



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,

Thank you to all who helped make our SJR School Open House a success. Our students are really doing great work, and it is good that we can highlight them in this way. If anyone is interested in registering for our Pre-K or Kindergarten, please contact the school as soon as possible (215-343-5100), as registration is now open to those from outside the parishes as well.

Last week I was on my retreat. I want you to know that I prayed for all of you and your families. I spent the week at Brigittine Retreat House. I was able to join the sisters for their prayers and liturgies, and they even asked myself and my friend Fr. Tim to celebrate some of their Masses. Thank you to the priests who helped us out by covering the daily masses, funerals, and any emergencies that came in.



This week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on all the blessings that God has given us and to make our response back to Him with praise and worship. You are invited to join us for a Mass on Thanksgiving morning, November 23rd at 8:00 a.m. At this Mass we will continue the tradition of blessing loaves of freshly baked bread and then handing them out after the Mass. It is a way to symbolically carry the blessing of the Mass home with you to your Thanksgiving tables. Please plan to be with us on this special day.

This weekend we are starting our Giving Tree program. It is a special way of donating to those in need for the upcoming Christmas celebration. We are asking that you take a gift tag off of the tree in our sanctuary and return it with a gift card or check for the specific charity. They will then be given to those charities or used here locally for those in need at Christmas.



This week we welcomed Mr. Benjamin Speranza, a parishioner of St. Robert Bellarmine and a graduate of St. Joseph / St. Robert School to speak to us about St. Charles Seminary. He is coming as a part of the annual Seminary Appeal. You received a separate mailing from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for this appeal. If you do not have your appeal information, extra cards are available in the pews and also on the tables at the church exits. Thank you for all you do to support the education and formation of priests. This appeal is important because it helps with the formation of Diocesan priests and we are severely in need of more priests throughout our country. Thank you to Ben for his willingness to discern a vocation.

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Masses for the Week



Saturday	<u>November 18, 2017</u>	Deceased Members of the DiTore Family
	5:30pm	
Sunday	<u>November 19, 2017</u>	
	7:00am	Edward Chrupcala, Sr.
	8:30am	Linda Generale
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Paul Soltis
Monday	8:00am	Vivian Jones
Tuesday	8:00am	Giulio and Tomassina Bruni
Wednesday	8:00am	Cecilia Chapman
Thursday	8:00am	Francis, Ida, and Bridget Gomes <i>(Living)</i>
Friday	8:00am	Barbara Brackin
Saturday	8:00am	Louis Ambellino
Saturday	<u>November 25, 2017</u>	
	5:30pm	John Swoyer, Jr.
Sunday	<u>November 26, 2017</u>	
	7:00am	Milagros Herrera
	8:30am	Raymond Generale
	10:00am	Janet Dooley
	11:30am	People of the Parish

Please Pray For



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

Sunday Collection

11/12/17: \$ 9,755.00
11/13/16: \$ 10,287.00



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 20, 2017

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

Thursday, November 23, 2017

- * Happy Thanksgiving!
- * Rectory Closed

Friday, November 24, 2017

- * Rectory Closed

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 19, 2017**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.— *Psalm 128:1a*

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

A Note from the Pastor *Continued...*



I recently met with the priest who asked me to consider going into the seminary. At first I told him he was crazy, I had a plan, I was going to be a doctor. But after some prayer and reflection, he helped me to see that I should not go to the seminary because I knew I already had a vocation, he said instead that I should go to find out. Please pray that more and more men will want to find out. The US Bishops have published a number of prayers for vocations. Please consider using one or more of these prayers to pray for our Archdiocese and also for Ben and others like him.

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

O God, Father of all Mercies, provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Monthly Food Drive



Our food collection is scheduled for the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.** Thank you for your generous donations in November of 956 pounds of food!

Treasures from our Tradition



Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

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Tips from the Health and Help Ministry

Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year.

1. Avoid close contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick.
3. Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
4. Clean your hands. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious food.

Content source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)

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

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

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

All classes will meet in the Church Hall for Family Advent Wreath decorating.

December 2017

Tues., Dec. 5: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School.

Tues., Dec. 12: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. Last CCD class until January 2, 2018! Merry Christmas!

January 2018

Tues., Jan. 2: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School.

Thurs., Jan. 4: 6:30 p.m., teachers meeting in school building.

Tues., Jan. 9: Grades "1", "2", "4", "5", "6" and Sacrament Class in session. 3rd Graders will report directly to the Church for First Penance practice from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Children will be dropped off and picked up from the Church not the school.

Wed., Jan. 10: Sacrament of First Penance for 3rd Graders, 7 p.m. in Church.

Tues., Jan. 16: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

"Protecting God's Children" classes will be presented to all grades.

Tues., Jan. 23: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. (Snow date for "Protecting God's Children" classes.)

Tues., Jan. 30: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. End of first half of the year. Confirmation Class 2018 Service Projects due.

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.

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.

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Registration is now open for half day & full day Pre-K & K. Please call 215.343.5100, ext. 209 or email at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar



Christmas Bazaar is coming soon!

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

for the Christmas Bazaar will be tomorrow, Mon., Nov. 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Baked Goods for the Bazaar can be dropped off any time after 2pm on Saturday December 2nd or December 3rd in the morning. New, unused items for the Raffle Baskets can be dropped off at the table outside Room 16 before November 27th.

Please email Rita or Marilyn (rroley2325@comcast.net or tupperwaremom101@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Sticky Buns

We will be selling Sticky Buns on Sun., Nov. 19th. Just in time for Thanksgiving!

Sharing our Gifts



Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Advent Day of Reflection



An Advent Day of Reflection will be held at Malvern Retreat House on Wed., Dec. 6th. It will be directed by Fr. Matt Guckin. To register or for more information, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.