

MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM,
 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

Saturdays: 8:00 AM

Holy Days: 5:30 PM Vigil
 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MASS FOR SHUT-INS:

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,
 Radio - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the **FIRST** and **THIRD** Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. No date can be set for baptism until parents have fulfilled these responsibilities.

MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
 215-672-3020.

REGISTRATION: All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road.

If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

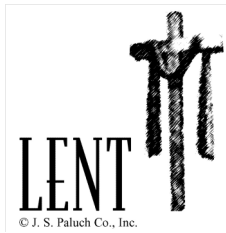
PARISH ACTIVITIES: Catholic Youth Organization, CCD School of Religion, Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women's Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

A Note from the Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you will have a spiritually satisfying and beneficial Lent. The experience of giving something up for Lent is an experience of penance and it is one type of fasting, but the goal is not to punish us, but rather to make us more aware. It should help us experience our tremendous need for God. While some amount of suffering does tend to bring our minds to what Jesus himself endured, we also know that His suffering has



brought about a monumental transformation; so we do not endure any suffering in vain, or alone. Lent is also a good time to add something to our spiritual life. For example you might consider coming to our daily Mass at 8:00 a.m., if not every weekday how about 2 or 3 days a week? Or perhaps you might pray the rosary, or come to our regular Monday night devotions at 7:30 p.m. In addition to our regular Saturday Confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., we will have opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession every Wednesday in Lent, (except Ash Wednesday) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Church is open during the day, so you can just stop in and make a Holy Hour (by the way, the Sanctuary of the Altar is still alarmed with motion detectors so please do not approach the altar or the statues unless you know for certain that the alarm is deactivated), or come on Monday's when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar. In addition we also pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7:30 p.m. and then conclude with Benediction (which is a blessing from Jesus himself in the Consecrated Eucharist). It is a moving way to help the entire family prepare for our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. We also have put out our Rice Bowls at the church exits. Please take one home for your family (some assembly required). The idea behind the rice bowl is that you forgo a larger meal on one or more days of the week, opting to have a simpler meal like soup and/or sandwich, or fast altogether, and then the money that you saved on that meal goes into the Rice Bowl. At the end of Lent you then bring in the bowl and make a donation which goes to Catholic Relief Services to help provide for those most seriously in need.



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Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 25, 2017</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>February 26, 2017</u>	7:00am	Machado Family
		8:30am	Joseph Campellone
		10:00am	John & Catherine Dudas
		11:30am	Anthony Landi
Monday		8:00am	Raymond Generale
Tuesday		8:00am	Barbara T. Hartnett
Ash		8:00am	John & Catherine Dudas
Wednesday		5:00pm	Prayer Service with Ashes Distributed
		7:00pm	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Thursday		8:00am	Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Friday		8:00am	Joseph Chapman
Saturday		8:00am	Michael Dollarton
Saturday	<u>March 4, 2017</u>	5:30pm	Marie & Elmer Grossman
Sunday	<u>March 5, 2017</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Linda Generale
		10:00am	James Dugan
		11:30am	Amy Sichler

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Kathleen Boccella, Alicia Cruz, Bill Gaida, Bob Hagan, Dave McKay, John Ragg, Marie Trotter Rickman, Ann Scanlon, and Dorothy Smedley.

Financial Report 2/11/17-2/18/17

Sunday Collection:	\$10,395.00	(\$11,243.00-2016)
School Subsidy	\$	2,843.50
Archdiocese Assessment	\$	1,686.05
Various Insurances	\$	1,085.77
Alarm Repair	\$	160.00
Employees' Health Insurance	\$	1,576.45
Supplies	\$	2,285.87
Repair Church Boiler	\$	1,000.00

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, February 27, 2017**
- * Adoration – All Day – Church
- * Senior Citizens Meeting – 11 a.m. – Church Hall
- * Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- Wednesday, March 1, 2017**
- * Ash Wednesday
- Thursday, March 2, 2017**
- * Children's Choir Practice – 4:30 p.m. – Church
- * BSA Troop 137 – 7:00 p.m. – Rectory Basement
- * Adult's Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. - Church

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
 Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

A Note from the Pastor Continued...

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, March 1st. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is an important day in the liturgical year because it begins the season of fasting and prayer, and almsgiving. You do not need to be Catholic, or even in the state of grace to receive ashes. You should simply have a sincere desire to change or repent. The practice comes to us from the Jewish tradition of penance and fasting where penitents would wear ashes on their head. The ashes were symbolic of the dust from which we were made. The ashes also remind us that we have sinned and separated ourselves from God, so they should be received with a spirit of understanding that my sins have put a barrier between me and God, and I want that barrier removed. The USCCB website says, "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards."

May God Bless You,
 Fr. Bordonaro

We welcome you!

Wednesday Night Confessions

*Beginning Wed., March 8th,
 the Wed. after Ash Wednesday*

(In addition to our Saturday Confessions)

Every Wednesday in Lent, beginning March 8,
 in the confessionals from 7-8 p.m.

Our confessionals are located in the hallway, on the
 Sacred Heart side of Church.

Sticky Buns

We are pleased to announce our Sticky Buns Sale this weekend!...before Ash Wednesday. Today....Sun., Feb. 26th.

Monthly Food Drive

Our food collection is scheduled for next weekend, March 4th and 5th. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

Don't be Anxious

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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It's one thing for me to tell people not to worry. It's another thing entirely to quote Matthew 6, where Jesus says, "Why do you worry? The birds of the air, the flowers of the field..." He says, "I tell you, do not worry."

Max Lucado

Positions Available

Archbishop Wood
 High School

*** Girls Lacrosse Coach***** Track and Field Coach**

Archbishop Wood High School

The ideal candidate possesses previous background sufficient to warrant a leadership role in a character-building program. All interested persons may apply and shall be given every consideration in the filling of this position.

Archbishop Wood High School

c/o Mr. Joe Sette, Athletic Director

655 York Rd.

Warminster, PA 18974

215-672-5050 ext. 260 or jsette@archwood.org

Spring Sports Registration

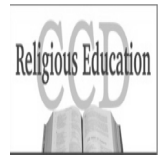
SJR Hawks Spring sports registration is now underway. SJR CYO offers baseball for grades 5 - 8, softball for grades 4 - 8 and track & field for grades 1 - 8. SJR CYO also offers high school co-ed volleyball for grades 9 - 12. Please register at www.wagdogs.com. Registration will remain open for baseball & softball through March 15th, track & high school volleyball will remain open through March 31st.

CCD School of Religion

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 for information.



Class times: Tuesdays, 4:30- 5:50 p.m. and 6:15- 7:35 p.m.



February 2017

Tues., Feb. 28: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

March 2017

Tues., March 7: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School. Stations of the Cross for children at 4:45 & 6:30. Children will meet in the school building and teachers will take them to the Church at the scheduled time. Parents are welcome to meet us at Church for Stations. .

Tues., March 14: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

Tues., March 21: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

Tues., March 28: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

Lenten Penance Service for children.

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2017



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The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all

persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.



All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



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Wednesday, March 1st marks the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday. The school community will be attending the 9AM Mass at St. Robert.

Home and School News:

2nd Annual Talent Show will be taking place Sat., March 25th

SJR Lafferty Drive will be held Tues., & Wed., March 7th & 8th. ABSOLUTELY NO SALES PITCH

You simply show up at Lafferty Chevrolet located at 829 W. Street Rd., Warminster and take a test drive. They will give us \$10 per driver on Tues. Mar. 7th and \$15 per driver on Wed. Mar 8th. **Ask a neighbor, friend, or family member.** Simply say you are there to drive for SJR. It's always fun to drive something new!

Marian Day



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Legion of Mary, Mary, Mother of the Blessed Sacrament Praesidium, invites

you to the **24th Annual Marian Day.**

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Sat., March 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Father Mark Mary, MFVA, host of EWTN's 'Life on the Rock' television show will host morning and afternoon presentations.

Registration is requested before March 1 by contacting advancement@scs.edu or 610-785-6270. A boxed lunch will be provided free of charge to clergy and religious. Lay attendees are asked to consider a donation of \$10, payable on the day of the program, to cover the cost of their lunch.

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



Bulletin Submittals

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net or dropped off at the Rectory Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all bulletin requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.