

**PARISH STAFF**

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**PARISH SPIRITUALITY**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am  
Mon - Fri: 8:35am  
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 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 the Week of July 1 - 7, 2019

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

**DAILY MASS at 8:35am in the Chapel**

Monday: Charles E. Fees (*Loving son Charles J. Fees*)

Tuesday: Henry DeFeo (*Anita Colahan*)

Wednesday: Maria Meier (*Ron Meier*)

Thursday - July 4<sup>th</sup> - 9am - Old SJB Church



**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Family*)

**24 hr. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately follows the Mass.**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday**

9am: Benediction and Adoration closing Mass

5pm: Florence J. Mainart (*Linda & Jerry Tumolo*)

**Sunday**

8am: Fr. Thomas Gumprecht (*Loving Family*)

10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

**Meetings this Week**

Sat. July 6: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel

**2019 Weekly Mass Collection**

Envelopes:

Sunday, June 23: \$ 6,098.00

(above incl. \$667 for Feast of St. John the Baptist)

Parish Giving: \$ 466.00

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

For the most up to date information on our parish visit our website at: [www.stjohnsottsville.org](http://www.stjohnsottsville.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/ottsville>

**MAGS GIFT CARDS...ON SALE in the Marian Room before all Masses. Also available from the Parish Office.**  
**FOR EATING...SHOPPING...OR FILLING YOUR TANK**



**Parish Office Summer Hours**

Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 5:30pm; Fri: 8:30am – 1pm

**Closed July 4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY**

## Gospel Reflection - Luke 9:51-62



**Christ the Lord** Two of Jesus' closest disciples (James and John) still hadn't understood their leader. Even as Jesus "resolutely took" the road to Jerusalem, where he would allow himself to be rejected, humiliated, tortured, and executed, they were eager to defend his Lordship by violence and force. On the one hand, they were right: Jesus was the Lord, and he deserved to be welcomed and treated with the highest respect. Therefore, in rejecting him, the Samaritan village deserved censure. But on the other hand, Christ had repeatedly explained that he was on his way to Jerusalem precisely to accept the people's rejection. Christ reveals God's mercy precisely by not giving his enemies what they deserve, but by patiently bearing with them. Christ's Lordship is real, but it differs from what we tend to expect: for Christ, and thus for the Christian, success means fulfilling God's will, even if that requires suffering, humiliation, rejection, and total failure in the eyes of the world.

**Christ the Teacher** These three encounters with these would-be disciples teach us three tough lessons about what it means to follow Christ.

**First**, we have to give up our security. Christ is trustworthy, but when we follow him, we have to do so one step and one day at a time – he refuses to give us a full outline in advance. Even foxes and birds have the security of their instincts and natural habitats, but Christians are on an unpredictable adventure.

**Second**, we have to take risks. The words of the Lord to this young man seem harsh, but in the idiom of the time, they probably weren't. The man's father was probably not dead at all. Rather, the young man simply said that he wanted to follow the Lord, to leave behind the spiritually dead environment he lived in, but he would do so once his father had grown old and died. He felt the tug of Christ calling him, but he also felt the pull of his comfortable life, of the relationships, hopes, and projects that he had long been attached to. Christ warns him that he needs to heed God's voice without delay – as risky as it may be.

**Finally**, we can expect difficulties. Plowing fields by hand was no easy task, and to do it well, to plow a straight and deep furrow, required dedication,

perseverance, and just plain hard work. Following Christ is no different. Once we get into it, we discover how demanding it really is, and we are tempted to look back at the ease and comfort of a self-centered life (conveniently forgetting, of course, about the hardships that go along with that too). But if we go back, we lose. Only Christ's Kingdom lasts forever, only God can fill the deepest longings of our hearts – the hard work that fidelity to God's will requires pays for itself with eternal returns.

**Christ the Friend** Christ invites these potential disciples to follow him, just as he invites us to follow him. This is no insignificant detail. If he invites us, it is because he wants us to be with him; he is interested in us, in bringing us into his Kingdom. What we do, whether we follow him or not, matters to him. God really cares about each one of us. As the Catechism (#30) puts it, "[God] never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness." If we understood how much we matter to him, it would solve an awful lot of our problems.

**Christ in My Life** Why am I so afraid of failure and rejection? You chose exactly those realities as your path of glory. You only cared about fulfilling the Father's will, so why do I care so much about what others think of me, about performing better than my neighbor? Lord, free my heart from vanity and arrogance and insecurity. Free me to love and give myself as totally and gladly as you did...

I really do want to be your disciple. You know my limits and my circumstances, and you know my possibilities – much better than I do. So teach me to trust in you and your will more than in my own judgment. Teach me to find the balance between sensibility (I know you don't want me to abandon common sense, since you invented it) and courage...

Since you are God, you think unceasingly of those you love. And since you love me, you must think of me unceasingly. Lord, help me to believe that! Help me to live knowing that you are always surrounding me with your wise, merciful, and loving providence. Inspire me with your love, so I will be generous and courageous in spreading the treasures of your truth and grace...

***Lord, teach me to know you more, love you more, and serve you more faithfully in my life. Amen***



## 2019-2020 PREP ENROLLMENT FOR NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS

Registration Forms for returning students may be obtained from the parish office or may be downloaded from our parish website.



### Wonderful Activities Every Catholic Family Can Do This Summer

**Go to Daily Mass** – Choose a different church to visit each day and attend their daily Mass.

**Visit a shrine or go on a pilgrimage** – our area is rich in Shrines. Venture to a new location & bring a picnic lunch to share.

**Create a sacred space in your yard** – this will involve all and is a great way for your children to express themselves. Perhaps build a Sanctuary for birds, or butterflies, or any other small animal.

**Visit the Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul in Phila.**

**Create a clay sculpture of something that reminds you of your favorite Saint** – Clay can be purchased in almost any crafts store and children have a lot of fun working with their hands. Have your child look at pictures of their favorite Saint and choose an item that represents that Saint.

**Re-connect with nature** – God’s beauty surrounds us. Take the children on hike along the water’s edge or a trip to a nature park, some have nature centers or offer nature adventures. God provided the landscape for us to connect with Him and with each other. All we have to do is create the moments.

**Go Bird Watching** – see how many different birds your child can spot in a day.

**Star Gazing** – what a great way to wind down an active day. Perhaps around a camp fire, roasting smores, How many can you identify?

**Make Your Own Rosary** – let your children pick out the color and shape of the beads to string to make their own personal Rosary. All materials can be purchased at a crafts store.

**Visit an animal shelter and see what items they could use** – many can use inexpensive items you can donate.



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

## Do you have a child that will be 3 years old by September?

Our Pre-K program is excellent and focuses on the spiritual, emotional, moral and intellectual foundation of each child.

### Here are some of the benefits:



- Small Class Sizes
- Catholic Formation
- Teachers Who Love Each Child as God's Creation
- Weekly Mass
- Like Minded Families with Shared Values

Our Pre-K program also offers a wide range of flexibility. Children may attend 2, 3, or up to 5 half days or 2, 3 or up to 5 full days.

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist is seeking teachers for the following positions:

- Kindergarten teach, full day, Montessori preferred
- Second Grade Teacher (Sacrament Grade)

Interested teachers should send their resume, along with a cover letter to:

John V. Munday, Head of School  
[johnvmundy@yahoo.com](mailto:johnvmundy@yahoo.com) or call 215-801-0342

Mr. John Mundy, Headmaster:  
Email: [jmundy@rasjb.org](mailto:jmundy@rasjb.org) / Phone: 610-847-5523  
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director:  
Email [amattle@rasjb.org](mailto:amattle@rasjb.org) / Phone: 267-424-5762  
Mr. Matthew McKernan, Dir. of Institutional Advancement  
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For more information or directions, please call Joan Black at 215-536-3508, or visit: [fatimahousebedminster.webs.com](http://fatimahousebedminster.webs.com)

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34th Annual

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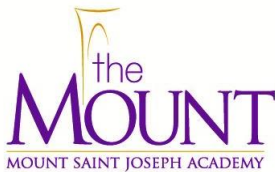


Friday, September 13, 2019

Whitetail Golf Club

2679 Klein Road, Bath PA 18014

For more information, contact Peg Glancey



2018-2019 Academic Honors

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FIRST ACADEMIC HONORS



SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

Doors open at 12PM / Games start at 1PM

20 Games for \$15

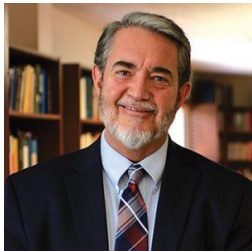
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Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center

8040 Easton Rd. (Rt. 611), Ottsville, PA 610-847-8178



Scott Hahn

Sat. August 3, 2019  
9am – 12pm

Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine 654 Ferry Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901

Join us for a day of pilgrimage this August in honor of Our Blessed Mother.

Cost \$20 pp.

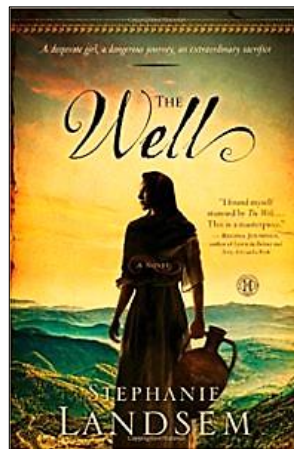
Cost w/Buffer Lunch \$35 pp.

Go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith.

Reserve your spot & register now!

Visit <https://stpaulcenter.com/shrine/>

Recommended Summer Reading:



Stephanie Landsem’s biblical fiction trilogy brings Gospel events to life. *The Well* centers on the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, but contains much more of Jesus’ story, along with subplots involving Roman soldiers, marriage customs, and the first Christian martyrs. In *The Thief*, a young girl steals to survive and support her blind

brother. Her life collides with that of a Roman centurion, two veteran thieves, and Jesus Christ. The crucifixion scene is not for the faint of heart. *The Tomb* is an imaginative exploration of Martha of Bethany’s life.



**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, Robert Balbirer, Nancy Beans, John Becker, Loretta Bodisch, Dominic Chiarello, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, MaryJane Deutsch, Dominic Diamond, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Marvin Eichlin, George Farrelly, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Claire Fratrik, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallegher, Kathleen Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Mary Halwski, Maryann Hauber, Joyceann Heley, Michael Heuston, Sharon Horvath, Charles Houston, Martha Juchnowicz, Carol Knight, Valerie Korbar, Aleena Lang, Nate Leidtke, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Marie Louzon, Jackie Litzenberger, Charles Lutcavage, Loretta Malloy, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Carol McGlinchey, Bridget McHugh, Anne McLaughlin, Anne McNichol, Emma Michael, Maria Middleton, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Harvey Mueller, James O'Hanlon, Gabriel Otero, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria Pepkowski,

Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, **Michael Renzi**, Rachael Rice, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy Rodman, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Bob Sheetz, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Mary Jane Shuman, Baby Ella Stack, Jenna Stanzio, Shane Stroup, Riley Telesca, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Cynthia Tocci, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Helen Wall, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealton, Tamara Widmer, Edward Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder, Liem Zbyszinski

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



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, Casey de Lauretis, 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.

**Ministry Schedule for July 6 & 7: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
<b>Saturday 5pm</b>	Peg Glancey Dave Slifer Marion Wolf <b>Not Filled</b>	Anne Slifer	Paige Mattle <b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>	Maggie Liz Katra
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Nancy Kaczinski Cathy Leidtke Donna Nice Bea Romaszewski	Jeanne Keller	Kalista Williams Violet Williams <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Denny Litzenberger Choir Karen Parash
<b>Sunday 10:30pm</b>	Joan Beebe Wendy DeGroot Dolly Kovacs Leona Russell	Christina Crews	Dakota Campbell Joseph Gonzales-Fleck Elia Logaivau	Katie Minster Karen Parash

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*Thank you!*