

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.*

We miss seeing you and hope you are all well! We long for the days when we can once again gather at Mass together. Until then, our **Church is open** for you to come in and pray before the Tabernacle:

Mon – Fri: 8am – 10am

Sunday: 8am – 2pm

Please visit our parish website for frequent updates on resources and **to view our weekly Sunday Mass visit** www.stjohnsottsville.org
Our Weekly Collection Basket is at the entrance to the center aisle for you to leave your weekly Mass envelopes or cash offerings.

Confession is by appt. only, and will be held in the main church please call 610-847-5521.

Mass Intentions for May 11 – May 17, 2020

Fr. Lucas and Fr. Tony are praying for you, your family and your parish Mass Intentions during their *Private Mass each day.*

Monday: Barbara Fox (Brian & Susan Middleton & Family)

Tuesday: Susan Toal (Chris Zdanowicz)

Wednesday: Intentions of Jim & Joan Black (D.Sciacca)

Thursday: John Zdanowicz (Fetter Family)

Friday: Elizabeth Petritsch (Loving Husband)

Saturday 5pm:

Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 8am:

Kaitlyn Markulec (Mike & Colette Kirk)

Sunday 10:30am:

Intentions of our Parish & School Children (D.Sciacca)

Weekly Mass Collections Sunday, May 3, 2020

Envelopes \$4,039.00

Parish Giving \$2,279.94

THANK YOU! We are truly humbled by your generosity and grateful for your ongoing support to our parish during this challenging time for all of us

THE “WAY” OF JESUS

Gospel of John 14: 1-12

At the Last Supper, aware now that Jesus is about to leave them, the mood is one of gloom and anxiety. And Jesus tells them, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Although these are encouraging words, their hearts are troubled. This is a call to total faith in the Father and in Jesus. It is a single act of trust for to have faith in the one is to have equal faith in the other.

Jesus has now been with them for three years, has taught them continuously all during this time, yet they still do not understand when he tells them I going away to “prepare a place” for them, that he will return to take them with him, “so that where I am you may be too.” Thomas, protests: “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” He is clearly thinking in geographical terms. However, we can be grateful to Thomas for drawing out of Jesus one of the great sayings of John’s Gospel: **“I AM the Way — I AM Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”**

The “Way” of Jesus, through his coming, suffering and death, will end in the new and abundant life he wants for all of us. To follow the Way of Jesus is not to go anywhere. It is to become a special kind of person, a person whose whole being reflects the Truth and Life that Jesus reveals to us. It is to be a person who is totally identified with the vision and the values of Jesus. To be such a person is to be a person of Truth and Life.

Truth is not in a purely intellectual sense. Truth is complete integrity and harmony which Jesus himself revealed not only in what he said but in the total manifestation of his life and person. Truth for Jesus was not just something he knew or accepted or believed in; truth for Jesus was what he was in his whole person: thoughts, feelings, actions, relationships. It was that total conformity between his inward self and his outward behavior. For us to live Truth in that way is also to be fully alive responding totally to that abundance of life which Jesus came to give us. And God the Father is, of course, also Truth and Life. But we go to God the Father through Jesus and we call Jesus the “Way”

because he is the visible manifestation in human form of all that his Father is. It is this incarnation of the Father’s being in the human person of Jesus, a man like us in all things which makes him the accessible model for us to grow ever more in the likeness of our God and to experience to the full his love and life in us.

But whether we are pope, bishop, priest, office worker, truck driver or housewife – our duty is the same: to lead the people we come in contact along the Way of Jesus – the Way of Truth and Life. By working together, we can do more than Jesus did, or rather he does it through us. The Gospel still needs to be preached with greater enthusiasm, with greater relevance, with greater integrity. As in Jesus’ day, the masses are calling out to be fed and we, the friends and companions of Jesus, have been called to continue to bring the Bread of Life to the world.



St. John’s Online 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 helps to sustain us, as is our only means of income.

THANK YOU!

Parish Office
is
Temporarily Closed
*In case of sickness or danger of death
your priests are still available.
please call the office.*
The church is still open for prayer



UPDATE - 2020 Parish Sacraments

Sacrament of Confirmation: We received written notification from the Bishop's Office, all Parish Confirmations originally planned for May & June will now take place in the Fall. We await a call from the Bishop's Office with a new date & time.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Once we are permitted to gather for Mass, a new date will be selected.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Donna Sciacca, DRE
610-847-5521

prep@stjohnsottsville.org



YOU'VE GOT MAIL... within the next 2 weeks our office will be mailing home:

- ❖ **FINAL REPORT CARDS**
- ❖ **CERTIFICATES OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE** to those children who did not miss a class prior to our "stay at home" restriction.
- ❖ **2020-2021 PREP YEAR CALENDAR**
- ❖ **2020-2021 PREP Registration Form**
- ❖ **Financial Statements** to those who were on a payment plan for this past school year and did fulfill their obligation.



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.

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
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Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director
amattle@rasjb.org / 267-424-5762

www.rasjb.org

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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

When will I see you again...?

A question that is on all our minds these days.

As the weather starts to warm and the days are longer, we long to be out and about. We wonder when will my life go back to normal? What will the new normal be like? How long will we have to stay home? ***I miss my family, attending church, receiving the Eucharist, my friends, going out to eat, etc...*** the list is endless.

As our government works toward an eventual release from this bondage, 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.

Please help us connect with other parishioners!

- ✓ 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

Then when the time comes, as the COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift in the next months, we will use this email list to share information and instructions for when and how you can begin coming back to Mass when the time comes.

Let us continue to pray that this will happen soon.

Sacred Heart of Jesus...pray for us!
Holy Mother Mary...pray for us!
St. John the Baptist...pray for us!

REMINDER OF ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU AT THIS TIME

Visit our website daily for updates and a list of faith building resources for both children and adults.

To access these resources on our website, go to:
www.stjohnsottsville.org

On our landing page:

1. Recording of **our Weekly Parish Sunday Mass** along with a link to read both Fr. Lucas' and Fr. Tony's homilies.
2. Video on how to **"Make a Spiritual Confession"** and how to **"Make a Spiritual Communion."**
3. Scroll down on the landing page and you will find a **long list of resources**, click on any of the blue highlighted links which will take you automatically to that source. Such as:
 - Various Televised Masses
 - EWTN
 - Word Among Us
 - Magnificat
 - Links to Video tours of ShrinesAnd a whole lot more....
4. From the landing page, click on the PREP/CCD link on the menu bar at the top of the page. Scroll down on this page to find resources for children.
5. Also on our landing page you may access:
 - our online bulletin
 - Daily Readings
 - Archdiocese of Philadelphia website
 - Link to PARISH GIVING, sign-up for weekly electronic contributions instead of envelopes.
 - Catholic Online website
 - Vatican website

And a whole lot more....

Ministry Schedule for: May 16th & 17th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm				
Sunday 8am				
Sunday 10:30am				

Per the Archdiocese of Philadelphia:

**ALL PUBLIC MASSES
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



March 1st – June 1st

To RENEW or to ADD a name to our prayer list, please call the parish office.

OUR SICK: Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, 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, Riley Telesco, Cynthia Tocci, Helen Wall.

PRAY FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

The isolated sick, those who lost their life to this disease & their families, Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Technicians, EMT's, First Responders, Care Givers, those who keep our stores open & stocked, take-out restaurants, transportation, garbage collection, mechanics, and all the other essential amenities available to us.

OUR TROOPS: Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, Casey DeLauretis, 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.