

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,
 While looking on the U.S. Bishop's website for some resources about Lent I found the following Q and A that I thought to be most comprehensive and helpful. I hope you get something out of this. It can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/questions-and-answers-about-lent.cfm>



Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

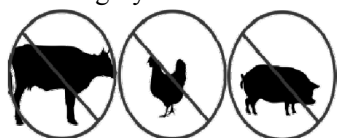
A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.



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Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>March 4, 2017</u>	Marie & Elmer Grossman
	5:30pm	
Sunday	<u>March 5, 2017</u>	
	7:00am	People of the Parish
	8:30am	Linda Generale
	10:00am	James Dugan
	11:30am	Amy Sichler
Monday	8:00am	St. Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday	8:00am	Frank Fagan
Wednesday	8:00am	Susan Denofa
Thursday	8:00am	Leonard Ferry
Friday	8:00am	Shannon Mathers
Saturday	8:00am	Dec'd Members of Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>March 11, 2017</u>	Louise & George Snyder
	5:30pm	
Sunday	<u>March 12, 2017</u>	
	7:00am	Carlton B. Fidler, 35 th Anniversary
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Louis Fitscher, Jr.
	11:30am	Alice G. Hanna, 10 th Anniversary

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Kathleen Boccella, Alicia Cruz, Bill Gaida, Bob Hagan, Mary Johnson, Marie Trotter Rickman, and Ann Scanlon.

Financial Report 2/25/17-3/4/17

Sunday Collection:	\$9,690.00	(\$11,243.00-2016)
School Subsidy	\$	2,843.50
Archdiocese Assessment	\$	1,686.05
Various Insurances	\$	1,085.77
Employee Bi-Weekly Pay	\$	9,912.66
Unemployment Insurance	\$	450.00
Repair to Rectory Boiler	\$	749.85
Supplies	\$	179.41
Services	\$	1,665.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 6, 2017

- * Adoration – All Day – Church
- * Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- * Men's Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

- * Confessions 7-8 p.m. - Confessionals

Thursday, March 9, 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:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017



“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”- *Matthew 4:10*

A Note from the Pastor Continued...



Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal.

Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

A. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.



May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

We welcome you!
Wednesday Night Confessions
Beginning Wed., March 8th,
(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.

Monthly Food Drive



Our food collection is scheduled for this 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.**



Spring forward
Next weekend!



Living Stations

Please join us on **Fri., March 31st** with our parish Youth at 7:30 p.m. in Church for the Living Stations of the Cross.

If anyone in Grade 6 and above would like to join the cast, please call Ann Tucci 215-528-2710 or Rita Roley 215-872-0499 for more information, *before* Sun., March 19th.

Attention Men of St. Joseph



Are you looking for answers in your masculine journey? Do you want to experience your manhood in an entirely new and faith filled way with other like minded men? Do you desire to share your faith with your children more deeply, but struggle to have such an experience? If you answered YES to one or more of those questions, then you are invited to experience **“Into the Wild”**, a Catholic outdoor experiential retreat weekend for men in Bucks County. The dates for the next **retreat weekend are May 18-21**. For more information visit www.intothewildweekend.com or call Tom Molz: 215-491-5559.

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.

Local Church News



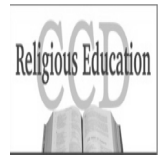
The Archdiocese *is considering* resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40-\$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to regular archdiocesan publication, please contact the Rectory by calling 215-672-3020 between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. or simply email sjc18976@verizon.net to say that you are interested. We will be collecting this information on behalf of the Archdiocese. Please contact us before Friday, March 17, 2017. **No need** to leave your name or contact information as they are simply looking for interest level.

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.



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.

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Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent

2017



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, 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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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.