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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Mon- Fri: 9:00am

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

Week of Nov. 2 - 8, 2020

Daily Mass Monday – Friday 9am

All Soul's Day - Mon. Nov. 2, 9am (Old St. John's)

Tuesday: Kathleen Lapsley (*John Lapsley, Jr.*)

Wednesday: Florian Frank (*Liz Torgerson*)

Thursday: Mary Dougherty (*Loving Family*)

Friday, 9am: John Joseph Koerber (*Mike & Colette Kirk*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5pm: Anna Walsh (*The McCords*)

Sunday, 8am: Tom High (*Paula Kolodchak*)

Sun: 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm / Friday 9am – 1pm

An appointment for all Cemetery related business is necessary.

Mass Collection October 25, 2020

Collection Baskets: \$2,907.00.00

Parish Giving: \$2,108.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE

Bedminster, PA

"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.

The Solemnity of All Saints

Who are we?

"...we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

The Solemnity of All Saints today reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. As we celebrate today all the saints, both those canonized and those who are unknown, we are joyful that they have reached the goal of life, heaven. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers us.

The saints encourage us in our own struggles because like us, they also endured struggles. They grew from strength in the Lord, they matured in the Lord as they grew in years.

We also see this journey of growth in the great people of the Bible. We could think of Abraham whom Genesis tells us pretended his wife was his sister because he was afraid but Abraham grew to become our father in faith. Moses had a speech impediment, had murdered, and protested against being called by God, but he led his people to the Promised Land. In the Gospels Peter is impulsive and doesn't want the Lord to suffer, but in Acts he is totally transformed and considers it an honor to suffer for the Lord. The journey of growth in the great people of the Bible is also seen in the canonized saints. For example:

St. Augustine struggled with impurity in his youth. As a teenager he was influenced by the loose living of his companions. When he was studying in Carthage he decided to take a mistress. He was such a scoundrel that he even once said to his mother St. Monica that there would be no problems between them if she gave up her faith! He underwent a conversion in Milan and went on to

become a priest at the age of 36 and a bishop at the age of 41, and was Bishop of Hippo in North Africa for 35 years. One example of the influence Augustine has on the Church is that in the Catechism of the Catholic Church there are more quotations from St. Augustine than from any other writer.

St. Ignatius of Loyola had a colorful past before his conversion. In 1515 Ignatius and his brother Pedro Lopez were arrested and prosecuted for misdemeanors that were outrageous. Ignatius says up to his twenty-sixth year he was given to worldly vanities. He was proud, sensuous, and driven by violent and powerful impulses, he demanded adventure and glory. But after his conversion he noticed that day dreaming about the saints brought him joy but not worldly matters. And gradually he developed the rules for discernment of spirits and established the Society of Jesus. He established a college in Rome for young men entering the Society of Jesus and also set up colleges in Jerusalem, Cyprus and Constantinople. At his death in 1556 the Society of Jesus had 1000 members with 100 houses throughout the world. We see this same journey of growth in the lives of all the saints.

Not only the saints' lives but also their writings are precious gifts of grace to us to remind us of who we are and the glory that God is offering to us.

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." (1 John 3:1)

If we know who we are, we will know how to act!

**Monday, November 2nd
ALL SOULS DAY Mass
9AM at Old St. John's Church**



Gospel of Matthew 5:3-12

The BEATITUDES, which Jesus gave to us during his Sermon on the Mount, are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven. The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints. (CCC 1716-1717)

The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love. (CCC1723)

The beatitude of eternal life is a gratuitous gift of God. It is supernatural, as is the grace that leads us there. The Beatitudes confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all things. The beatitude of heaven sets the standards for discernment in the use of earthly goods in keeping with the law of God. (CCC 1727-1729)

In short, the Beatitudes teach us that God's children are those who act like God. We are blessed for having honorable qualities such as being meek, righteous, merciful, pure, and peacemakers.



THE REGINA ACADEMY AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Now forming an On- Call list for SUBSTITUTE Teachers

The role of an on-call substitute greatly benefits the stability of our Regina Academy @ SJB school. This is a part-time position.

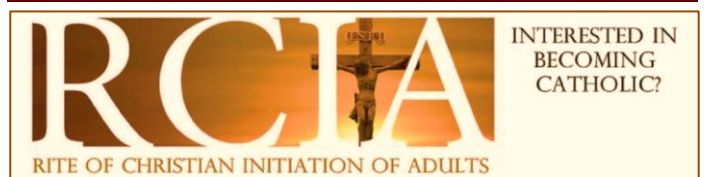
Substitutes must be available weekdays during the academic year from 8:30am-3:30pm.

Applicants must be practicing Catholics, be able to sign an Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic Church, and have a deep love for the Catholic faith.

All staff must complete a background check and Safe Child training prior to teaching at Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist.

Please send your Resume accompanied by a cover letter, and references to our Headmaster, Tami Koerber at 4040 Durham Rd., Ottsville, PA 18942

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



RCIA is for adults who, after having their hearts opened to conversion and faith by the Holy Spirit, seek to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

RCIA welcomes those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and those who are baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information, or to Register, visit our website, or contact Donna Sciacca, DRE at the parish offi



STREAMING CATHOLIC PLATFORM FOR MEN

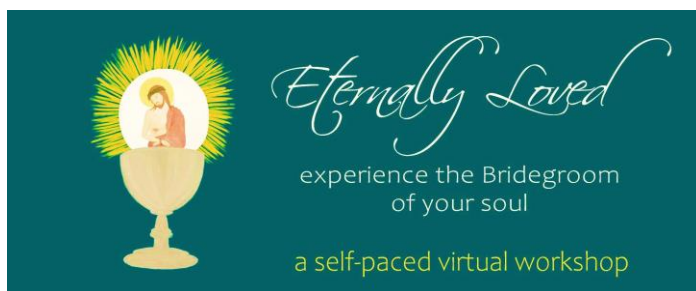
There is a serious Catholic “man-crisis” in our culture. Millions of men have either left the faith or are struggling to lead their families in the faith.

The Catholic faith is calling men to live the Heroic Life. Now we have a tool that will help men answer the call of the Heroic Life and engage their Catholic faith.

Whether you are single or married, a priest or other community leader, **HeroicMen.com** offers hundreds of films, TV shows, documentaries and videos to inspire you to lead a life of heroic proportions every day.

The content on **HeroicMen.com** is designed specifically for men who want to discover the true meaning of the Catholic faith and live a life of purpose. You will be inspired to live out your faith where it matters most...in everyday life.

Ready to be inspired?



Meet Christ the Bridegroom!

His love heals, purifies and restores your heart. Join us for this special time of encountering Jesus in a whole new way.

By registering for this self-paced workshop, you will receive (by email) the weekly materials to review and pray with at your own pace.

For a workshop schedule of talks, information, or to register, visit:

<https://hopesgarden.com/eternally-loved/>

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK CELEBRATED NOV. 1 – 7, 2020

This annual week-long celebration is an opportunity for dioceses and parishes in the United States to uphold and promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life and encourage the faithful to renew their prayerful support for those currently discerning one of these calls.

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.


Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Statement from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Regarding Commentary in film “Francesco”

There has been much recent attention paid to comments attributed to the Holy Father in a documentary that premiered in Rome this week. While there is no doubt that Pope Francis said civil laws should protect the rights of gay couples, some mystery shrouds the context in which he said it and the way it is used in a new film. It is important to note that the remarks appeared in the context of a film and not a Church teaching document. Further, the references involved civil unions. The Holy Father has consistently affirmed the Sacrament of Marriage as a union between one man and one woman on many occasions just as he has affirmed the need to treat all people with respect and dignity. The recent comments underscore the Holy Father’s previous calls for pastoral and cultural sensitivity to the many different journeys of those who walk through life around us.


Ministry Schedule for: Nov. 7 & 8, 2020 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server | Music |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday 5pm | Joan Black | Christina Crews | Siobhan Crews | Liz Torgerson Bob Galdo |
| Sunday 8am | Mark Fetter | Marie Burke | Mead Grindrod | Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak |
| Sunday 10:30am | Phil Donahue | Ward Van Haute | Caius Van Haute Audrey Van Haute | Dennis Litzenberger Sue Rogers |



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

* New Name Added



NEW CYCLE: Sept. 1st – Dec. 1st

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, Steve Combs, Patty Combs, Julia Ferguson, Patricia Fite, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, MaryAnn Hauber, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Kathie Mandra, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Nancy Moreno, Jeff Olimpo, Gerry Pacitti, Pete Shultz, Sr., Steve & Wendy Snyder, Riley Telesco, Joyce Vinciguerra, Helen Wall, Ed Wismer, **Christine Zdanowicz**

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.