

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 7 - 13, 2021

Daily Mass: 9am

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

Monday: Marie Louzon (*Gina Puente*)
Tuesday: Maria Middleton (*Kosmin Family*)
Wednesday: John F. Lapsley Sr. (*John F. Lapsley Jr.*)
Thursday: Roger Maddux (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)
Friday: Maria Middleton (*Jennie Blandi & Family*)

Weekend Masses

Sat. 5pm: Ernie D'Angelo (*Florinda D'Angelo*)
Sun. 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
10:30am: Pat DeCicco (*McCord Family*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm / Fri. 9am – 1pm

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

May 30th: Envelopes \$ 5,456.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,981.38
May 31st: Memorial Day: \$337.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION
for OUR Parish Office & School Roof
GOAL \$93,000 vs. COLLECTED: \$34,281

Thank you for your generosity!

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, 9:30am

Adoration & Prayers

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

THE REAL PRESENCE

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also referred to as Corpus Christi.

The Catechism reminds us that Christ is present to us in many ways here on earth: *"in his word, in the Church's prayer, in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister."*

But one presence on earth is greatest of all. Jesus Christ "is present . . . most especially in the Eucharistic." (CCC 1373)

All of us together form the Church. Who is the center or head of the Church? Jesus is the center. How is Jesus most present to us? In the Blessed Sacrament.

Today's celebration of Corpus Christ, the Body of Christ, is the feast of the very center and heart of our church, the center and heart of our faith, and the center and heart of parish, the center and heart of the lives of each of us, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

I know that some find it difficult to believe that bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus, especially since we do not see nor taste a difference before and after the prayer of consecration. But with our intellect we know that it is God who is the origin of everything, yet still we doubt. As St. Paul says, *"for we walk by faith, not by sight."* (2 Cor 5:7). If we remain humble and open to God performing a miracle every day in His church, then it is easy to accept **the miracle of the Eucharist as the real presence of Christ.**

There is a beautiful chant, *"Trust, surrender, believe, receive."* Add faith to your reasoning and receive the love of God for you! **The Eucharist is the gift of God's love for you.**

To help us in our weak faith, from time to time, God has given us Eucharistic Miracles so that we may believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Come to Jesus, not like a scientist trying to analyze, but come in trust, surrender, believe and receive his love. Say to Jesus that you believe he is really present in the Blessed Sacrament and gradually grow from merely believing, to loving Jesus, and being loved by Jesus. Come to visit Jesus in the Tabernacle here in church often where you

will have a wonderful opportunity to trust, surrender, believe and receive the love of Jesus.

Remember the words of the consecration of every Mass recalling Jesus giving himself for us, "This is my Body which will be given up for you....This is the cup of my blood. It will be shed for you..."

May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very center and heart of our church, the center and heart of our faith, the center and heart of our parish, and the center and heart of the lives of each of us.

**O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine.**

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.



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.



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 now OPEN!

We are returning to the classroom for in person learning once again.

If your child is medically unable to return to the classroom, please contact Donna Sciacca to arrange for an alternate learning platform.

To register:

Returning families: please check your inbox for your registration forms.

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.

Ph. 610-847-5521 or email prep@stjohnsottsville.org

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

Why is a Religious Education important for your child?

- **Religion** builds a **strong foundation** on which your child will live their life.
- **Faith** builds **hope**.
- Teaches your child that **they were loved even before they came into being....**
- Teaches **unconditional love**, God is Love.
- Instills a sense of **belonging...to God, and community**.
- Teaches the **peace that comes with being forgiven & forgiving**.
- The peace that comes from **daily prayer**.
- Builds **morals and ethics** to live by.
- Builds **inner strength and courage** to do the right thing.
- Learn how to **lead by being a follower of God**.
- Teaches them to **respect all life**.
- Teaches **the joy that comes from selfless service and hard work**.
- Teaches practices to live by...**be kind to others, share with those less fortunate, be honest in all you do**.



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

2021-2022 School Year Registration



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



**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

**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/>



315 S. Warren Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355
610.644.0400

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Spiritual Warfare CHARISMATICS Retreat

Friday, Jun 25, 2021 - Saturday, Jun 26, 2021

5:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us for a retreat weekend including Praise & Worship, Teachings, Liturgy and Opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will reflect on the ways we cooperate with the enemy and the impact on your life and your families. We will cover Depression, Loss and Isolation and How to direct our Prayers for Healing from this Pandemic.

Speaker: Father Bill Halbing

\$175.00 In Person / \$75.00 Virtual

For full details, visit

<https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/charismatics-3/> or call 610-644-0400.

Morning of Reflection for Grandparents: "The Grace of Being Grand"

**National Centre for Padre Pio, Spirituality Centre,
111 Barto Road, Barto, PA**

Celebrate the blessings and challenges of grand-parenting on this feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Our morning consists of morning refreshments, prayer, and a conference by our guest presenter. Deacon Tony currently serves as the Permanent Deacon at Saint Stanislaus Parish and is the loving father of two and grandfather of five.

Speaker: Deacon Anthony Bellitto

There is no cost to attend; however, please register by contacting: Angela@PadrePio.org or call 610-845-3000.



**Holy Spirit Radio tune in at 1570 AM
Doylestown/Philadelphia, or online at
HolySpiritRadio.org.**

Another way to listen is through a connected device such as Amazon Echo or Google Home. On these devices simply ask to play Holy Spirit Radio on TuneIn.



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.

5 GOOD THINGS THAT CAME OUT OF THE CORONAVIRUS


While the world was essentially shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic, God was up to something good!

Our minds naturally gravitate toward the negatives out there for us to dwell on, to perpetuate fear like we have not seen in some time. While not dismissing the seriousness of the virus and the toll it took on so many families, not all that came out of this past year's shut-down is bad. In a recent Gallup poll, folks were asked to share something good God has done in their life during the pandemic.

1. **More focus on what's important!** The pandemic forced us to slow down, prioritize, and focus on what is most important in our lives.
2. **GOD is speaking louder!** Because of a forced removal of distractions, God's voice is being heard through prayer and meditation.
3. **Reconnecting with family!** Being forced to stay at home, confined with only your immediate family members, folks found new ways of connecting with one another than ever before. So much so, that some are now trying to find ways of keeping that "special family time" going even as the world slowly returns to normal.
4. **Connecting with neighbors!** Aside from a passing, "Hi, how are you?" Most neighbors rarely make time for one another. The resurgence of the "porch gathering" brought new friends into our lives.
5. **REST IN GOD!** Whether by choice or not, people have found rest in God.

June 12th & 13th, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Ministry Schedule				
	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5 PM	Lynn Gammello	Anne Slifer	Julia Byers Juliet Meyers	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Donna Nice	Marie Burke	Alexander Nice Natalie Nice	Dennis Litzenberger Choir Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black	Leona Russell	Paige Mattle Brady Mattle	Amletto Pucci Sue Rogers



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

** New Name Added*

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, Julia Ferguson, 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, Pete Shultz, Sr., Ed Van Haute, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, Christine Zdanowicz, and all those afflicted by the Coronavirus.

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, 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.

