

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 May 17 - 23, 2021
Daily Mass: 9am Monday – Friday

Monday: Paul Snyder (*Mary Miller*)
Tuesday: Ernie D'Angelo (*Florinda D'Angelo*)
Wednesday: Carmen Masiti (*The McCords*)
Thursday: Lucy Sciacca (*Donna Sciacca*)
Friday: Maria Middleton (*Regina Skurnowicz*)

Weekend Masses

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Come Holy Spirit...."

Sat. 5pm; Sun. 8am & 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm

Fri. 9am – 1pm

The wearing of a face mask is required for service.

To plan a funeral or purchase a grave in our parish cemetery, call to make an appointment.

MASS COLLECTIONS

May 9, 2021: Envelopes \$ *Not available at press time.*

Parish Giving (e-giving) \$2,999.85

Thank you for your generosity!

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE

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"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.

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

Gospel of John 17:11b-19

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays to his Father for his disciples, for us, so that the mission Jesus began will continue through the work of his disciples.

Jesus asks that the disciples be kept in accordance with the Father's person, power, and purposes.

Now that Jesus is going to the Father, he no longer will be the subject of the world's hatred and opposition, he knows that the persecution experienced by the disciples will now increase.

This is why Jesus' prayer to the Father becomes a necessity.

"Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

When Jesus prays this He's asking for a unity in the church that reflects the unity of the Trinity.

Jesus knows his disciples need to be united to each other just as the Son is united to the Father and the Father is united to the Son.

Jesus is speaking these things to the Father while still of this world, before he gets to the Father because he wants us to have the joy that comes from abiding in commandments and love of God.

Being a disciple of Jesus means to be different. Instead of being like the world we need to be like Jesus.

Jesus says that his disciples are not of the world, just as he was not of the world. But Jesus knows this will bring hatred and persecution upon his disciples. *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one."*

We need to be strengthened with the power of God so that we may be in the world, love the world, but don't conform to the world. This is where we get that phrase *"be in the world but not of the world."*

With the joy of Christ and in submission to his word we are to love the world. And with joy comes peace.

Jesus doesn't want (most of) us to quit our jobs and become fulltime ministers or missionaries. No, instead Jesus wants us to go joyfully to our jobs as fulltime ministers or missionaries. You are being kept by God from the evil one for this mission. We are ALL to evangelize in ALL we say and do. *"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."*



The recent canonization of this 14th-century lay Dominican is a "great blessing." On April 24, Pope Francis declared **Margaret of Castello** a saint through a process called *"equipollent (equivalent) canonization,"* which recognizes longstanding devotion to the individual, enduring virtues and a legacy of miraculous intercession. Born blind and with a severe curvature of the spine, Margaret was initially secluded until age 6 by her parents in their central Italian castle, and later walled into a room her father built adjacent to the parish church. Food, necessities and holy Communion were passed to her through a window.

In 1303, 16-year-old Margaret was taken by her family to a shrine in Città di Castello, but when the pilgrimage failed to result in her cure, her parents abandoned her there. Cared for by local residents, she was eventually admitted to the Third Order of St. Dominic. In gratitude, she opened and taught at a small religious education school for the town's children. Upon her death in 1320 at age 33, the townsfolk requested that she be laid to rest in the nearby church; some 120 years later, her remains were transferred to the Basilica of St. Dominic in Città di Castello.

Pope Paul V declared her blessed in 1609, and 700 years after Margaret's birth, the bishops of Città di Castello and Urbino-Urbania-Sant'Angelo asked the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship to confirm Margaret as patroness of the blind and marginalized. That effort was seconded by supporters in the United States, who launched a crusade for her canonization.

St. Margaret of Castello is a model "for the whole church, not just those who are blind or live with a physical disfigurement," said Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Kathleen Schipani, director of the archdiocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate. The laywoman's holiness "helps all of us to recognize people with disability for their works of charity and their ability to embrace their faith," said Sister Kathleen.



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

**REGISTRATION in our 2021-2022
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
is now OPEN!**

YES, we will be returning to the classroom.

If your child is medically unable to return to the classroom, we can accommodate your needs.

To register:

Parents of a returning child, please check your inbox for your registration forms.

New to our program and have a child entering the 1st grade, contact Donna Sciacca at the parish office to register your child. Call 610-847-5521 or email prep@stjohnsottsville.org

Registration forms and our 2021-2022 Calendar may be accessed for download on our website, visit our PREP page at www.stjohnsottsville.org

Why is a Religious Education important for your child?

Religion teaches you a set of practices to live by, such as being kind to others, telling the truth, praying, forgiveness....

Based on faith, believing in something even if you cannot see it, builds hope & love of one self and for others.

What are the benefits of a religious education?

Teaches your child that they were loved even before they came to be...

Teaches unconditional love, that God is Love.

Instills a sense of belonging...to God, and community.

Teaches the importance of forgiveness.

Builds a moral and ethical foundation.

Teaches goodwill and the golden rule (do unto others)

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 honest hard work.



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**2021-2022 School Year Registration
is now open for grades pre-K through 8th
Space is limited so act now!**



**TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO
SUPPORT OUR SHOW!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 21: Evening of the Arts, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 26: Field Day

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director

www.rasjb.org
610-847-5523

SJB NITTY GRITTY



OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR CLUB!

We are looking for men & women who enjoy gardening & fellowship to join our group. Please consider sharing your talent (love of gardening) as we work together to keep our parish grounds looking beautiful...all for the glory of God. You can leave a message at the parish office or contact directly Jeanne Keller or Mary Kosmin to join.

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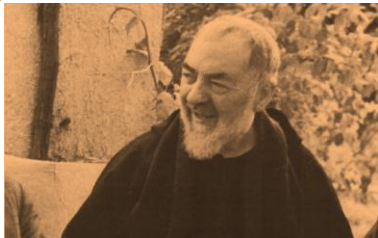
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Happy Birthday Padre Pio!

May 25th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm



In honor of our beloved St. Pio's birthday, join us as we pray the Rosary at 11:30am, Rosary, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and veneration of his relic at 12 Noon.

National Centre for Padre Pio
111 Barto Road, Barto PA, 19504
info@padrepio.org 610.845.3000

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.

Going Deeper 2021

"Speak Lord, For Your Servant is Listening"

Sunday, July 25th -Thursday, July 29th

Spiritual Year House at St. Matthew, Conshohocken.

Cost is \$75

High school men (incoming Juniors to graduated Seniors) are invited to listen for God's voice and delve deeper in their faith by putting their faith into action. **Going Deeper, a 4-day service-oriented camp.** This powerful week offers participants the opportunity to participate in various service activities as well as daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, engaging talks and small group discussions. The camp is led by Philadelphia seminarians, priests, and deacons and is limited to 15 participants.

For more information or to register contact Susan Matour smatour@archphila.org or call 610-667-5778



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As another way to help you stay inspired in your journey with the Mass, we're streaming Scott Hahn's talks on the Eucharist for free. [This month, watch "The Fourth Cup."](#)

We recommend using these videos as robust supplemental resources to enrich a study of *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass*. **Start your study of *The Bible and the Mass* while these talks are available for free**—and make sure to invite your friends! Visit <https://stpaulcenter.com/streaming>



Liturgical Ministry Schedule				
	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
 SATURDAY 5 PM	Dave Slifer	Anne Slifer	Martin Elsner Alice Elsner	Nio Logaivau Rob Galdo
 SUNDAY 8AM	Mark Fetter	Megan Gilbert	Need Volunteers	Laura Fleck Sue Rogers
 SUNDAY 10:30AM	Lynn Gammello	Donna Sciacca	Caius Van Haute Audrey Van Haute Heze Van Haute	Ordinary Time



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

* New Name Added

NEW CYCLE: March 1 – June 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,

