



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,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to Mrs. Jaster, our principal, and all of her teachers, staff, and volunteers. Thank you also to our parishioners. Without your support of Catholic education, we could not fulfill this part of our mission as church. Our school is a real blessing to our families. It is a true community where we are, "Focused on Faith and Learning." Our Mission Statement reads: St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR), with Jesus as our foundation and inspiration, prepares students to live fully His message of love, courage, and compassion. Our philosophy of academic rigor and relevance prepares our students to be contributing members of the Church and the global community. All are invited to check out the good things happening at our school by coming to our Open House, Sunday, Jan 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Wednesday, January 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



Believe it or not, we are two and a half weeks from beginning our celebration of Lent. Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year (Happy Valentine's Day!). In preparation for our celebration, I am asking that you bring your old palm from last year to Church where we can collect it and use it for the ashes. You can deposit your palm in the basket by the crucifix in the back hallway. Please take the palm out of any bags or containers and just leave the palm in the basket. The extra bags only add to the clutter. While I am on the subject it would be good for me to address a housekeeping item. I have noticed that some people like to leave certain items from home, on our back tables. I imagine that they do this with the idea that if they can no longer use them, perhaps someone else can. I am asking that you please **do not leave anything on the back tables**. This simply adds to the clutter and it detracts from the items that are approved to be there. I know that some people receive religious items, literature, and other things that they don't want to throw away, but please do not leave them on the tables!



Finally, in preparation for Lent, I received copies of the latest Matthew Kelly book, Perfectly Yourself. The website googlebooks says: "Just be yourself! People say it all the time, but how do we actually live it? For more than a decade Matthew Kelly has been helping people discover the best-version-of-themselves. Now, in Perfectly Yourself, he addresses the opportunities and obstacles that we encounter once we decide to ask life's big questions: Who am I? What am I here for? Focusing on nine powerful and practical lessons, Kelly shows us how to find lasting happiness in a changing world." I am placing copies of this book on the back tables. Please feel free to take one copy per family.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro



Saturday	<u>January 27, 2018</u>	Tom Hartman, 5:30pm 10 th Anniversary
Sunday	<u>January 28, 2018</u>	7:00am Francis X. Eells 8:30am John Barbier 10:00am People of the Parish 11:30am Rosalle, Bob & Frank Stevens
Monday	8:00am	Alice Thoma
Tuesday	8:00am	Edith & Emil Simmler
Wednesday	8:00am	Lino & Josephine Santi
Thursday	8:00am	Felice & Maria Maieron
Friday	8:00am	Dr. Louis Cerritelli
Saturday	8:00am	John Barbier
Saturday	<u>February 3, 2018</u>	5:30pm Hilda Cain
Sunday	<u>February 4, 2018</u>	7:00am Msgr. Charles L. Allwein 8:30am Linda Generale 10:00am Janet Dooley 11:30am People of the Parish

Please Pray For



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

Sunday Collections

Weekly Sunday Collection:

01/21/18: \$ 8,427.00

01/22/17: \$ 8,715.00



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 29, 2018

* Adoration – All Day – Church

* Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

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

Thursday, February 1, 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: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— *Psalm 95:6*

Treasures from our Tradition

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

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.**

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. **Any help or contributions are greatly appreciated.** For more information please contact Paul Dickson @ 215-771-4471. Thank you!

Sticky Buns

Our next Sticky Buns sale is Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4th.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Parish Nurses will conduct **FREE** Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses on **Sun., Feb 11th** in Room 18. Please stop in after Mass, no appointments needed.

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.

**True Prophets**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

CCD School of Religion

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Class times: Tuesdays, 4:30- 5:50 p.m. and 6:15- 7:35 p.m.

January 2018

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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
OPEN HOUSE &
REGISTRATION OPEN
PRE-K TO 8TH GRADE**

<u>Sunday, January 28th</u> 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	<u>Wednesday, January 31st</u> 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Our week – long celebration of Catholic Education begins this weekend! The week provides us with a wonderful opportunity to focus on the wonderful things that take place each day. Here is an overview of the week's events:



Saturday/Sunday, January 27th & 28th: Students will speak at each parish Mass to thank the parishes for their support of our school. All students are asked to wear their uniforms to Mass so the parishioners can see the students they support.

Sunday, January 28th: Open House 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., come and see the wonderful student work on display! Book Fair opens for business. We have our very own book store in the SJR Library! Stop by and see the many wonderful titles available!

Monday, January 29th: We give thanks to our SJR bus drivers for safely transporting our students each day. Crazy Sock Day!

Tuesday, January 30th: Students will create Thank You cards to be sent to the Sisters residing in Camilla Hall to thank them for their service to Catholic education. "Soup-er Bowl" Collection continues. Book Fair is open.

Wednesday, January 31st: Open House 9 a.m. – 12 noon! Come and see the teachers and students at work! Family Pizza Lunch 12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Buddy Board Games 2 p.m.

Thursday, February 1st: Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! Names are called every 15 minutes throughout the day for a prize from our basket of prizes. Super Bowl Dress Down Day! Book Fair is open.

Friday, February 2nd: Closing Mass 9 a.m. Former Faculty have been invited to attend. Student assembly in Monsignor Marley Hall following Mass. Reception for former faculty in Parish Center. "Soup-er Bowl" Collection finishes. Students may add Eagles gear/colors to their uniforms following Mass.

Congratulations! We have received word that **Maired McDermott** has received a partial scholarship to attend Archbishop Wood High School for her art work! Congratulations, Maired!

Care Help: 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.



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Just a thought from Mrs. Jaster:
Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed! This is the theme of our upcoming celebration of Catholic Education. Looking at the words chosen – and their order – seems to be a powerful message.

As a school, we are all **Learners!** Our students are challenged each day to stretch themselves academically and our teachers are called to be lifelong learners – always seeking new knowledge to share.

As important as learning is, **Serving** others is part of who we are and what we do each day. Whether it is participating in a collection to help others, buddies working with each other, or simple kindnesses in which we put others first – Service is second nature to us.

Lead – We hope that our students and alumni will use their gifts and talents to lead others – to Jesus, to right decisions, to a better world!

Succeed – Should we all learn together, serve others and one another, lead others gently, we will have succeeded in our Mission to make the world a better place for all!!

I invite you to join our week – long celebration in any way you can. We have a school community that is like no other. We have much to celebrate!