



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 all of you were able to celebrate the birth of Our Savior with family and loved ones this week and I pray you will be blessed with a peace filled New Year. At this time of year I like to take the opportunity to thank some people who made this year's celebration such a wonderful expression of faith. In particular I would like to recognize all of our musicians and cantors. Their talents made the entire church full with joyful praise. Thank you to Mrs. Maria Lennon for all her time and effort in coordinating our worship with the adult choir, children's choir and various cantors, and our Contemporary Mass group and the "Joyful Sounds" guitar groups who all consistently do an excellent job! I also thank the priests who have helped us out over the year including Fr. Tom Duffy, Msgr. Richard Bolger, and Msgr. Jim McCoy, and this year we also thank Fr. Steve McDermott, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia serving in the military, for taking a Sunday Mass and the Midnight Mass.

Special thanks to all the other Ministers of the Mass including our altar servers (both Student and Adult), Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you also to those who help to count the collection and do other supportive things behind the scenes. Thank you also to Mrs. Carla Venditti, Mrs. Karen Baranowski and their team of helpers for taking our beautiful church and making it look special for the Christmas season. Please remember to pray for all those names listed on our "Christmas Flowers" envelopes. Your memorial envelopes will be placed in the manger for the duration of the Christmas Season. Finally, I thank all who sent cards, gifts, and/or food to the rectory; your expressions of care, love and concern are sincerely appreciated. In addition I want to recognize and thank those who continue to make financial sacrifices for St. Joseph parish, your generosity at Christmas and throughout the year is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings.



This year we are trying something a little different with our New Year's Day Mass Schedule. Because it falls on a Monday this year, January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation. In the past, when this was the case, we would only have the one 8:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of

Mary, the Mother of God. This year, we will still celebrate the 8:00 a.m. but we are adding a 10:00 a.m. Mass as well. While it is not an obligation this year, it is still a good way to start the New Year. We turn to Our Blessed Mother at the start of our year and ask her to be with us and keep us close to her Son, Jesus. Please consider coming to either the 8:00 or the 10:00 on the First of the New Year. Please note that there is no Vigil Mass on Dec. 31st.

May God Bless You and Happy 2018!
Fr. Bordonaro



Saturday	<u>December 30, 2017</u>	5:30pm Charles Dampf
Sunday	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	7:00am Fontini Gerasimidis 8:30am Snyder & Grossman Families 10:00am People of the Parish 11:30am Joseph A. Farina
Monday		8:00am St. Joseph Memorial Society 10:00am Margaret Levin
Tuesday		8:00am Diane Mosco
Wednesday		8:00am Linda Generale
Thursday		8:00am Raymond Generale
Friday		8:00am Edmond Speitel
Saturday		8:00am Deceased Members of the Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>January 6, 2018</u>	5:30pm Marie Liebfreid
Sunday	<u>January 7, 2018</u>	7:00am Margaret Walters 8:30am Raymond Generale 10:00am Lillian Alasevich 11:30am People of the Parish

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Betty Bell, Kim Bell, Gary Cain, Alicia Cruz, Bill Gaida, Lauren Gorniak, Bob Hagan, Paul Moran Kilbride, Eleanor McDonald, Dave McKay, Patricia O'Mara, baby Ronan Power, Ann Scanlon, Brenda Shelton, Gil Sleutaris, Lorraine Smith, Jack Striewski, baby Violet Grace, and Joan Vollmar.

Monthly Food Drive



Our next food collection is scheduled for next weekend, January 6th and 7th. 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, January 1, 2018

- * No Rosary or Benediction
- * Rectory Closed/ Happy New Year

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

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

Thursday, January 4, 2018

- * 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:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 December 31, 2017**



My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.
 —Luke 2:30-31

Treasures from our Tradition



There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. —Benjamin Franklin

Financial Report

November 2017

<u>Weekly Sunday Collection:</u>	<u>Christmas Collection:</u>
12/24/17: \$ 9,682.00	12/25/17: \$28,577.00*
12/25/16: \$ 10,284.00	12/25/16: \$29,753.00
	*as of 12/27/17

E-Giving:
 11/2017: \$5,246.18
 11/2016: \$3,640.78



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	\$ 1,910.00
Employee Pay	\$ 18,353.74
Music Ministry	\$ 810.00
Payroll Service	\$ 104.00
PECO	\$ 977.76
Verizon	\$ 629.97
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 431.95
Comcast Cable	\$ 137.94
Computer Support	\$ 215.25
Supplies	\$ 2,755.12
Repairs	\$ 1,520.95
Services (Vanco)	\$ 127.22
Water & Sewer	\$ 241.84

Bearers of the Word



The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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.

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.

Tips from the Health and Help Ministry

HEALTHY AND HAPPY :) 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)

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 / St. Robert School HSA

4th Annual BINGO BONANZA ~ Ladies Night Out

St. Robert Bellarmine, Msgr. Marley Hall

Fri., Jan. 26th, 2018

7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Basket Raffles, * 50/50 *, Door Prizes

Tickets - \$ 35 includes: 15 Bingo rounds, Hot & Cold Beverages / Dessert

BYOB & Snacks

To purchase tickets please visit: www.stjstr.org

or contact Daiana Fuller 215-801-8602 (tickets will sell out, get your tickets early!)

Flame of Love Event

Fri., Feb. 2, 2018

St. Charles Seminary

Begins at 6:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m. Holy Mass

Bring a Friend ~ All are welcome!

Celebrant and Homilist, Father James Blount, SOLT



FR. JAMES BLOUNT is a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity – Georgia Mission. A very gifted spiritual director and confessor, Fr. Jim is a bold charismatic preacher empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of living a life in relationship with each of the Persons of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. His teachings depict his deep love for the Eucharist and devotion to Jesus and Mary. Father is a powerful instrument of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by so many stories of miracles, healings and conversions. Father is returning to St Charles Seminary on Friday, February 2, 2018, to celebrate the Flame of Love Feast Day and the Feast Day of the Presentation of our Lord.

Questions: Annie Myers, Flame of Love Apostolate
anbmyers2021@gmail.com, 610-322-1940

Free Throw Contest



Knights of Columbus Fr. Gallen Council #5494 will be holding a Free Throw contest at Nativity of Our Lord School's Community Center on January 13, 2018 at 8:00 AM. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 9-14 and participation is free. For entry form and registration information, please contact Mr. Tom Devlin at 610-517-2213.