

PARISH STAFF

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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. 9 - 15, 2020

Daily Mass Monday – Friday 9am

Monday: Ernie D'Angelo (*Jim & Laura Fleck & Family*)

Tuesday: Harry Brown (*Tony & Janet Souza*)



Wed. Nov. 11th VETERAN'S DAY

9AM: Marie Vogan (*Vogan Family*)

7PM at Old St. John's Church

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

Thursday: Elizabeth Petritsch (*Loving Husband*)

Friday: Carmen Misiti (*The McCords*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5pm: Margaret Trouts (*Krug Family*)

Sunday, 8am: Jack Glancey (*Loving Wife & Family*)

Sun: 10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions

Parish Office Hours:

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

Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment for all Cemetery related business.

Mass Collection November 1, 2020

Collection Baskets: \$5,279.00

Parish Giving: \$1,857.00

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 Parable of the 10 Virgins Gospel of Matthew 25: 1-13

This parable is full of symbolism. First you have the bridegroom and the bride, which is Christ and his Church. Then you have the bride, represented by ten virgins. Ten was an important number to the Jews and represents an indefinite multitude. Virginity reminds us that the Church is the innocent and spotless bride being prepared for a permanent union with Christ at his second coming.

St. Augustine describes it this way. These five foolish and five wise virgins are all Christian souls together.

All ten were preparing for the nuptial celebration but only half of them did it well and entered into the fulfillment of their relationship with the bridegroom.

In the days of the New Testament, the bridal party would meet at night under the light of torches (the Lamps). Again, our Lord uses these symbols to talk about the light of faith that is within us and the need for this faith to be sustained by a continuing supply of grace that comes from God.

Lighting the Lamp of Faith – Baptism.

With the light of faith present at our baptism, the main work is just now beginning - to keep the light burning brightly.

This is where the virgins are really revealed as wise or foolish. Both groups have the light but only one will be able to keep the light shining.

Keeping the Light Alive, the oil.

The five wise virgins, remain watchful and alert. The oil, not part of our own nature, comes through the grace of the Spirit. This grace comes to us in many forms after baptism. We receive the grace of Christ himself, body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist; the grace of forgiveness through Confession and many other forms of grace in the other sacraments. Strength also comes through prayer, reading of Holy Scripture, doing works of charity and simply offering ourselves to the Lord in love and service during our day.

The other five foolish virgins were content with their own nature. They neither watched nor readied themselves to receive the oil of gladness in their

vessels (heart). Instead, they sank into sleep through carelessness, laziness, idleness, and ignorance.

Prepared - Ready - We need to remember that we don't know the "rest of the story" when it comes to our life of faith. The Lord will come again, as we declare in the Creed, but we don't know the hour or the day.

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!"

(Excerpts from Fr. Randy Sly, 8/30/2013)



*A message from our Pastor,
Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.*

*We would like to express our deep gratitude to the
Board of Directors of The Regina Academy at
St John the Baptist for their generous donation
of \$12,000.00 to our parish!*

*As a sign of their commitment to our joint sacred
responsibility to educate our children in the faith,
they include our parish in their...*

*Annual Donum-a-Deo Gala
Fundraiser and Auction.*

*We are grateful for their efforts and look
forward to working closely with the Academy in
future events to fulfill God's mission for our
community.*

*In Christ,
Fr. Lucas, Pastor
Fr. Tony, Parochial vicar,
and the entire community of our parish.*



Why attending weekly Mass is so important in building your child's faith foundation.

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. This week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom.

The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? In the daily activities of family life, we can easily find excuses for not attending to our spiritual lives. If not given top priority, prayer, reading Scripture, and frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist risk becoming occasional activities rather than daily or weekly practices. Jesus reminds us that if we fail to give our spiritual life priority, we will find ourselves unprepared to receive Jesus. Daily prayer and spiritual practice keeps us ready to receive Jesus.

Gather together as a family and talk about some of the things our faith calls us to do every day and every week to keep God first in our lives. Talk about what might happen if we don't do these things regularly. **Pray together** that your family will always keep God first in your lives so that you will all be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes.



**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



Grab Three Friends and Begin a Journey!

A **Steubenville Discipleship Quad** is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. This method of discipleship can be launched in almost any setting, within a parish or as a personal ministry. The website provides online training for coordinators and small group materials at no cost. For more information or to register visit:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/>

**OUR PARISH CLEANING MINISTRY is in
URGENT NEED of VOLUNTEERS**
Men & women 18 yrs. & up



5 TEAMS ROTATE MONTHLY (you serve only once every 5 weeks). Flexible schedules. Clean at your convenience during your team's assigned week. Call the parish office if you are able to volunteer at 610-847-5521.



Show your support for the
**Missionaries of the
Sacred Heart**

We invite you to participate in our annual

2021 LUCKY CALENDAR PROGRAM
365 chances to win!

Please pick-up a MSC Calendar Order Form packet from the tables in our Narthex.

Our calendar makes for a unique *Christmas gift, birthday gift, thank you or thinking of you.* Perfect for the "hard to buy" person!



MEMORIAL MASS
November 11th
7PM
Old St. John's Church

THANK YOU, VETERANS

**FOR THE DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FR. STOMMEL COUNCIL**



The Giving Tree will be in the Narthex the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Due to pandemic restrictions we will be giving our Pantry families Gift Cards this year. The tree tags will indicate the preferred gift card (Target, Walmart, Giant). Gift cards may be purchased through the parish office.

Gifts need to be placed back under the tree by Dec. 14th.

**"Tips for Catholic Parenting from
Catholic Parents!"**
Webinar (Online Only)

Wednesday, November 11, 2020
4:00 PM

In today's increasingly secular world, how do I pass on my faith to my children? Join us for a round table webinar with various Catholic parents as we discuss tips and secrets for the transmission of the faith to our children. This meeting will be perfect for young families, future parents, and even grandparents who would like to share some tips with their children.

Don't miss it!

Zoom Webinar ID: 936 7653 7768

Webinar Passcode 263622

Speaker: Matt Robinson, MA, Director of Pastoral Services, Saint John Vianney Parish

Hosted by: St. John Vianney Parish, Gladwye, PA

Ministry Schedule for: Nov. 14 & 15, 2020 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
Saturday 5pm	Lynn Gammello	Anne Slifer	Julia Byers Juliet Myers	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
Sunday 8am	Jim Black	Megan Gilbert	OPEN	Ordinary Time
Sunday 10:30am	Joan Black	Tony Luna	Olivia Luna Paige Mattle	Patty Leidner Karen Parash



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, **Janet Reidler**, Pete Shultz, Sr., Steve & Wendy Snyder, Riley Telesco, 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.