

## 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.*

## COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## WELCOME BACK!

On Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> we open our Church doors and welcome back our parishioners who have longed to return to the Sacrament of the Mass, and especially to the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We will also be adding two hand sanitizing stands in our Narthex for all. Masks are mandatory and we ask that you follow the seating guidelines specified.

*We look forward to seeing all our brothers & sisters in Christ as we come together to share in the banquet at the heavenly table of our Lord.*

## Mass Intentions for the Week of June 1 - 7, 2020

**Monday:** Intentions of Maria Middleton (*Janet Reidler*)

**Tuesday:** Joyce Monginoff (*Loving husband Tom*)

**Wednesday:** Ron Maisenhalter (*Tony & Janet Souza*)

**Thursday:** Jack Glancey (*Wendy DeGroot*)

**Friday:** John Joseph Koerber (*SJB Office Staff*)

**Saturday, 5pm:** Inez Becker (*Loving Family*)

**Sunday, 8am:** Annmarie Flannery (*SJB Class 1977*)

**10:30am:** Parishioners' Intentions

## Weekly Mass Collection for Sunday, May 24, 2020

Envelopes \$2,781.00

Parish Giving \$ 2,280.00

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

## Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

**Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery -- the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus -- culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father (at the request of His Son), on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is the official birthday of the Church.**

“The Holy Spirit is like a fountain of living water that flows into our hearts so as to spread divine love in us. Divine love is something infinitely more than all other forms of love. The love that the Spirit gives empowers us to serve God. Our works that flow from the Spirit’s love are vigorous and virtuous, and grow like the mustard seed. It is a wonderful thing that this Divine Spirit does not hesitate to dwell in us.

Still the Holy Spirit has no wish to enter into us unless it is with our free consent. God asks first for our heart. To the extent we open our heart to God’s love, so God continues to increase sacred love in us. Our Savior has promised that if you take the trouble to row your boat, He will lead you to another place full of life. He desires infinitely that you take the oar in hand and row. He makes every effort to make you do it. He commands, excites, and goads us. If we wish to sail on the little boat of the Church amidst the bitter waters of this world, He will lead us to eternal life. Yet, He refuses to lead us there without our help because by nature, we are made to be His cooperators.

It is not enough to feel an inspiration from God. We must give it our consent. Even if we give just a little of our consent to it, what happiness results! The divine inspiration, given to us by the Spirit, catches hold of us, mingles its action with our consent, animates our feeble movements, and

enlivens our frail cooperation. God’s loving inspirations leave us complete freedom to follow or reject them. Yet, God’s love makes water flow from rocks, and makes persecutors into preachers. Let us do then what lies in our power to do. Let the Holy Spirit direct our actions and affections to forgiveness, which leads to our spiritual wholeness. Then we may spread the Good News to those we encounter each day.”

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)*

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### Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I adore You as my true God, with God the Father and God the Son.

I adore You and unite myself to the adoration You receive from the angels and saints.

give You my heart and I offer my ardent thanksgiving for all the grace which You never cease to bestow on me.

O Giver of all supernatural gifts, who filled the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with such immense favors, I beg You to visit me with Your grace and Your love and to grant me the gift of holy fear, so that it may act on me as a check to prevent me from falling back into my past sins, for which I beg pardon.

**Grant me the gift of piety**, so that I may serve You for the future with increased fervor, follow with more promptness Your holy inspirations, and observe your divine precepts with greater fidelity.

**Grant me the gift of knowledge**, so that I may know the things of God and, enlightened by Your holy teaching, may walk, without deviation, in the path of eternal salvation.

**Grant me the gift of fortitude**, so that I may overcome courageously all the assaults of the devil, and all the dangers of this world which threaten the salvation of my soul.

**Grant me the gift of counsel**, so that I may choose what is more conducive to my spiritual advancement and may discover the wiles and snares of the tempter.

**Grant me the gift of understanding**, so that I may apprehend the divine mysteries and by contemplation of heavenly things detach my thoughts and affections from the vain things of this miserable world.

**Grant me the gift of wisdom**, so that I may rightly direct all my actions, referring them to God as my last end; so that, having loved Him and served Him in this life, I may have the happiness of possessing Him eternally in the next.

Amen.



## 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. 26<sup>th</sup> in the Church.

#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

New date to come.

Donna Sciacca, DRE  
610-847-5521

[prep@stjohnsottsville.org](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)



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

PREP opening Mass Catechetical Sunday  
Sept. 20, 2020 at 10:30am

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

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

If you have a child entering the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School  
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Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director  
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[www.rasjb.org](http://www.rasjb.org)

#### **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  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 12pm**  
Adoration & Prayer for Vocations  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10am**  
**Rosary, Confession, Mass, & Lunch**



## 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](mailto:prep@stjohnsottsville.org)



### 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.

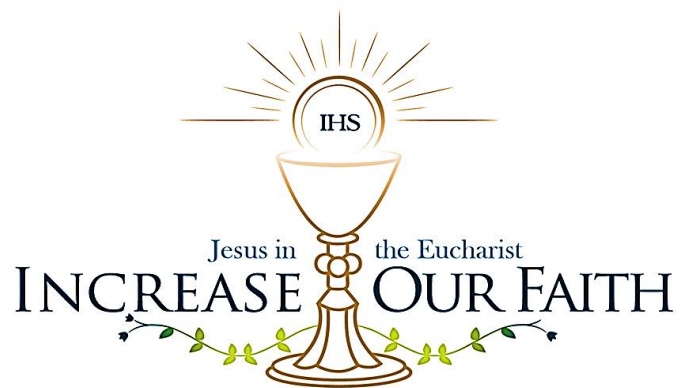
A link to this program is on our parish website, visit [www.stjohnsottsville.org](http://www.stjohnsottsville.org). Click on the tab and follow the screen prompts. *It’s that easy!*

Your on-going weekly Mass contributions helps to sustain us, as it is our only source of income.

**THANK YOU!**



An initiative to invigorate parish life after the pandemic, visit [archphila.org/arise](http://archphila.org/arise) for updates and more information.



## Eucharistic Congress October 9-10, 2020

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
and Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel  
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

To Register or for more information visit:  
<http://archphila.org/eucharistic-congress/>



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**CATHOLIC  
WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE**

*Save the Date!*

**Saturday, October 24**

National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Czestochowa  
Doylestown, PA

*Registration opens  
May 1 at:*

[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)

**Ministry Schedule for: JUNE 6 & 7, 2020 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

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

**“RESTRICTED MASS” SCHEDULE IN PLACE**  
**NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**



**June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>**

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 THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS**

The quarantined sick, the elderly who live alone or are in nursing homes, the patients in long-term care facilities, the many who have succumbed to this virus & 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 that remain available to us.

**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.

**Congratulations & Prayers for much success in the future to:**

**The Regina Academy CLASS OF 2020 and all our parish community GRADUATES.**