

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.

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PARISH SPIRITUALITY

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Mon - Thurs: 8:35am / Friday 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm

CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or call the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest.

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 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 May 21 - 27, 2018

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

Monday, May 21

8:35am (chapel) Lucy Sciacca

Tuesday, May 22

8:35am (chapel) Betty Rick

Wednesday, May 23

8:35am (chapel) Brenda Trouts

Thursday, May 24

8:35am (chapel) Betty Rick

Friday, May 25

9:00am (church) Margaret Phillips

Saturday, May 26 – The Most Holy Trinity

5:00pm (church) Intentions of Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC

Sunday, May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am (church) Parishioners' Intentions

10:30am (church) Intentions of Fr. Simone Volavola, MSC

Meetings for the week of May 21 - 27, 2018

Tues. May 22: Carnival Comm., 7:30pm – Narthex Mtg. Rm.

Wed. May 23: Christ Life, 6:30pm – Chapel, Narthex Mtg. Rm.

Thurs. May 24: Pastoral Council, 7pm – Marian Room

Sat. May 26: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel

Weekly Mass Collection

Sunday, May 13, 2018

\$6,304.00

Thank you for your generosity!



SJB Cleaning Team for the week of May 20th is Team # 1:

***Laura Gumprecht, Anita Colahan,
Kate Irvine, Sharon Forte***

Your parish Thanks You!

Today's Mass READINGS may be found in the *JourneySongs* Hymnal:



Section 921 - B

Parish Office Summer Hours, effective May 25th:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5pm

Friday: 8:30am – 12pm

Gospel Reflections

A Letter from

Our Pastor, Father Simi



Dear brothers and sisters,

*And when he had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
(John 20:22-23)*

We celebrate today the end of the Easter Season with the great Solemnity of Pentecost. While it marks the end of our journey with our Lord through the very mystery of His own suffering, death, resurrection and ascension, it today begins our own life as disciples who must now be sent to the whole world.

Today, our lives are being renewed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit that descended from the Father on our Lord on the day of His own baptism by John at the river Jordan today is felt anew in us who received the same Spirit from the Father and the Son on the day of our own baptism.

Today, we celebrate the abiding presence in us of the Holy Spirit that loved the world so much that He drove His Son into the barren desert, the lifeless desert, the loveless desert of human existence, of all of creation.

The Spirit which drove our Lord into Jerusalem, into the arms of persecutors, rebels, betrayers, haters, unfaithful and weak followers, and even executioners because He still wants to forgive them, convert them, and heal them, and save them, this same Spirit now becomes the love with which we breath.

Each time we gather with, around and in our Lord at Mass, He breathes His Holy Spirit into us. The Spirit He first breathed into us at our own baptism, He continues to breath into us each time at Mass and the Sacrament of our Reconciliation to God and each other.

The Spirit that our Lord breathes into us is as innocent and pure as a dove and powerfully purifying as fire. It is a fire that burns away our fear of Christ whom we have failed to love faithfully. It is a fire that restores our relationship with Him and brings about peace.

The Spirit of peace that Christ breathes into us not only restores our relationship with Him but

now sends us with new courage and boldness to an unforgiving world, a loveless world, a dying world.

This world is not out there and apart from us. We are part of that world. It begins with us. We are in the world. Our spouse, our children, our parents are in the world. Our neighbors, our church, our parishioners and our priests and bishops are in the world.

The Risen Lord breathes the Holy Spirit first into the lives of His very own apostles, fear-filled apostles, weak apostles, guilty apostles. Forgiveness and reconciliation begins with them and today they are compelled by the Spirit of the Risen Lord to impart with Him and through Him this same Spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation to the whole world.

The Spirit is breathed on us by a body; the Risen Body of Christ who still has hands and feet, which still bears the wounds of His passionate love for us. The Risen Body of Christ in first appearing to His apostles now breathes the same Spirit and so now becomes the hands and feet of the wounded Body of Christ to all the world.

We too who are taught, governed and sanctified by the Risen Body of Christ in the Apostles and their successors are sent forth in the peace of being one body and one Spirit in Christ. Together with them, and never apart from them, we become ministers of forgiving love, of purifying love and reconciling love to the entire world.

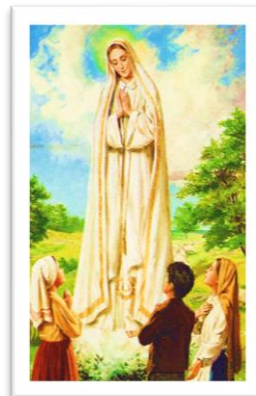
Father Simi

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

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Monday, 7pm

Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday, 9:30am

Adoration & Prayers

3rd Sunday, 12pm

Adoration & Prayer for

Vocations

1st Saturday, 10am

Rosary, Confession Mass

& Lunch

For more information or directions please call

Joan Black 215-536-3508

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TEACH THE CHILDREN



TO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL

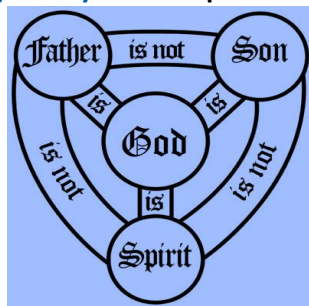
During the Liturgy of the Word, it is not uncommon to see children reading from the hymnals trying their hardest to understand what they were hearing. But for the majority, these are just words on paper. Not surprising, as many adults struggle with interpreting the readings. Fortunately, we have Father's homily to help us along. I discovered that if I taught on the upcoming weeks' Gospel reading before the children heard it at Mass, they would recall our lesson, and understanding what they were hearing helped to engage them in the Mass. Each week I will briefly explain the following weeks' Gospel for you to use as a tool to prepare your child for Mass.

Next week we return to Ordinary Time and celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Gospel

reading is Matthew 28:16-20 This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons.

This Gospel is sometimes referred to as "The Final Commission."

In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity. This continues to be the mission of the Church. Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love.



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

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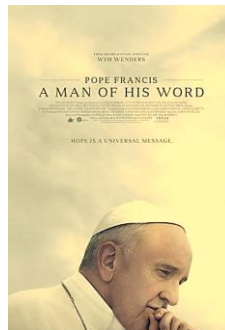
Do you know what these local businesses, Froman Excavating, DiPalantino Paving and Koch Ford all have in common?

All are participating in the Pennsylvania Educational Income Tax Credit Program. Their PA corporate state taxes are directed to Regina Academy to fund financial aid scholarships for students, raising nearly \$75,000 for the 2017-18 School Year. Participating has little or no cost and it's as easy as filling out a one-page form. If you own your own business, your action could make a real difference in the life of a child. **Now individuals can direct their PA income tax to Regina Academy too!!!** For more information, go to BLOCS.org and click on the tax credits tab or contact Geoff Meyer at (610)960-7062. **The application deadline for the 2018-19 school year funding is July 3!**

School Headmaster: Mr. John Mundy

Dir. of Institutional Advancement: Geoff Meyer

Ph. 610-847-5523



by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

One of the most striking films I remember is "Wings of Desire" (1987), "Wings" directed and co-written by the German filmmaker Wim Much of Wenders' work is marked by a Christian-inspired spirituality; in past interviews he's noted that his life and work have been "profoundly formed by growing up in a Catholic family." Wenders embarks on a documentary of Pope Francis' papal ministry and thought. **The result – "A Man of His Word" – will be in theaters on May 18 from Focus Features.** He focuses on the Pope's concern for the environment, the poor, and immigrants. He also captures the Pope's vigorous commitment to marriage, the family, and the complementarity of men and women, a fact we witnessed firsthand here in Philadelphia during the World Meeting of Families 2015. The most absorbing moments in the film, not surprisingly, are spent with Francis himself visiting immigrants, the poor, the sick, the Shoah memorial Yad Vashem in Israel, and the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Wenders weaves an ongoing, intimate, one-on-one interview with the Pope throughout the film. It's a hugely effective technique; one has a sense that Francis is looking directly at, speaking directly to, the individual viewer. Wenders and Focus Features (and the Holy Father himself) deserve our gratitude for offering the world such an exceptional encounter with the Successor of Peter. May it touch thousands of hearts.

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2018 Catholic Women's Conference

Daughters OF THE KING

Saturday, October 27, 2018

9am-4pm

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

The 2018 Catholic Women's Conference is about identity. Our theme "Daughters of the King" is about discovering and claiming the most foundational identity of every woman: *You are a daughter of the King of Heaven and Earth.* When we know this about ourselves and live from this truth, it changes everything: we love better, we see more clearly, our relationships improve, our confidence grows, our prayer deepens and joy increases. Come for a day of fun, friendship, rest and rejuvenation. Enjoy listening to some of the best Catholic speakers in the country. You will learn who your Father is, how much He loves you, and what this truth means for your life. Welcome!

Register today at: catholicwomensconference.org.

If you would like to be included in St. John's Women's Group of Attendees to this event...PLEASE COMPLETE THE COUPON BELOW & RETURN IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE PARISH OFFICE. This event sells out fast.

Deadline to register is: August 13th

2018



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
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Saturday, October 27, 2018 9am-4pm
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

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Are you a registered SJB Parishioner? _____

Group rate \$45.00

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St. John the Baptist Parish



SJB Nitty Gritty

MAY 26th & 27th

Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

If you would like to donate any of your garden items, please have them potted. Potted plants can be placed by the Mary Garden before the sale. If anyone needs pots please email mtkozmo@verizon.net. We will be offering a selection dry arrangements as well.

Fountain Memorial Garden - There are still plenty of bricks available for purchase. Memorialize your loved one with a dedicated brick in this tranquil setting where you and others may come and enjoy for years to come.

Thank you so much for any/all contributions. All proceeds from the sale of plants and bricks go toward the expense of maintaining and improving our parish grounds. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND NEEDED.**



Fr. Larry Richards, international author, evangelist, TV and radio host will be directing a 24-hour retreat for men on **June 8-9** entitled, **Be A Man**. This is the first time he has preached at Malvern Retreat House. We invite men of all ages to attend this dynamic, life-changing retreat. Register early at 610-644-0400 or online at www.malvernretreat.com

Charismatic retreat with Sr. Ann Shields and Fr. James Blount

June 29-July 1. Music will be led by Firehill Worship and Mark Griswold. The retreat will feature a healing service, preaching, uplifting music, Sacrament of Reconciliation, private time and adoration.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me directly: Anne McGlone, 484-321-2577 or email me at amcglone@malvernretreat.com



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, Nancy Beans, Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Patti Bucci, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Maria DeLuca-Lorenzo, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Marvin Eichlin, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Claire Fratrick, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallegher, Kathleen Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Bill Hejnor, Joyceann Heley, Michael Heuston, Sharon Horvath, Charles Houston, Martha Juchnowicz, Georgine Kocher, Valerie Korbar, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Charles Lutcavage, Loretta Malloy, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Harvey Mueller, Charlie Murphy, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, James O'Hanlon, Gabrielle Otero, Jonathan Ott, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria

Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Harry Reckner, Rachael Rice, Carol Reardon, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy Rodman, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, Baby Ella Stack, Shane Stroup, Nick Tscheschlog, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Helen Wall, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealton, Tamara Widmer, Edward Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder, Liem Zbyszinski



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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING & PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS.

**Ministry Schedule for May 26th & 27th
Solemnity of THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
SATURDAY 5PM	Cathy Leidtke Renee Moyer Marion Wolf NOT FILLED	Helene Bell	Danny Froman Brigid Froman	Mary Pucci Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Kevin Murphy Donna Nice Ron Watson	Kathy Fetter	Joseph Fetter Natalie Nice Violet Williams	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Jim Black Joan Black Wendy DeGroot Jackie Litzenberger	Tony Luna	Luke Luna Olivia Luna Audrey VanHaute	Choir - Denny Nio