



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,

This week we will honor St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland on his Feast day, Friday March 17, 2017. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, in accord with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick this year. (Enjoy your corned beef and cabbage!) The following explanation was given by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



In certain circumstances, such as the coincidence of Saint Patrick's Day and a Friday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop may grant such a dispensation from the observance of the corporate gesture of penance on a penitential day. However, as with every Friday of the Church Year outside of Lent, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of our Lord on the cross.

On Saint Patrick's Day, the memory of this missionary apostle to Ireland recalls his preaching of the Faith and encouragement to live **authentic Christian lives**. Lent does not disappear with the festive celebration of Saint Patrick. Rather, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Roman Catholics may fittingly observe March 17, 2017 with another choice of penance rather than abstaining from meat.



Sunday, March 19th would normally be our parish patron, St. Joseph's Feast day, but because it falls on a Sunday in Lent, the Feast of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, is transferred to Monday, March 20 for this year. We will celebrate our traditional Triduum of Prayers in honor of St. Joseph beginning on Monday, March 20th. All are invited to join us for the 8:00 Morning Mass followed by some special prayers to St. Joseph on Monday March 20th, Tuesday March 21st, and Wednesday March 22nd.

I realize that we have had a number of Second Collections lately and I am aware that for many it is a real sacrifice. The Archdiocese mandates certain special collections on certain weekends, and others whenever we can fit them in. For example, last week's collection for the Military Archdiocese was for any weekend in Lent. Other collections that we take up for the parish, such as Capital Improvements, or Fuel expenses, assist us with the regular functioning of the parish. I am very grateful for your support. This Second Collection designated by the Archdiocese for this weekend is for the Church in Latin America.



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Masses for the Week

Saturday March 11, 2017
5:30pm Louise & George Snyder

Sunday March 12, 2017
7:00am Carlton B. Fidler, 35th Anniversary
8:30am People of the Parish
10:00am Louis Fitscher, Jr.
11:30am Alice G. Hanna, 10th Anniversary

Monday 8:00am Mary Thangam Marian
Tuesday 8:00am David Dziedzic
Wednesday 8:00am Bill Weychert, 5th Anniversary
Thursday 8:00am Robert Bierowski
Friday 8:00am Rose & Edward Kroutch
Saturday 8:00am Michael Dollarton

Saturday March 18, 2017
5:30pm Joseph Vincelli

Sunday March 19, 2017
7:00am Special Intention
8:30am Linda Generale
10:00am People of the Parish
11:30am Salvatore Boccella, Jr.

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 3/4/17-3/11/17

Sunday Collection: \$10,051.00	(\$12,778.00-2016)
<u>Monthly E-Giving: \$3,674.74</u>	
School Subsidy	\$ 2,843.50
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 1,686.05
Various Insurances	\$ 1,085.77
Monthly Church Cleaning	\$ 405.00
Monthly Cable	\$ 150.64
Heating Oil	\$ 4,189.67
Supplies	\$ 1,065.41
Church Missals	\$ 946.95
Services	\$ 987.91
Monthly Trash Removal	\$ 237.55

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, March 13, 2017**
* Adoration – All Day – Church
* Senior Citizens Meeting – 11 a.m. – Church Hall
* Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- Wednesday, March 15, 2017**
* Confessions 7-8 p.m. - Confessionals
- Thursday, March 16, 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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Second Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2017

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
 — 2 Timothy 1:10b

A Note from the Pastor Continued...

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. For people living in these regions, barriers to practicing the faith include lack of resources, shortages of pastoral agents, and poor infrastructures that make relatively simple things like participating in weekly Mass difficult. Your support of the collection helps to share the faith with those who long to experience God's mercy within strong faith communities.

May God Bless You,
 Fr. Bordonaro

We welcome you!

Wednesday Night Confessions

(In addition to our Saturday Confessions)

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

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

5K Training Begins

Wed., March 15th at 8:30 p.m.

The SJR 5K R.A.C.E. **Run About Catholic Education** will be held on Friday, May 19th. Never run a 5K before or have you run many? Please consider joining our training runs! (running or walking the course). The group will begin from St. Robert Bellarmine Church parking lot. All levels of runner/walker are encouraged to join the training. No individual will be left behind! It is a great way to kick off a healthy new year! For questions, call Bob Williamson at 215.896.5180 or email kbwrs96@gmail.com.

Monthly Food Drive

Our food collection is scheduled for the weekend of April 1st and 2nd. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

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* next 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

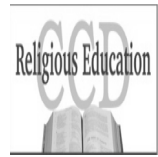
The Archdiocese *is considering* resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40-\$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to a regular archdiocesan publication, please contact the Rectory by calling 215-672-3020 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 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



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.

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.

St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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Home and School News:

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

Join 5K Sponsorship:

7th Annual SJR 5K, Fri., May 19th

Our 6th Annual 5K event featured over 450 children & adult runners/walkers. Contributing to the success of the R.A.C.E was the generosity of over 100 sponsors. This year we are again asking for the support from our parish community. **A flyer insert is included with this week's church bulletin detailing levels of sponsorship and advertising opportunities for your business.** In addition, the level "Friend" provides an opportunity for parish families to be acknowledged for their school support. Families may also support the race through donations of water, post race snacks, and prizes. For information, please email Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org or call the school at 215.343.5100.

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.



Archbishop Wood High School



Upcoming Alumni Events

Fri., April 21st ~ Hall of Fame at The Fuge ~ 5:30 p.m. Inductees are: Michael Spadafora '02, William Monaghan '88,

Marguerite Corr Quinn '81, Margaret Fitzpatrick Auxer '86, and Reverend Thomas Viviano '99. For tickets and information, contact Mr. Tim Dunn at 215-672-5050 ext. 227, or tdunn@archwood.org.

Sun., April 23rd ~ Alumni Mass and Garden Blessing ~ 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by blessing and breakfast. For pavers and more information, contact tdunn@archwood.org.

Fri., May 12th ~ Alumni Golf Outing ~ Noon at Five Ponds Golf Course. For information, contact tdunn@archwood.org.