

**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,  
 The Christmas season ends this week. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is the manifestation of the Lord's glory to all the nations, and then on Monday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and then Tuesday we begin the period known as Ordinary Time. While we have to say goodbye to the Christmas decorations and the Nativity scene, we will try to keep the poinsettias going for as long as possible. By the way, I want to thank Carla Venditti and Karen Baranowski for watering the flowers and Sansoni's Farm Market for their beautiful flowers once again this year and also thank them for their donation towards the flowers. They truly made our celebrations a fitting tribute to the Glory of God. Your "Christmas Flower envelopes" with your intentions written on them have been on the altar since Christmas. Thank you for supporting the Christmas decorations through these donations. Our Christmas cards sold fairly well and I heard some very positive feedback from those that sent the cards out.



Next week our young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they come to experience the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus. Hopefully, we will see this as a reminder that we all need to stay close to the Lord, and that whenever we have placed an obstacle in our relationship with God, He gives us the opportunity to have that obstacle removed.

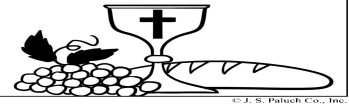
I want to take the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge all of the kindnesses, gifts, and food sent to the parish and to me personally over the past few weeks. Your care and true concern are truly the heart of this parish and two of the things that make this parish so great. I also want to thank you for your generous support of our Christmas collection. We do not have the final tallies yet, but that collection remains one of the most important ones in helping us meet our financial obligations throughout the year. Thank you for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish.



The annual March for Life will take place in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 19, 2018. The theme for this year is "Love Saves Lives". "Choosing life is not always easy, but it is the loving, empowering, and self-sacrificial option. Love is universally attractive because it is directed towards others. Love is what we all strive for because deep-down we are all drawn to give of ourselves in this way. Love saves lives in countless ways," said Jeanne Mancini, President of March for Life.

May God Bless You in the New Year,  
 Fr. Bordonaro

**Masses for the Week**



<b>Saturday</b>	<u>January 6, 2018</u>	5:30pm Marie Liebfreid
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>January 7, 2018</u>	7:00am Margaret Walters 8:30am Raymond Generale 10:00am Lillian Alasevich 11:30am People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am John F. Hayes & Family
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am Rose & Sam Langetti
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am William Holman, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am Kay Cucore
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am Nicholas Mattera
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am Antoinette JiBianchi
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>January 13, 2018</u>	5:30pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>January 14, 2018</u>	7:00am Margaret Walters 8:30am Elizabeth Mumbauer 10:00am Janet Dooley 11:30am Diane Sweeney

**Please Pray For**



Those who are ill: Betty Bell, Kim Bell, 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.

**Sunday Collection**

12/31/17: \$ 7,459.00  
 01/01/17: \$ 10,413.00

This is My Beloved Son



**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

- \* Adoration – All Day – Church
- \* Senior Citizens Meeting – 11 a.m. – Church Hall
- \* Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- \* Men's Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

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

**Thursday, January 11, 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:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**The Epiphany of the Lord, January 7, 2018**

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.  
— Psalm 72:11

**Man-Up Spirituality Conference**



Saturday, March 3 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM  
"Christ Crucified - the Power and Wisdom of God

This year, we celebrate the **10th Annual Man Up Spirituality Conference in the Archdiocese**. The conference provides an opportunity for men to come together in true Christian brotherhood and to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith. The day, which will include time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will conclude with Mass.  
*Location:* Mirenda Center at Neumann University, Aston PA  
*Speakers include:* Jim Towey, Don Saleski, Mark Forrest, and Brian Gail  
To learn more: [manupphilly.com](http://manupphilly.com)

**The Cross and the Light Passion Play**



This Lent, encounter Jesus anew through The Cross and the Light Passion Play. The Cross and the Light is an international, critically-acclaimed musical and video surround experience of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. "The Cross and the Light opens the floodgates of God's mercy and love...All ages will be drawn to Jesus and His unconditional love for each and every person."

St. John Bosco Parish, Hatboro  
Show times on March 8, 9, & 10. To learn more and to purchase tickets online go to [crossandlight.org/stjohnbosco](http://crossandlight.org/stjohnbosco) or contact 267-803-9930.

**Monthly Food Drive**



Our next food collection is scheduled for this weekend, January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

**Treasures from our Tradition**



Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.  
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**God's Promise to All People**



Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

**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. 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.

**Super Bowl Party**



The SJR CYO Super Bowl Party will be on **Saturday evening, February 3, 2018** from 7:30 till midnight at Monsignor Marley Hall (St. Robert Bellarmine Gym). The CYO board needs volunteers, and donations for door prizes. Tickets are \$40 each.

Please consider attending a great evening with the SJR families and friends. **Any help or contributions are greatly appreciated.** For more information please contact Paul Dickson @ 215-771-4471. Thank you!

**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)*

**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](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org).

**St. Joseph / St. Robert School HSA**

4th Annual BINGO BONANZA ~ Ladies Night Out

St. Robert Bellarmine, Msgr. Marley Hall

Fri., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.stjstr.org)

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

**High School Honor Roll**

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the First Quarter Report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

**Archbishop Wood High School**

Distinguished Honors: Dylan Huegel '20 and Lauren Scott '21

First Honors: Brian Robert Harms '19, Matthew Michael Quigley '19, Katlynn Razler '20, Hailey Jacobsen '21, and Daniel Shaeffer '21.

Second Honors: Hannah Marie Jorgenson '18, Kristin N. Kuyper '18, Kyle Joseph McNamee '18, Colin Patrick Moore '18, and Thomas Matthew Walsh '18.

**Lansdale Catholic High School**

First Honors: Julia Elizabeth Marozzi '21

**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.

**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto: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.