twelve is addressed to all baptized Christians. Continuing his instruction, Jesus tells the apostles, *“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.”*

Jesus warns the apostles, *“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather be afraid of the one (Satan) who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna (Hell).”*

In the early centuries, the fact that so many men and women, young and old, were ready to face a terrible death, rather than renounce their faith, so impressed their pagan neighbors that it led many of them to embrace the Christian faith. Martyrdom has been a continuing fact of the Church's life during the past century. Most of us will not have to face this ultimate test. But on the other hand, this is a world that does not embrace Christianity and likely one day, we will all be called to “acknowledge before others” our belief, our faith, our God. For many there will be a price to pay. The loss of a spouse, children, family, friends, your job. But it is Jesus who encourages those who must overcome their ‘fear’, as they give witness to all that he stands for.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Our essential Christian witness will not be given in the market place, but in the informal exchanges that are a constant part of life. In the discussions that lead to family decisions, in our work place conversations, and in the attitudes that people know are the expression of Catholic conviction. It will not be so much what we say, as the respect and friendliness with which we express ourselves that matters. Always have your answer ready for the people who ask you the reason for the hope that you have, but give it with courtesy and respect, and with a clear conscience.

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

The past several months have taught us many valuable lessons.

Among them is the lesson that community is not a static thing; we can be communal whether we are together or apart. Unite our MSC Community by supporting Nun Run 2020. Although we anticipate being together on 9/19/20, we also are prepared to be “together apart” should COVID-19 circumstances dictate, we will:

- change all registrations to virtual registrations;
- mail event t-shirts to all registrants and sponsors;
- ask that you run/walk on your own - but in unity with us - on or around 9/19/20.

Sponsorships will be honored as described in the event brochure excluding day-of announcements and signage.

For details and options, visit: MSCreading.org



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

Due to the July 4th holiday, the deadline for Registrations **has been extended to JULY 10th**.

Returning Students: Registration forms were mailed home and are due back along with your payment.

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.**

From Ascension Press

How Parishes Can Encourage and Build Up the Domestic Church

This year, the idea of our homes and families being the domestic church has taken on renewed importance.

Next Tuesday, Michael Gormley and Lisa Hendey will join us to discuss what parishes can do to help their parishioners foster the domestic church in their own homes. They'll share insights, strategies, and tips they've found helpful with their own families, as well as in their parishes.

Join us next Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 2 PM ET for a live webinar with host Colin MacIver. He'll be joined by Michael Gormley, co-host of our weekly Catholic podcast on evangelization *Every Knee Shall Bow*, and Lisa Hendey, best-selling author and creator of CatholicMom.com.

Register now and we'll see you next week!

<https://ascensionpress.zoom.us/webinar/register>



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

Rosary walk in city brings prayer, healing to troubled streets



Some 200 area faithful took to the streets of downtown Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon, June 7 for a “Rosary Walk for Healing and Peace” in a city and nation beset by disease and division. The two-hour procession was led by Father Dennis Gill, director of the archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship and rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, which was the starting point for the event.

“We come together to pray for many things today,” said Father Gill, stressing the intercessory power of Jesus before God the Father, and of Mary “who brings all of our needs to her divine Son.” Before setting out, attendees recited the chaplet of Divine Mercy, led by event organizer David Sao of the Culture Project, a Wynnewood-based young adult ministry. Sao knelt on the steps of the cathedral throughout the chaplet, with several others doing the same on the pavement and street behind him.

Archbishop Nelson Perez joined the participants for the length of the walk, as did Archbishop Borys Gudziak, metropolitan archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States, and Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop Edward Deliman.

To watch a video of the day's event visit <https://youtu.be/oBYtDWCFMo>

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES



Throughout history, though, many people have reported miracles that brought them back to the truth. The Church has recognized over one hundred Eucharistic miracles, many of which occurred during times of weakened faith in transubstantiation.


One of the earliest was recorded by the Desert Fathers in Egypt, who were among the first Christian monks. One of these monks had doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine. Two of his fellow monks prayed for his faith to be strengthened, and they all attended Mass together. According to the account they left behind, when the bread was placed on the altar, the three men saw a small child there. When the priest put out his hand to break the bread, an angel descended with a sword and poured the child's blood into the chalice. When the priest cut the bread into small pieces, the angel also cut the child into pieces. When the men drew near to receive Communion, the skeptical man alone received a morsel of bloody flesh. Seeing this, he became afraid and cried out: “Lord, I believe that this bread is your flesh and this chalice your blood.” Immediately the flesh became bread, and he took it, giving thanks to God.

The other monks then had a great insight into the miracle that takes place at each Mass. They explained, “God knows human nature and that man cannot eat raw flesh, and that is why he has changed his body into bread and his blood into wine for those who receive it in faith.”


The Real Presence Association is currently translating reports of 120 Vatican-approved miracles from Italian into English. The stories of these miracles will be available at www.therealpresence.org.

Ministry Schedule for: JUNE 27 & 28, 2020 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Lynn Gammello	Kim Zampirri		Ordinary Time
Sunday 8am	Jim Black	Megan Gilbert		No Music
Sunday 10:30am	Donna Sciacca	Sean Lynch		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, 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.