

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 8-14, 2020 Daily Mass 8:35am in the Main Church

Monday: John Zdanowicz (*Jackie Litzenber*)

Tuesday: Jack Glancey (*Phil & MaryLou Crossley*)

Wednesday: Ron Maisenhalter (*Liz Torgerson*)

Thursday: Hank Tancredi (*Fr. Lucas*)

Friday: Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Husband*)

Saturday

5pm: John Zdanowicz (*Dot & Joe Cegielski*)

Sunday

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

10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

**The Parish Office will reopen on
Monday June 8th.**

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm

Friday 9am – 1pm.

Face coverings are to be in place before you enter the office building.

Because our parish office foyer 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.

Ministry Meetings may resume with some restrictions.

The SJB Narthex Mtg. Room, Marian Room, and the Chapel are not open during this restricted yellow phase.

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

Weekly Mass Collection for Sunday, May 31, 2020

Envelopes \$1,916.00

Parish Giving \$3,681.69

THANK YOU! We are truly humbled by your generosity and grateful for your ongoing support to our parish.

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the salvation won for us by Christ.

Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, to be in union with Christ, to share as sons and daughters in the very life of God.

There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, God!

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? You may say it is the finale to all the preceding feasts.

All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of our salvation by Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in

him might have eternal life."

The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all



sacred functions. After Christ's ascension, he sent the Holy Spirit who became our Advocate, Teacher, our Consoler.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost.

This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most

Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us.

The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the day of the Most Holy Trinity*.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

May we ever be "on the alert" to the presence of the Trinity in our souls! At Baptism we became the adopted "children of the Father," "co-heirs with Christ," "temples of the Holy Spirit!"

In our offering of Holy Mass, "we will give glory to" the Trinity (Introit), and God will show "mercy to us" (Offertory, Communion).

On this Feast we should also renew our baptismal vows that this "profession of our faith. . . may be of profit to our health, in body and soul" (Postcommunion).



Join us, **June 22 - June 29**, as we **pray, reflect, and take action** on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

June 22: Freedom to Serve in Health Care

June 23: Respect for Houses of Worship

June 24: Religious Minorities in China

June 25: Adoption and Foster Care

June 26: Border Wall Dispute in the Diocese of Brownsville

June 27: Catholic Schools

June 28: Central African Republic

June 29: Civilize It



UPDATE

2020 Parish Sacraments

2020 Sacrament of Confirmation

The RITE of CONFIRMATION within the MASS
will take place on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
at 3PM.

Rehearsal for Candidate & Sponsor is at 11am
on Saturday, Sept. 26th in the Church.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020 at 10AM

Rehearsal is on Thurs., June 18th at 6pm in the
church.



2020-2021 PREP School Year
begins on September 14 & 15, 2020

2020-2021 PREP Registration forms
for Returning Students were mailed home
and are due back along with your payment
on or before JULY 6th.

Payment plans are available to those who may be facing
financial hardship at this time, please contact Donna
Sciaccia, DRE to make alternate arrangements.

If you have a child entering the 1st grade
in September, please contact the parish
office to register them in our Parish Religious
Education Program.



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 of the Local School Districts

To register your child now, or for more
information, visit our **ADMISSIONS PAGE** on our
website.

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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

OPEN THOSE DOORS

For some, this pandemic has left its mark on their psyche, fear has overcome them. They have chosen to adhere to the “stay at home” order even now when the restrictions have been loosened and we have opened our doors. ***They need our prayers not our judgement.***

Then there are those who were lacing up their running shoes Saturday morning in preparation for the return to the Mass Sunday. ***They need our prayers, not our judgement.***

There is no right or wrong, each person must decide for themselves where their heart and mind fall in this period of uncertainty. Life’s course is ruled by the choices we make and the decision to stand by them. We must respect each person’s decision that they made for themselves. ***Pray for them, do not judge them.***

As humans we often have to be strong even in difficult circumstances. Life throws things at us that are near impossible to handle. ***This is the perfect time to pray. To turn to God, to Jesus, to Mary, to the Bible.***

Whether we need a push to stay on track or need a reminder that God’s strength is always there for us to lean on, even when we have none.

And that physical strength is not most important. God’s word reminds us that strength in faith is what we really need most of all. It is that strength and belief that God has our best intentions in mind that will help us power through even the hardest of trials and tribulations. Our Lord is our strength.

While some may have forgotten, we have seen that even more have remembered and returned to the Lord. ***Pray for them all!***

Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Proverbs 31:25 *“Strength and dignity are her clothing and she laughs at the time to come.”*

Joshua 1:9 *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

To obtain a copy of the Diocese **“RETURN TO MASS”** guidelines, visit our website at www.stjohnsottsville.org

If you do not have access to a computer and printer, and would like a copy mailed to you, feel free to call our parish office and we will mail you a copy

Parish Email List: **“Sign Me Up”**

We at St. John’s are doing our part to prepare to keep you informed on the most *Up-To-Date News* coming out of our Diocese. And although our parish has a large number of email addresses on file, we don’t have everyone’s! This is where you can help!

- ✓ 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 electronic Stewardship Program

Offering our parish family, a more secure, and convenient way to offer their weekly Mass tithe. 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, visit www.stjohnsottsville.org Click on the tab and follow the screen prompts. *It’s that easy!*

Your on-going weekly Mass contributions sustains our parish, it is our only source of income.

THANK YOU!

Ministry Schedule for: JUNE 13 & 14, 2020 – Feast of CORPUS CHRISTI

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Joel Roney	Tom Costello		
Sunday 8am	Mark Fetter	Marie Burke	Joseph Fetter	
Sunday 10:30am	Patti Keyser	Sean Lynch		



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, 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, Riley Telesco, Cynthia Tocci, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer.

PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE LIFE HAS BEEN AFFECTED, AND THE TREMENDOUS LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS.

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.