



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,

October is annually observed as Respect Life Month in Catholic Churches across our nation. Human life is under constant attack in our culture today; from the moment of conception to natural death. Life is threatened because we no longer understand what it means to be human, and what our humanity calls forth from us in our responsibility to care for other persons. St. John Paul II in his encyclical the Gospel of Life (*Evangelium Vitae, EV*) tells us that “For the Christian, it is an absolute imperative to respect, love and promote the life of every brother and sister, in accordance with the requirements of God’s bountiful love in Jesus Christ.” n. 77



Respect Life Sunday is today, and the United States Bishops are adopting the theme, *Be Not Afraid*, as the way to identify the Respect Life Program for the year 2017-18. St. Joseph is once again participating in the **40 Days for Life** campaign which is a peaceful witness across the street from the Planned Parenthood Office on Louis Drive in Warminster. Our parish date to be present is Tuesday October 10th, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please consider signing up to spend one hour that day with us in Warminster, praying for an end to abortion. The sign-up sheets are on the tables in the back hallway.

Respect is the acknowledgement that all human persons are made in the image of God. It is important that children learn at an early age to recognize that they are a human person because they possess a God-given dignity. This can be done by emphasizing their Heavenly Father’s love for them. “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are... Beloved, we are God’s children now.” (*1 John 3:16*) When battered by life’s storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (*Isaiah 41:10*).



He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests His victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017**

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.
— *Philippians 2:5*



Saturday	<u>September 30, 2017</u>	5:30pm James Cunningham
Sunday	<u>October 1, 2017</u>	7:00am People of the Parish 8:30am Ray Generale 10:00am Michael Dollarton 11:30am Gerald Rigney
Monday		8:00am St. Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday		8:00am Robert N. Boland Sr., 5 th Anniversary
Wednesday		8:00am Anna & Jane Zealzug
Thursday		8:00am Steve Mallozzi
Friday		8:00am Deceased Members of the Sansoni Family
Saturday		8:00am Peg De Martino
Saturday	<u>October 7, 2017</u>	5:30pm Bridget Gomes (Living)
Sunday	<u>October 8, 2017</u>	7:00am LeRoy J. Smedley, Sr. 8:30am People of the Parish 10:00am Mary Ann Dowzicky 11:30am Filomena Leona

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Gary Cain, Alicia Cruz, Bill Gaida, Bill Gardner, Bob Hagan, Mike Jones, Paul Moran Kilbride, Dave McKay, Wayne Mehlman, Ann Scanlon, Dorothy Smedley, and Lorraine

Smith.

Weekly Sunday Collection

09/09/17: \$ 8,383.00
09/10/16: \$ 8,532.00



This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, October 2, 2017**
 * Adoration – All Day – Church
 * Rosary & Benediction– 7:30 p.m. – Church
 * Men’s Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg
- Thursday, October 5, 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: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

Blessing of the Animals

We welcome you to bring your pets to the Blessing of the Animals today, Sun., Oct. 1st at 1:15 p.m. on the grass between the back parking lots.

A Note from the Pastor Continued...

October is also the time when we have our “October Count” during Mass. We count all those in attendance at all of our Saturday night and Sunday Masses and forward those numbers to the Archdiocese. Please pardon the additional clicking noise during Mass, and thank you to our ushers for taking the count.

Finally I want to invite everyone to our **40 Hours Celebration**. This is a special time that we set aside to worship Jesus in the Eucharist. It will take place on **Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday October 15-17**. Adoration will begin after the last Mass of the day and continue through to Evening Prayer with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. each day. Our homilist is Fr. Timothy Christy, the vicar for Evangelization and Communication for the diocese of Metuchen, NJ. There will be no public recitation of the Rosary that Monday night.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

New Members Welcome!

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Church is looking for new members for the **Adult and Children Choirs**. Both rehearse in the choir loft on Thursdays. The children rehearse from **4:30 to 5:45 p.m.**, and the adults from **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Both lead the Assembly in song at one or two Sunday masses each month and at special masses. Please contact Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email her at mariaalennon@comcast.net for more details, or come to one of our rehearsals.

Monthly Food Drive

Our next food collection is scheduled for next weekend, October 7th and 8th. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

40 Days for Life

St. Joseph will be participating once again in the national **40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN** which will be held from September 27 through November 5. Our parish will send parishioners to pray from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tues., Oct., 10th at the local abortion clinic, Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Dr., Warminster. Please consider scheduling one hour to pray for the babies scheduled for abortion, for their mothers, and for the conversion of clinic workers. To sign up, please contact Libby McGinn at 215-343-0203. In addition to prayer, all are encouraged to fast during the 40 days for an end to abortion. This fast may be from anything – a favorite TV show, computer, one special food. Fasting is very effective in bringing about conversion of hearts for those involved in the abortion industry.

St. Joseph Men's Group

Presents **THE BIBLE TIMELINE**, narrated by Jeff Cavins. The purpose of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline Seminar is to help lay down the “train tracks,” to set your route through the Bible and get you prepared for a lifetime journey of discovering God in the Scriptures. An easy and enjoyable way to read and understand the Bible.

Open to all Men of the Parish

Beginning, Mon., Oct. 2nd
Weekly for 23 weeks – Approx. 1 ½ hr. session
Room 18 (in the church) – 8:00 P.M.
To reserve your spot for this Bible Series please contact:
Tom Molz (215) 801-9158, tmolz2373 @gmail.com or
Bob Dziedzic (215) 918-1625, rdzie73960@aol.com.

Respect Life Committee

Sun., Oct. 1st is National Respect Life Sunday. Prayer Life Chains will be formed: (2-3 p.m.)
Bucks County from Nativity of Our Lord Church on Street Road to Planned Parenthood on Louis Drive. Park on either end.
Montgomery County at Abington Hospital on Rt. 611 in both directions.

Don't be a missing link. Participants will be given signs to hold with prayers to be said silently printed on the back.

CCD School of Religion

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



Registration



To register for the 2017-2018 CCD School Year, you must be registered in the parish before signing your child up for CCD and you must hand in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child is new to the program. Payment is due at the time of registration. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis!



Fees for CCD Registration:

Fees: 1 Child \$130, 2 Children \$260, 3 (or more) \$390

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

October 2017

Sun., Oct. 1: Blessing of Candidates for Confirmation will be held during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All Children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend.

Tues., Oct. 3: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. First night of classes for Junior/Senior High School.

Tues., Oct. 10: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

Tues., Oct. 17: 40 Hour Devotion closing service, 7:00 p.m. in Church. There will be no regularly scheduled CCD Classes. All CCD children are requested to attend Mass instead.

Pre-Cana



St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. Pre Cana is open to engaged couples inside and outside our parish.

Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. Our next session is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 28th. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179 or office@stjudechalfont.org.

Baby Bottle Drive



The Respect Life Committee will have bottles available at the church exits this weekend. You are asked to please take one home, fill with change, bills or a check (made payable to the Pro-Life Union) and return the weekend of Oct. 28th /29th when the HOPE Committee will be collecting items at the baby shower for your spiritually adopted baby.

St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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The faculty, staff, and students value "spreading the word" to the community related to their many service, academic achievements, and school events. Please take a minute to **Like and Follow us on Facebook:**



St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School and **Tweet with Us:** <https://twitter.com/SjrSchool>. You can also access the school FB and Tweeter pages from our SJR website.

Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement, is available to answer school questions and schedule tours. Please call 215-343-5100, ext. 209 or email at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

Rosary Rally



All are invited to join us on the corner of 611 and County Line Rd for a Rosary Rally on Sat., Oct. 14th at 12:00. This public square rosary sponsored by "America Needs Fatima," will be one of over 20,000 rallies across the U.S.

Please join us in offering reparation for sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the U.S. Bring your own lawn chair. Thank you!

CPR Classes



St. Joseph Church Health and Help Ministry presents **Friends and Family CPR**. The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Wed., Oct. 4th at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. \$10/person. *Does not include certification card.* Any questions or to sign up call: Jim's CPR and First Aid 267-221-0088.

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.