

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,

For some time now I have noticed that it is quite challenging finding Christmas cards with a religious theme or that even use the word “Christmas” or make any reference to “Jesus.”

So, I have designed a card from a photograph of the beautiful stained glass window of the Nativity of Our Lord in our church. The image is derived from St. Luke’s gospel of the shepherds looking on at night as Mary tends to the baby Jesus in the manger, with St. Joseph by her side. The message is “Proclaim the Good News – Our Savior is Born!” On the inside of the card is the inscription: “May the Gift of Christmas that is ‘God with us’ Bring you His Peace. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!” Then on the back of the card is a photo of our renovated sanctuary decorated at Christmas time with a caption identifying it as St. Joseph Church in Warrington, PA and an additional note identifying the image on front as our church window.

My hope is that we can provide a beautiful religious image, appropriate for the season, along with a message that doesn’t get diluted down into “Seasons Greetings” or “Happy Holidays” and also to inspire some pride in our church. You can buy the Christmas cards at the rectory, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 – 4:00, or if you see me after the Sunday Masses, I will have a supply in the sacristy. The cost is \$20 for a package of 25 cards w/envelopes. Or you can get 2 packs for \$35.00. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church.

In two weeks, the Archdiocese is having its annual seminary appeal. This year we will welcome a St. Joseph / St. Robert alumni to speak to us about the importance of this appeal. Mr. Benjamin Speranza, a second year college seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and a parishioner of St. Robert Bellarmine will be here to share his experiences. The Seminary Rector, Bishop Timothy Senior has written a letter discussing the importance of this appeal. Here is the Bishop’s Letter:

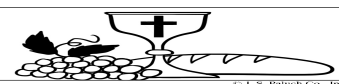


Dear Friends in Christ,

Reflecting on my last five years as Rector at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, I take immense joy in our seminarians and students as they prepare for the day when they can serve the people of God in our parishes and communities.

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Masses for the Week



Saturday	<u>November 4, 2017</u>	5:30pm Betty Duffy
Sunday	<u>November 5, 2017</u>	7:00am People of the Parish 8:30am Fiumara Family 10:00am Janet Dooley 11:30am William Holderer
Monday	8:00am	St. Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday	8:00am	Ella Daly
Wednesday	8:00am	Claire Meade
Thursday	8:00am	David Dziedzic
Friday	8:00am	Vincenzo & Leonardo Propato
Saturday	8:00am	Ruth Ann Gallagher
Saturday	<u>November 11, 2017</u>	5:30pm Kitty & Jim Casey and Joanne Blaney
Sunday	<u>November 12, 2017</u>	7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Abe Swiren 8:30am People of the Parish 10:00am Jim Gutekunst 11:30am Janet Dooley

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Betty Bell, Kim Bell, Gary Cain, Alicia Cruz, Bill Gaida, Bob Hagan, Paul Moran Kilbride, Dave McKay, baby Ronan Power, Ann Scanlon, Dorothy Smedley, Lorraine Smith, Jack Striewski and baby Violet Grace.

Sunday Collection

10/29/17: \$ 8,055.00

10/30/16: \$ 9,280.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 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, November 8, 2017

- * RCIA – 7 p.m. – Room 18 - Church Bldg.

Thursday, November 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: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3;
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Monthly Food Drive

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

St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar Planning is in full swing!

Our Bazaar is planned for Sun., Dec. 3rd and we are in need of Volunteers, Bakers

and Vendors. If you make a craft or sell a product and would like a table, they are \$30 each and spots are filling up fast, so email rrole2325@comcast.net for the sign up form. Anyone interested in being a part of the planning committee please email Rita or Marilyn rrole2325@comcast.net or tupperwaremom101@gmail.com respectively, so we can get your name on the list. A planning committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

The Health and Help Ministry

Today! Sun., Nov. 5th and this week, Tues., Nov. 7th

Sun., Nov. 5th - **Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses.**



Why is blood pressure important? Blood pressure is important because the higher the blood pressure, the greater your risk of health problems in the future. Know your blood pressure and discuss it with your doctor.

Tues., Nov. 7th - **Blood Drive at St. Joseph.**



Life saving blood is needed every day not just when there is a disaster. Please be a lifesaver. Call Mary to schedule an appointment, 215-674-4612.

A Note from the Pastor *Continued*...

The mission of the seminary is to form servant-leaders after the heart of Jesus Christ for the Church of today and tomorrow. We accomplish this mission through our four schools of learning ~ the Theological Seminary, the College Seminary, the School of Diaconal Formation, and the School of Theological Studies. In addition to preparation of Catholic men for the priesthood, we also welcome permanent diaconate candidates, and religious and lay faithful who come to Saint Charles for graduate studies in theology, scripture, and catechetics. The commitment of the seminarians, permanent diaconate candidates, religious and lay faithful currently enrolled at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary gives me great hope for the future of our church.

As we explore the seminary's possible relocation and affiliation with a local Catholic university, I am confident that this new path forward will allow us to build on our already strong formation programs and pursue new facilities that will enrich and better serve the contemporary academic, spiritual and human needs of our seminarians and students. There is great excitement as we continue to grow and thrive as a seminary community, creating stronger in-house programs while building bridges to our greater Catholic community.

Your support is critical at this time. We are deeply grateful to faithful Catholics like you, whose continued generosity make our outstanding formation programs possible. Because of your faithful support, we have a premier center for priestly formation and theological education, and one of the Church's greatest, renewable treasures. Your gifts to the seminarians and students today help nurture the gifts they will return to the Church tomorrow.

I invite you to come to the seminary and experience it personally. Join us for one of several events, prayer services, concerts and lectures throughout the year where all are welcome to pray and to interact with our seminarians and students. We want you to truly see

St. Charles as your seminary... for today, for tomorrow, for all of us.

Thank you for your continued support. The Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary community keeps you in our prayers daily, and we ask for a remembrance in yours as well.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Rector

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

The greatest among you must be your servant.

— Matthew 23:11

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.

November 2017

Mon., Nov. 6: 7:30 p.m. in Church – Children receiving First Holy Communion in May 2018 (Third Graders) will receive Rosaries and prayer books during Monday Night Rosary Service.

Tues., Nov. 7: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School. Confirmation Class 2018- Saint Reports due.

Tues., Nov. 14: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. Confirmation Class 2018 – registration package due.

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

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

Christmas Wreath Orders



Due to the weather on 10/29, the Boy Scouts did not set up a booth for wreath orders.

If you would like to order a wreath, centerpiece or other item to be delivered the week before Thanksgiving, please call Amy at 215-491-3669 by 11/6/17.

You can pay upon delivery.

Thank you for supporting Troop 137.

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.



LOVE NEEDED HERE
No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it. —Anonymous

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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Early Childhood Registration for families of St. Joseph Parish or St. Robert Bellarmine Parish begins Monday, November 6th.

Registered parishioners of St. Joseph Parish or St. Robert Bellarmine Parish may begin to register on **Monday, November 6th**. Families can call the school to schedule an appointment (Monday - Friday) between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to tour/complete registration.



New Family Open House & Early Childhood Enrollment

Our annual Fall Open House for new families will be held on Sunday, November 12th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and again on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Open enrollment for non-parishioners to register their children for Pre-K and Kindergarten will begin on November 12th. After this date, families may call the school to schedule an appointment to complete registration. Registration for new families with children in Grades 1st through 8th will begin in February.



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FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Each month during the school year, we will focus intently on a particular fruit of the Holy Spirit. These fruits are supposed to be observable behaviors that we can model through the Spirit working in our lives. **Our focus for the month of November will be**



Generosity. Let's all look for ways to be generous with our gifts and talents!

DON'T FORGET: This weekend, please remember to "fall back" one hour as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

JUST A THOUGHT: As we celebrated All Saints' Day, I thought about all of my school families. While you may not all be formally canonized someday and accorded your own feast day, you are truly **"everyday saints"**. You live your faith each day in all of your dealings with the children and everyone you meet. I am grateful to administer such a "heavenly school"!
Mrs. Debbie Jaster

