

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH SPIRITUALITY

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Mon - Fri: 8:35am

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 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 anytime



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.*

For the Week of October 15 - 21, 2018

Mass Intentions

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

Mon. – Thurs. 8:35am / Friday 9:00am

Monday: Joseph Vinceguerra (*Kathy Vinceguerra*)

Tuesday: Joyce Moninghoff (*Edward Moninghoff*)

Wednesday: Robert Hueston (*Deacon Ed & Kathy Jones*)

Thursday: Bernice Fees (*Wendy DeGroot*)

First Friday: Leo Troso (*Yannett Family*)

Weekend Masses in main Church

Saturday

5pm: H & K Petritsch (*Loving Son*)

Sunday

8:00am: Marie Vogan (*Vogan Family*)

10:30am: Parishioners' Intentions



*In loving memory of
Philip Gumprecht.*

(donated by Laura Gumprecht)

Ministry Meetings this Week

Mon. Oct. 15: Knights of Columbus, 6:30pm- Parish Hall

Wed. Oct. 17: Flame of Love, 8am – Church

Altar Society, 1pm – Marian Rm

Following Christ, 6pm – Narthex & Marian Rm

Thurs. Oct. 18: RA Confirmation Class, 11am – Marian Rm

NG Garden Club, 7pm – SJB Narthex Rm.

Sat. Oct. 20: Men of Faith, 8am – Marian Room & Chapel

Sunday Mass Collection from Oct. 7th

Collection Baskets \$ 5,929.00

Online Parish Giving \$ 441.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This week's Cleaning Team is # 2:

Joyce Melchiorre, Peg Trouts, Jean Wurster, Terri DeVenuto

Your parish Thanks You!

This weekend's Mass READINGS:

Section 1010

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Gospel Reflections
from our Pastor, Father Sími



Dear brothers and sisters,

***“You are lacking in one thing.
Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will
have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”***
(Mark 10:21)

It is time to take a serious look at our life as a parish community of disciples of Jesus. Where are we on our journey with our Lord? Today’s readings from Sacred Scriptures are very timely. Let them inform our reflections.

Our journey with our Lord to the Cross has already begun. Since His first prediction of His passion, (Mark 8:31), He has begun to invite and bring people along with Him. His invitation is first to his disciples but must now be extended to all of humanity beginning last week with husbands and wives.

Today, He encounters a rich young man. The young man seeks eternal life. He echoes the longing of every human being. Even after having being blessed with great wealth and a life faithful to the commandments of God, He recognizes that life eternal, an enduring joy and peace still evades him.

Is this not the cry of every human being? Do we not, even in the prime of our lives, with all the familial, financial and social security to comfort us, and even after having faithfully strove to keep the commandments, our hearts yet yearn for the eternal?

This is where the young man has arrived in his own personal journey through life and it is here that he encounters our Lord. The moment of encounter is perfect. It is here that humanity hears the voice of the One whom God the Father on the mount of transfiguration had told us to listen to.

***Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,
“You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have,
and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in
heaven; then come, follow me.”***

The young man is invited to step out of the comfortable life that he has created for himself with houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands and to follow the person of Jesus and the *eternal life* that He creates for us already now.

Wealth is not bad in itself but wealth outside of eternal life and the following of Him who will take us there is useless and indeed sad. Prosperity in and of itself

is not but bad one can gain the whole world and still lose his own life because life needs Life in order to be eternal.

As parishioners of St. John the Baptist, and indeed as disciples of Jesus, you and I are invited to take the time to seek our Lord in prayer and to see where we are with Him. We are to take the time to look into His loving gaze, that which He gave to the rich young man.

We are to take the time to hear Him say to us the one thing we still lack: to courageously let go of the life we keep trying to create for ourselves and enter into the eternal life that He began to create for us when we were baptized into Him.

Do we believe that our parish is part of the new home that He has created for us? Do we believe that the women in our parish are the mothers, sisters and daughters that He promised us? Do we believe that the men of our parish are the fathers and brothers and sons that He has surrounded us with?

Do we believe that our parish is the community of disciples that He has summoned from all over the world to come to Him, listen to Him be taught by Him and to be led by Him to that eternal life that He so generously pours out from His side on the Cross?

Do we believe that we as a parish are faithfully coming to gather around Him from whom we receive the strength, the courage, the wisdom to undergo the persecutions and temptations and satanic movements that are trying to sway us and our children away from following Christ to life eternal?

Let us keep choosing Christ! Let us keep following Him!

FATIMA HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

Bedminster, PA

“A Quiet Country Retreat”

**Offering Day & Overnight Retreats for Individuals
and Small Groups**



Our Programs Are Open to All

Monday, 7pm:

Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday, 9:30am:

Adoration & Prayers

3rd Sunday, 12pm:

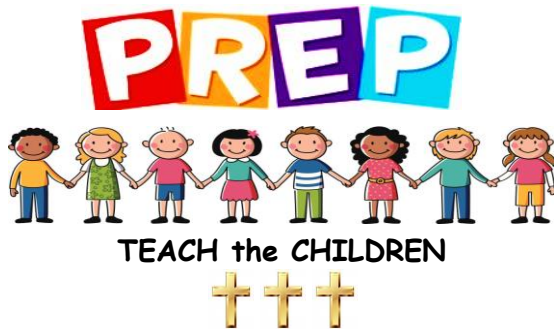
Adoration &

Prayer for Vocations

1st Saturday: 10am- Rosary,

Confession Mass & Lunch

For more information or directions, please call Joan Black at 215-536-3508, or visit us at fatimahousebedminster.webs.com



As we approach **ALL SAINTS DAY** on **November 1st** (*a Holy Day of Obligation*), we take time to visit with some of the Saints who are celebrated this coming week.

Monday, Oct. 15th: Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Saint Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus was a prominent Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun, author, and theologian of contemplative life through mental prayer.

The virtues which are acquired by education, by deliberate acts and perseverance are purified and elevated by divine grace contribute to Christian perfection and holiness. St. Teresa emphasizes the practice of three virtues, namely humility, detachment and charity for a beginner.

Wednesday, Oct. 16th: Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Ignatius's great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny his Lord Jesus Christ. He did not draw attention to his own suffering, but to the love of God which strengthened him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life. Saint Ignatius is venerated as the patron saint of Catholic soldiers, the Military Ordinariate of the Philippines, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Basque Country, and various towns and cities in his native region.

Thursday, Oct. 17th: Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

The Roman Catholic Church venerates him as Saint Luke the Evangelist. He is the author of the Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, a companion of St. Paul the Apostle, and the most literary of the New Testament writers. He is a patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers.

Friday, Oct. 18th: Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Jesuit martyrs of North America. Joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordained in 1622. Three years later he volunteered for the missions in Quebec, Canada. For the next quarter of a century he labored among the Huron Indians. His labors were placed in jeopardy because of Huguenot renegades and a smallpox epidemic that decimated entire Indian villages. John left for a brief time when the English captured Quebec, but returned to the Hurons again. In 1649 he was captured by the Iroquois, who were enemies of the Huron. John and his companions were cruelly slain on March 16. John de Brebeuf converted seven thousand Indians and composed a catechism in the Huron language. He was canonized in 1930.



The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Knowing - Loving - Serving - Leading

Help Wanted

Music Teacher & Choir Dir.

Position Available NOW

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist in Ottsville, PA has an opportunity for a talented, experienced, Catholic music educator and choir director to influence the spiritual life and music appreciation of our students, teachers and family members. Here are the details of the position:

The candidate must be a strong practicing Catholic, who would see this position as a calling to make a difference in the lives of the students and all members of the school family.

The preferred candidate should have several or more years of experience teaching classroom instruction and choir direction. Experience with preparation for liturgical singing is considered vital.

The ability to teach instrumental instruction, as the music program develops, is a benefit, but not a requirement.

Our school is looking for someone who has a vision of a music program for a school with 115 students in Pre-K to grade 8. Our students are calm and well-behaved. Our average class size is 11. Our parents are appreciative and supportive. Our faculty is collegial and positive.

The position is for two days a week, with the potential to increase next year.

If you or someone you know is interested in this wonderful opportunity to be a spiritual and musical influence in our school, please send a letter of interest and resume to John V. Mundy, Head of School at johnvmundy@yahoo.com.

Mr. John Mundy, Headmaster

610-847-5523 / jmundy@rasjb.org

Mr. Geoff Meyer, Dir. of Institutional Advancement

610-960-7062 / gmeyer@rasjb.org

Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director: 267-424-5762

www.RASJB.org.

THANK YOU

Our MSC GOLF TOURNAMENT was a great success. We were able to give a check in the amount of \$14,000.00 to the M.S.C.'s.

A sincere **"THANK YOU"** to the ladies of St. John's and St. Lawrence for their dedication year after year helping to prepare, serve and clean up for the Golf Dinner.

"THANK YOU" to the Knights of Columbus for their dedicated service of providing the tables and chairs to the Villa, also for their service at on the golf course and back at the M.S.C., serving drinks.

Last, but not least, **"THANK YOU"** to all the wonderful bakers of pies, cakes and brownies.

We could not do this event with year after year without the help of all involved.

"THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!"



RISE UP!
A Revolutionary Retreat for Men

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018
Time: 8:30 am to 8 pm
Place: St. John the Baptist Church, 4050 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942
Who: Men ages 16+ of all denominations seeking a closer relationship with God and family

REGISTER TODAY!
RiseUpMenofGod.com
Or see details and use registration form on reverse

"THEREFORE, PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD...HOLD FAITH AS A SHIELD, TO QUENCH ALL THE FLAMING ARROWS OF THE EVIL ONE. AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD." -EPHESIANS 6:13

We Need Your Prayer List updates!

Our parish prayer list that appears weekly in our bulletin on the next page needs to be updated.

Many of these names have been on our list for years, that's not to say they don't still need our prayers.

All we are asking is for your help in keeping our prayer list current. Please take a minute and see if you had a name placed on our list that may now be removed. If so, please call the parish office or send an email to prep@stjohnsottsville.org – thank you!

Vatican Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World plus Approved Apparitions of Our Lady and 40-Hour Devotion

Sun. Oct. 21st: 8:30 am- 2:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 22nd & Tues. Oct. 23rd: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Saints Peter and Paul Parish,
1325 East Boot Rd., West Chester, PA . 19380

Join us for a very special exhibit (over 150 photographs and historical descriptions) created by Italian Carlo Acutis who died from leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. Acutis had great devotion to the Eucharist and to the Blessed Mother and was very gifted in computer science. His life is being investigated as a cause for canonization.

Cost is free-- donations accepted for the Real Presence Association.

Forty Hours Devotion begins each night at 7:00 PM.
Forty Hours Homilist: Father John Stokely

For more info, contact jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org or call 610-692-2216, ext. 263

Saint Anges RC Church Sellersville

SAVE THE DATE
10-26-18

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215-804-7975



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, Patti Bucci, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Maria DeLuca-Lorenzo, **MaryJane Deutsch**, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Marvin Eichlin, Loretta Farrell, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Paulette Frankenfield, Claire Fratrik, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallagher, 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, Aleena Lang, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Marie Louzon, 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, Gabriel Otero, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Carol Reardon, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy

Rodman, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Kelsey Russell, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Mary Jane Shuman, Baby Ella Stack, Jenna Stanzio, Shane Stroup, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Cynthia Tocci, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Helen Wall, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealon, Tamara Widmer, Edward Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder, Liem Zbyszinski



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

October 20 & 21, 2018 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
SATURDAY 5PM	Peg Glancey Cathy Leidtke Need 2 Volunteers	Leona Russell	Gianna Gammello Ryleigh Steinmetz Need Volunteer	Maggie Hooven Liz Katra
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Jackie Litzenberger Kevin Murphy Donna Nice	Kathy Fetter	Joseph Fetter Brigid Froman Natalie Nice	Mary Pucci Karan Parash
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Phil Donahue Dolly Kovacs Donna Sciacca	Tony Luna	Joey DeVenuto Luke Luna Olivia Luna	Ordinary Time