



**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,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration. We have a lot to be grateful for, and it is good to pause and give thanks to God. As one Liturgical Year comes to an end, another one begins. Next Sunday we begin the season of Advent, a special time of preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's birth. We mark the passage of time by lighting the candles on our Advent wreath.



We are currently running our Giving Tree program for the parish. This is the annual opportunity to provide gifts to the less fortunate. We ask you to take a "gift tag" off the tree which identifies a specific need for the various charitable organizations that we help. Then you are asked to supply a gift card in the amount of \$25 - \$35 from a department store to help meet that need. (Our scrip sellers will have extra cards on hand). We ask that you return the card to the Giving Tree Box – placed at the base of the tree. The cards will then be distributed to the various charities and also used to help those who contact St. Joseph for help. The people of this parish have always been very generous with this program and we are very grateful for your support.

Next week we will have the special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is the collection that helps to support the retired Religious Sisters and Brothers who taught so many of us. Archbishop Chaput has asked us to communicate this letter in advance of the collection.

Dear Friends in Christ,



During the special Year for Consecrated Life proclaimed by Pope Francis, the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter to the Church highlighted the importance of consecrated religious life for the mission of the Gospel. Pope Francis, reiterating the teaching of Saint John Paul II, reminded us that "consecrated life is a gift to the Church, it is born of the Church...(and) deeply a part of her."

Our many consecrated Religious, men and women, in the Archdiocese have lived out this precious ecclesial gift in their ministries of education, caring for the sick and marginal, and in various apostolic endeavors. These consecrated persons have energized and brought vitality to the Church's efforts for evangelization. Both in active ministry and in contemplative life, we recognize the countless fruits of their dedication.

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**Gratitude:** Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future. —*François Fénelon*

## Masses for the Week



<b>Saturday</b>	<u>November 25, 2017</u>	5:30pm	John Swoyer, Jr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>November 26, 2017</u>	7:00am	Milagros Herrera
		8:30am	Raymond Generale
		10:00am	Janet Dooley
		11:30am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Deceased Members, St. Joseph Senior Citizens
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	William Holman
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Domenic & Veronica Sansoni Deceased
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Helen Cook
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Grace Mattera
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Anna Porreca
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>December 2, 2017</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>December 3, 2017</u>	7:00am	Herbert Brings
		8:30am	Pasquale Speranza
		10:00am	Nathan Cain
		11:30am	Lucille Shehoski

## Please Pray For



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

## Monthly Food Drive



Our food collection is scheduled for next weekend, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

## This Week in Our Parish

### Monday, November 27, 2017

- \* Adoration – All Day – Church
- \* Senior Citizens Meeting – 11 a.m. – Church Hall
- \* Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church

### Wednesday, November 29, 2017

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

### Thursday, November 30, 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 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67;  
 Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
 Mk 13:33-37

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
 November 26, 2017**

“I was hungry and you gave me food,  
 I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”  
 — *Matthew 25:35*

**A Note from the Pastor Continued...**



With sincere gratitude to our religious congregations and recognizing the pressing difficulties they confront with declining numbers and with costly obligations for the care of their aging members, each year our Archdiocese participates in the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection.

This appeal enables us to demonstrate genuine appreciation for their service and their increasing needs.

As Archbishop, I ask that you remember all our consecrated men and women in your prayers and in generous support of this national collection scheduled for December 2-3. I am confident that your concern will be greatly rewarded. May the Lord's peace be with us all.

Gratefully in Jesus Christ,  
 +Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

God Bless you,  
 Fr. Bordonaro

**St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar**



Christmas Bazaar is coming next weekend!  
 Our Bazaar is planned for Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are in need of Volunteers and Bakers. 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please email Rita or Marilyn (rrole2325@comcast.net or tupperwaremom101@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Financial Report**

**October 2017**

Weekly Sunday Collection:  
 11/19/17: **not available**  
 11/20/16: \$ 9,574.00  
E-Giving:  
 10/2017: **\$5,556.25**  
 10/2016: \$3,530.78



**MONTHLY REPORT**



School Subsidy	\$ 11,374.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,341.67
Disability Insurance	\$ 93.25
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,212.08
Property Insurance	\$ 650.50
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 144.58
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 208.33
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 1,466.00
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 1,576.45
Priest Ancillary Benefits	\$ 408.33
Priest Pension	\$ 66.67
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 1,620.00
Employee Pay	\$ 18,393.18
Music Ministry	\$ 840.00
Payroll Service	\$ 105.60
PECO	\$ 984.82
Verizon	\$ 613.58
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 263.45
Comcast Cable	\$ 137.95
Computer Support	\$ 215.25
Supplies	\$ 5,662.88
Services	\$ 127.16
Sewer VRSB	\$ 81.34
Fire Alarm Systems	\$ 285.25

**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. 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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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.

## Treasures from our Tradition



Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Christ, King of All

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

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## THANK YOU from the HOPE Committee

We want to let you know your generosity in donating the Diapers/Wipes for our Fall collection was very much appreciated. They were delivered to the 5 groups we support and they were very happy to have your support! Have a Blessed Christmas!