



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,

At the start of a new year, every parish is asked to make a Pastoral report to the Archdiocese, and ultimately to the Church in Rome on a variety of Pastoral Issues such as the numbers of parishioners, attendance at Mass, Social Ministries offered, religious education (school and CCD), devotions, sacraments and sacramental prep programs administered during the previous year. These reports are compiled every year. We are now in the process of compiling that report.

This past Wednesday, our young people had the opportunity to experience God’s love in a new way by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please continue praying for them that they will grow in their appreciation for this wondrous sacrament. They will now focus on the Spring when they will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time.

May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Archbishop Chaput has asked that the pastors communicate the following letter to our parishes. January 14, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church’s mission of mercy and the Gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS Collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ’s love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see “Jesus in disguise” in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 20 and 21, 2018. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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| Saturday | <u>January 13, 2018</u> | 5:30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | <u>January 14, 2018</u> | 7:00am | Margaret Walters |
| | | 8:30am | Elizabeth Mumbauer |
| | | 10:00am | Janet Dooley |
| | | 11:30am | Diane Sweeney |
| Monday | | 8:00am | David Dziedzic |
| Tuesday | | 8:00am | Melisse Bailey |
| Wednesday | | 8:00am | Anthony Paparo |
| Thursday | | 8:00am | William Hladio |
| Friday | | 8:00am | Rose McCloskey |
| Saturday | | 8:00am | Marie Bove |
| Saturday | <u>January 20, 2018</u> | 5:30pm | Miss Kitty Casey |
| Sunday | <u>January 21, 2018</u> | 7:00am | Rev. Joseph A. Gallen, 63 rd Anniversary |
| | | 8:30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 10:00am | Frances Cerritelli |
| | | 11:30am | Frances Cerritelli |

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: 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, baby Violet Grace, and Joan Vollmar.

Sunday Collection

01/07/18: \$ **9,714.00**
01/08/17: \$ 8,425.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 15, 2018

- * Adoration – All Day – Church
- * Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

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

Thursday, January 18, 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:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

Treasures from our Tradition

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace

on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monthly Food Drive

Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of February 3rd and 4th. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

Sticky Buns

Exciting news! Our next Sticky Buns sale is **Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th.**

Contributions/Donations to St. Joseph Church

If you would like a copy of your 2017 Contributions to St. Joseph Church, please make your request known to the Rectory by calling Mon.-Fri, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. or email sjc18976@verizon.net. Please allow a week to process your request.

Super Bowl Party

The SJR CYO Super Bowl Party will be on **Saturday, February 3rd** from 7:30 p.m. until 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!

The Lamb of God

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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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.

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. 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.

February 2018

Tues., Feb. 6: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School. Progress reports distributed to children to take home for parents' signatures.

Man-Up Spirituality Conference



Saturday, March 3rd 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. "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

St. Joseph Health and Help Ministry



The CDC reports that elder abuse is a significant health problem. Elder abuse can present itself in various forms: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, financial or material exploitation, neglect and self neglect. In Pennsylvania, The Department of Aging is responsible for oversight and implementation of the Older Adults Protective Services Act for individuals over the age of 60.

Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-800-490-8505

Any person who believes that an older adult is being abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned may call the elder abuse hotline. The hotline is open 24 hours a day.

Bucks Co Agency on Aging: www.bucksco.org, 267-880-5700.

Montgomery County Agency on Aging: www.montcopa.org, 610-278-3601

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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

Friday, January 26th

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!)

Save the Date ~ SJR Father/ Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 17th. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the dance is asked to contact Amy Dixon at amykaltnekar@hotmail.com.

Help Wanted! We are looking to add to our after – school **CARES staff**. If anyone knows of a high school student willing to assist in overseeing homework and/or playing with the younger children, please contact Ms. Maureen Mealia at mmealia@stjstr.org

The Cross and the Light Passion Play



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

Mass for Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers

Saturday, March 24th ~ 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia



Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers; Mass will be followed by a reception. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.