



Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

May 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS MAY

- 5/01 BINGO 6 pm
- 5/02 Confirmation 4:30 pm
- 5/05 Graduation Pictures
- 5/06 Garden & Lego Clubs
- 5/08 Iron Pigs Game 6:45
- 5/13 Consecration to Our Lady 7th Grade Girls
- 5/13 Mugs & Moms 9 am
- 5/13 Garden & Lego Clubs
- 5/14 Ascension Thursday
No School
- 5/15 Mary Garden Stone
Making 6:30
- 5/20 8th Grade Class Trip
- 5/21 Mugs & Moms 8:45
- 5/21 Art Show 6 pm
- 5/25 Memorial Day No School
- 5/26 Doughnuts & Dads 9 am
- 5/29 Wizard of Oz 1 pm
- 5/30 Wizard of Oz 7 pm

JUNE

- 6/01 Field Day
- 6/02 Graduation 5:30
- 6/04 Awards/ Last Day

Chairman's Corner

Under the Mantle of the Regina: A Call to Our Men

May is the month of Our Blessed Mother—a time when the Church calls us to draw closer to Mary and entrust ourselves more fully to her care. At Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist, this devotion is embedded in our very name.

Regina. Queen.

Mary is the Queen of Heaven and Earth—entrusted by God with a decisive role in the history of salvation. From the beginning, we are given a promise: *"I will put enmity between you and the woman... she shall crush your head."* (Genesis 3:15)

Mary, the Regina, stands at the center of the battle between truth and lies, light and darkness. And our Academy is consecrated to her. We live, teach, and form our children under her mantle—confident that she will lead them to her Son and protect them in a world that increasingly opposes Him.

Few understood this more clearly than St. Maximilian Kolbe. St. Maximilian did not see Marian devotion as optional. He saw it as mission. He wrote: *"Let us remember that we are knights of the Immaculata... let us place ourselves entirely at her disposal, that she may use us as her instruments to conquer the whole world for Christ."*

This is a call to arms.

And so, this Chairman's Corner is a direct call—especially to the men of our Academy community.

In a culture confused about masculinity, St. Maximilian shows us the truth: a man becomes noble by sacrificing himself. His life—culminating when he offered his life in place of fellow prisoner at Auschwitz—was the fruit of a man fully consecrated, fully courageous, and fully free.

This is Marian masculinity.

It is the courage to kneel before God so that one may stand firm in the world. It is the strength to lead one's family through sacrifice, not control. It is the humility to entrust one's life to the Regina—trusting that she will form us into men capable of truth, virtue, and love.

At RASJB, this is our mission.

We exist to form children in truth, beauty, and goodness—to help them discover their identity as sons and daughters of God and to live lives of purpose: to know, love, and serve Him. But this formation begins in the home—and it depends in a particular way on the spiritual leadership of fathers.

Continued...

Chairman's Corner

And so, to the men of our community:
Do not outsource spiritual leadership.
Do not underestimate the power of your witness.
And do not hesitate to entrust yourself to Mary.

Make an act of consecration to the Regina.

It can begin simply:
“Mary, my Queen and Mother, I entrust myself entirely to you. Form me into the man God created me to be, so that I may lead, love, and serve as Christ calls me to.”

For those who feel called, I encourage you to take the next step through a more intentional preparation—such as a 33-day consecration (<https://www.33daysmorningglory.com/>)

Consecration to Mary is a path to authentic masculinity.

For when a man places himself under her mantle, he places himself under the guidance of the one who crushes the head of the serpent—and who forms warriors for Christ.

This is who we are...
This is the mission of Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist.
May we live it—with courage.

With gratitude and hope,

Brian Middleton
Chairman, Board of Directors

BIG NEWS!

We are proud and excited to share that the Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist has been recognized as a recommended school in The Newman Guide. This distinction is awarded to schools committed to providing an authentically Catholic education—one that forms the whole child in mind, body, and soul, rooted in the teachings of the Church.

The Newman Guide, published by the Cardinal Newman Society, highlights schools that prioritize a strong Catholic identity, a faithful partnership with families, and a deep commitment to prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments.

Being named a Newman Guide school affirms our mission to place Christ at the center of all we do and to form our students not only academically, but spiritually, guiding them to grow in faith, virtue, and love of God. At the Regina Academy, we are together in hope, inspiring children to live with joy, meaning, and purpose as we carry out this mission each day.

We are honored to be included among schools recognized for their dedication to faithful Catholic education and remain committed to supporting our families in raising children who know, love, and serve the Lord.



self-control charity kindness goodness peace patience

April Virtue Awards Initiative

Initiative involves taking the first step or action, often in the face of challenges, to accomplish a task or fulfill a calling. True initiative is not merely about taking action but doing so in alignment with faith and trust in God's promises. It means considering the consequences of our actions through prayer, right thinking, and sound judgment. When we take the time to seek God's will and cooperate with it in our lives, we can boldly express a creative idea, discover a new method, or find a unique way to solve a problem. Instead of waiting for others to remind us or pressure us into action, we lean on God and spring to a challenge with enthusiasm.

- GRADE 8: Joseph Brigidi
- GRADE 7: Roman Brigidi
- GRADE 6: Aidan Herbert
- GRADE 5: McKenzie Rankin
- GRADE 4: Andrew Kuttler
- GRADE 3: Christopher Fox
- GRADE 2: Riley Bailey
- GRADE 1: Emilia Shemanski and Rosemary Knowles
- KINDERGARTEN: Autumn Picciotti
- PRESCHOOL: John Robbins

gentleness chastity joy generosity faithfulness modesty

Greetings from the Office

By Mrs. Froman

Wow, can you believe it's already May? It's amazing how quickly the school year has flown by! I feel like May will slip by just as fast as all the other months did.

April brought some extra challenges to the front office — I truly mean that! Just when we thought we were finally getting a handle on all the illnesses, that persistent stomach bug decided to make a strong return. There were more tummy aches than ever before last month. Now, with allergy season in full swing, it's been quite intense. I couldn't help but notice lots of little ones with teary, bloodshot eyes. They really needed some extra comfort and gentle care.



On a happier note, our Lost and Found has grown so much that we now need a bigger bin. If you're missing anything, PLEASE STOP BY the front office. NOTE: At the end of the school year, all items remaining in the Lost and Found will be donated.

I'm really excited about everything happening in May, especially the play! It's wonderful to hear the singing from the play practice. I'm sure The Wizard of Oz will be a performance to remember. If you'd like to give a shout-out to your talented thespian, just send me an email, and I'll be happy to include it in the program!

Have a great May!
Claire Froman

Mugs & Moms



We invite all of our new moms to join us this May for Mugs and Moms. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, meet other moms, and enjoy a casual morning together before the school year ends.

Little ones are welcome to come along!
Each gathering is one hour long.

May 13th at 9:00 am
May 21st at 8:45 am

Grow the garden



Thanks to all who participated in our Herb Garden Event. A little dirt, a little design, a little **thyme** well spent.

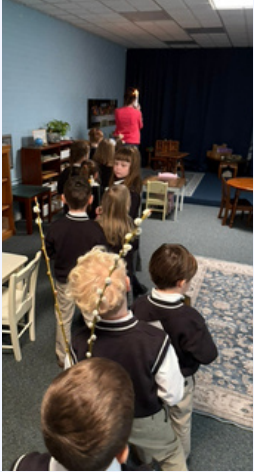




Kindergarten was on the move throughout April! Here are a few highlights from a busy month:



Settling into the day with a good book and a bear is a great start!



In Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the Easter Lighting Ceremony is a quiet, prayerful moment that helps children reflect on the joy of the Resurrection. A candle is lit to represent the Risen Christ—the Light who overcomes darkness.



During Nature Studies with Mrs. Elsner, students enjoy time in our outdoor classroom and love discovering the little details of the world around them. From quiet observation to exciting finds, each lesson is filled with curiosity, joy, and a deeper appreciation for the beauty of God's creation.



Aa

Our Kindergarten class is enjoying a fun-filled end-of-year alphabet review! For “Aa is for Animals Day,” students brought in their favorite stuffed animals and spent time reading together. Each letter brings a new and exciting activity as they celebrate all they’ve learned this year.



RASJB GOLF TOURNAMENT

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We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported this year's golf outing. With a record 79 golfers, it was a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and community, and we are truly grateful for the strong turnout and continued support of our school.

A special thank you goes to our generous sponsors whose contributions made this event possible. Our Title Sponsor was Anonymous, and we are grateful for the support of our Cart Sponsor, Think Hope Foundation, and our Registration Sponsor, Seamonoff, Ormsby, Greenberg & Torcia, LLC.

We also thank our Lunch Sponsors, Lampire Biological Laboratories and Martin Saints Classical High School, as well as our Driving Range Sponsors, Senior Care Authority and Lancers Diner.

Finally, we are appreciative of our Hole Sponsors: My Gym, the Bednarzyk Family, the Stefanski Family, Churchville Autobody, and Pressure Innovators.

Your generosity and support help make this event a success year after year, and we are truly grateful for our wonderful community.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 19, 2027!!





Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants



We congratulate all of our students who recently received their First Holy Communion. This is such a special milestone in their faith journey as they come to the altar for the very first time to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We ask that you keep all of our communicants and their families in your prayers!

Prayer Before Communion

Prayer courtesy of Catholic Online

*Come, O blessed Saviour,
and nourish my soul with heavenly Food,
the Food which contains every sweetness and
every delight.*

*Come, Bread of Angels,
and satisfy the hunger of my soul.*

*Come, glowing Furnace of Charity
and enkindle in my heart the flame of divine love.*

*Come, Light of the World,
and enlighten the darkness of my mind.*

*Come, King of Kings,
and make me obedient to your holy will.*

*Come, loving Saviour,
and make me meek and humble.*

*Come, Friend of the Sick,
and heal the infirmities of my body
and the weakness of my soul.*

*Come, Good Shepherd, my God and my All,
and take me to yourself.*

*O most holy Mother, Mary Immaculate,
prepare my heart to receive my Saviour.*

STEPPING STONES TO MARY

Create Lasting Memories in Our Marian Garden

Join us for a special evening creating personalized handprint stepping stones to honor Our Lady in the beautiful Marian Garden at our new preschool location.

When: Friday, May 15th at 6:00 PM

What: Handprint stepping stone creation class

Cost: \$25 per stepping stone

Where: Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Come and help create a Rosary prayer path in our garden dedicated to the Blessed Mother. These handprint stones will serve as lasting reminders of our devotion and create a sacred outdoor space where children can experience God's creation while walking and praying.

In the true spirit of Montessori education, children learn through hands-on work with beautiful, meaningful materials. Our Marian Garden will become a living classroom where little ones can encounter the natural world as a pathway to knowing and loving God.

Can't join us? We have stones to donate, or you can contribute in memory on in honor of someone. Please visit the registration site for more details.

Must register by May 10th via QR Code below or our website: rasjb.org





Donum A Deo Gala Gift from God



Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Save the Date

Together in hope

Inspiring children to live with joy, meaning, and purpose.

Join us for our

8th Annual Gala

Friday, October 30, 2026
Doylestown Country Club
Doylestown, PA

Sponsor Opportunities Available
Please Contact: mpassman@rasjb.org



Happy Mother's Day

Gracious Heavenly Father, We thank you for our mothers to whom you have entrusted the care of every precious human life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing. Watch over every mother who is with child. Grant her love for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear, understanding in times of doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child. We beseech you to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died. Help grieving mothers to rely on your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children. We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted motherhood. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord Jesus, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. We ask this through your beloved son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



April Showers Bring May Flowers

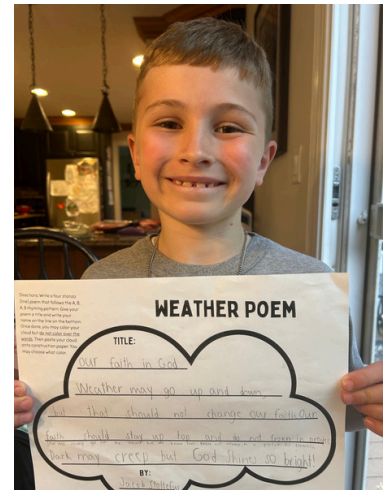


We're excited to share this thoughtful poem from one of our newest students. Using the imagery of changing weather, he beautifully reminds us that while storms may come and go, our faith in God should remain constant—and His light will always shine through.

Our Faith in God

by Jacob S

Weather may go up and down,
But that should not change our faith.
Our faith should stay up top and do not frown in prayer.
Storms may go on for hours,
But we know that there will always be a patch of flowers.
Dark may creep,
But God shines so bright!



Opportunities to Volunteer

September is just a few months away! I know—you want to enjoy your summer first (me too!). Please mark your calendars now, as we will once again be participating in the Polish American Festival, Abbeyfest, and the Think Hope 5K Run, and we will need your help!

Be sure to save the dates, and as the song says... “See You in September!”



POLISH AMERICAN Family Festival & Country Fair
at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

60TH ANNUAL
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026
12 NOON – 8:00 PM

Illustration of a woman playing a cello and a man in traditional Polish folk attire.



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Sept 19

ABBEYFEST
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Illustration of a golden key with a cross on the head and a sunburst behind it.



2026 MARIA MIDDLETON MEMORIAL **THINKHOPE RUN**

Third Annual

5K RUN **1K WALK**

Sept 26, 2026
8 am to 12 pm

Peace Valley Park
Sailors Point Parking Lot
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Regina Angelorum Gala

Teacher Spotlight



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Illustration of lilies and the Regina Angelorum Academy logo.



We are pleased to share that our Science and Nature Studies teacher, Sandra Elsner, has been invited to serve as a panelist at the 5th Annual EcoPhilly Summit, taking place on May 9, 2026, at Villanova University.

This year's theme, “From Hope to Action,” focuses on Catholic environmental stewardship and practical ways schools, parishes, and communities can care for God's creation. The summit will feature keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and collaborative discussions on sustainability and faith in action.

We are proud to see Mrs. Elsner representing our school in this important conversation and sharing her experience in environmental education.

MAY 20, 2026

Radnor Valley Country Club
555 SPROUL ROAD, VILLANOVA, PA



Guest Speaker
DR. CATHERINE PAKALUK
This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Catherine Pakaluk from CUA. Dr. Pakaluk is the author of the groundbreaking and bestselling ethnography *Hannah's Children: The Women Quietly Defying the Birth Dearth*. In social philosophy, she explores Catholic social thought, political economy, and the works of Edith Stein. Notably, she received the Heritage Foundation's Freedom and Opportunity Prize in 2023 and the Acton Institute's Novak Award in 2015 for her contributions to understanding religion's role in economic liberty.

Tickets will be available until Friday, May 1
SCAN THE QR CODE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE



REGINA ACADEMY AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PROUDLY PRESENTS...

May 29th
1 pm

THE WIZARD

May 30th
7 pm

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We're off to see the Wizard! We are excited to invite you to a magical journey down the yellow brick road as Regina Academy presents the beloved classic, The Wizard of Oz. Join us as our students bring this timeless story to life with creativity, teamwork, and joy.

From Munchkinland to the Emerald City, this enchanting production is filled with adventure, friendship, and the reminder that there truly is "no place like home." It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the talents of our students as they share this heartwarming story on stage.

We can't wait to welcome you to Oz. You don't want to miss this special performance and the magic our students have been preparing to share!

Student Council Field Trip

Our Student Council, in recognition of their hard work and dedication in serving our school and parish community, enjoyed a field trip to Washington Crossing State Park. While there, students explored the historic site where General George Washington and his troops famously crossed the Delaware River during the winter of 1776, a pivotal moment in our nation's history during the American Revolution.

It was a meaningful opportunity for students to connect classroom learning with the rich history of our country while spending a special day together as a group.



Students Bring Ecosystems to Life Through Native Plant Restoration

By Mrs. Elsner

With a grant from EcoPhilly, we removed invasive plantings alongside the school and replaced them with natives. Now we can walk right outside the school doors to see ecosystems in action!!

The after pictures don't look like much now but give it some time and everything will be grown in and looking even more amazing!!

So proud of the students, with extra help from my co-leader Carolina Trotter, teacher helpers, and even the school president, Brian Dulin!

Species Removed:

Ornamental Grass
Daylilly
Barberry

Species Added:

Aromatic Aster
Black eyed Susan
Blackhawk viburnum
Shrubby Cinqfoil
Creeping Phlox
Butterfly Milkweed
Little bluestem
Wild bergamot
Scarlet Beebalm
Plaintain-leaf Pussytoes

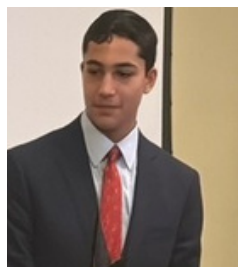


Congratulations to Our Alumni!



We are proud to share that two of our alumni, Liam Molonari and Martin Elsner, were recently recognized for outstanding achievement on the National Latin Exam, an international assessment taken by over 100,000 students across all 50 states and 26 countries.

Liam Molonari earned Magna Cum Laude honors, and Martin Elsner earned the highest distinction of Summa Cum Laude and was awarded a gold medal.



We are very proud of their continued success and the strong academic foundation they built during their time at the Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist.

Congratulations to all **Martin Saints Classical High School** students for their strong performance, and thank you to their dedicated Latin teachers, Dr. Erika Harnett and Mr. Vincent Dinoso, for their guidance and instruction.

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PreK3 & PreK4 | 2026-2027

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Do you know someone or are you considering PreK3, PreK4 for your child for the 2026-2027 school year?

Our faith-centered Montessori preschool program nurtures independence, curiosity, and a love of learning while providing a strong foundation for early childhood education.

To learn more about our hands-on, developmentally rich approach and enrollment opportunities, please contact:

Marion Passman at
mpassman@rasjb.org
or call 610-847-5523

REFERRAL PROGRAM

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR REFERRAL PROGRAM!

Last year, we gave out over \$3,000 to families through our referral program, and we're excited to continue rewarding our amazing community!

*Know a family who would be a great fit for our school? Refer them to us and receive **\$500** toward tuition once they enroll!*

How It Works

- 1. Refer a family to our school.*
- 2. After they enroll, you receive \$500 toward tuition.*

Help our community grow — and get rewarded for it!

For More Information Contact:



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Join us for our upcoming event:

Evening of the Arts

A night of music and artwork by MSC students



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May 7th
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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

345 Elmwood Ln, Riegelsville, PA 18077

- Doors Open at 6:00p / First Game Starts at 7:00p
- \$25 Entry Fee per Person / \$30 at the Door
- 12 Games to Play / 3 Bingo Cards for each Game
- Additional Cards Available for Purchase

5 CASH PRIZES! **12**
Food for Purchase / BYOB
3 50/50 RAFFLE!

All Are Welcome!

TAKE NOTICE

Upper Bucks 25th Heritage Day

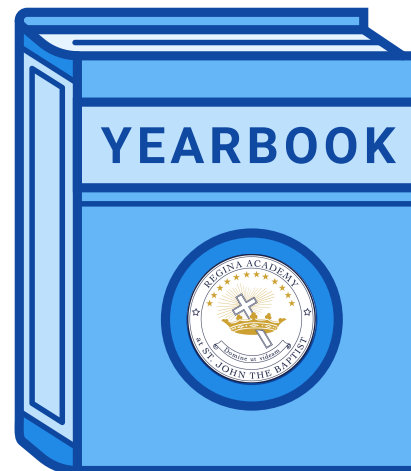
at Tinicum Park

Erwin-Stover House
River Road

Saturday, May 16th
10 am - 5 pm



Join us to celebrate
our founding families
with live music, dancing,
traditional crafters,
historic exhibits and
Revolutionary War era
demonstrations



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs. Brigidi and the Yearbook Committee for their hard work and dedication in putting together the 2025-2026 yearbook.

Yearbooks will go on sale in May and will be available for either pick up or home delivery. More information will be shared in the school communication folder.