



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
(**Wednesdays in Lent:** 7:00 – 8:00 PM)

Stations of the Cross: 7:30 PM Fridays in Lent

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,

On Wednesday February 14th we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. All 3 Masses will have the distribution of ashes. While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of

Obligation, it is the official start to the Lenten Season which is a period of preparation or purification. It is a time when we reflect on what needs to change in our life. Lent is the traditional time to give something up, or to do some additional charitable work or good deed. Fasting (or giving something up) is one way to make ourselves aware of what needs to change in our lives. We fill up our lives with so much excess that often we leave little or no room for God. Fasting clears out space for God to come in. The temptation, once we have created the space will be to fill it with something else, the challenge will be to let that empty space just be and allow God to fill it if He chooses. Fasting is also a way to build the discipline required to live the Christian life, especially in our modern world. It helps us make the difficult or challenging choice; it also helps us grow in our relationship with God. Some people think of discipline as some sort of punishment because it keeps you from doing what you want. A different way to think about it is that discipline helps you to discern what is truly good and it strengthens your will as well.



St. Joseph will continue the practice of offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday in Lent, starting February 21st from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. These Lenten confessions are in addition to the regular Saturday afternoon confessions from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. You might also consider coming to morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. during the week. Even if you can't make weekday Mass every day, one or two days a week might be just what you need. Or perhaps you can come to church on Mondays when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 8:30 a.m. till evening, or join us for Monday night rosary. We will also have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Included with Stations we will have benediction, that is, the blessing of the community with Jesus present in the Eucharist. I hope you all have a spiritually fruitful Lent.

Archbishop Chaput has asked us to communicate the following letter to you.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God. — 1
Corinthians 10:31



Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 10, 2018</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>February 11, 2018</u>	7:00am	Francis X. Eells
		8:30am	James Cunningham
		10:00am	Shelia Conway
		11:30am	Dorothy Smedley
Monday		8:00am	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00am	David Dzedzic
Ash Wednesday		8:00am	Piroso & Langetti Families
		5:00pm	Ray & Rose Wallrath
		7:00pm	Charlie Casey, 7 th Anniversary
Thursday		8:00am	Attilio Concetta Matiz
Friday		8:00am	Donnino & Mary Maieron
Saturday		8:00am	Arthur, Kimble & Lauderback Families
Saturday	<u>February 17, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Arthur, Kimble & Lauderback Families
Sunday	<u>February 18, 2018</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Raymond Generale
		10:00am	Dominick DiPaolo
		11:30am	Thomas P. Amodei, Sr.

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:
02/04/18: \$ 11,429.00
02/05/17: \$ 9,481.00



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 12, 2018

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

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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

Thursday, February 15, 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

Friday, February 16, 2018

- * Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m. – Church

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

A Note from the Pastor Continued...

February 11, 2018



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the history of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we have been blessed with many dedicated men who responded generously to the Lord's call to "Come, follow Me". These men, through their gift of priestly ordination, have generously ministered God's love in our parishes, hospitals, schools and various other ministries. Through the waters of Baptism, they have welcomed us into the family of God. Through the Eucharist, they have helped nourish us for the journey of life we have entered into. Their preaching of the Word has helped give shape to the person we have become. They have been present at our Marriages as well as our funerals; always reminding us of the God who loves us.

Years go by so quickly. As of this writing, we currently have 163 retired priests here in the Archdiocese. Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster as well as various other health care facilities, now provide a home and health care for our priests who are retired or in ill health and no longer able to serve you in active ministry. They now depend on you for your prayers and financial support.

Our annual 2018 Collection for the Care of Aging and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese will take place on the weekend of February 17th and 18th throughout the Archdiocese. Your past generosity to this collection has been tremendous. We are grateful. We recognize your generosity as a symbol of your own love and gratitude to these priests who have served so well. Through your continued kindness we can be assured that they will be watched over and cared for in their retirement.

Your kindness is remembered daily in their Masses and prayers. We ask that you please continue to remember them in yours.

Gratefully and with continued prayers for you,
 +Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

**Monthly Food Drive**

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

Blood Pressure Screenings

From The Health and Help Ministry:

In recognition of American Heart Association month free blood pressure checks are offered after all Masses today, Sun., Feb 11th.

Thank You!

The CYO board would like to thank all the families that came out last Saturday night to help support our program. Special thanks to all the local business for their generous donations and all the volunteers that helped prepare for this great night. Next year's party will be Saturday, February 2, 2019.

Treasures from our Tradition

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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CCD School of Religion

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

February 2018

Tues., Feb. 13: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. Parents will return signed “progress reports” to teachers.

Tues., Feb. 20: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. Stations of the Cross for children at 4:45 and 6:30. Children will meet in the school building and teachers will take them to the Church at the scheduled time. Parents are welcome to meet us at Church for Stations.

Tues., Feb. 27: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

March 2018

Tues., March 6: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School. Lenten Penance service for children.

10th Annual Catholic Men’s Conference



Sat., March 3rd
Neumann University, Aston, PA
“Christ Crucified-the Power and Wisdom of God” Our 10th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference is set and we invite you to join us for a great day of prayer, uplifting talks and fellowship with hundreds of other Catholic and Christian men! Register at manuphilly.com

Give God the Glory



A curious feature of the first half of Mark’s Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great “secret” revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus “humbled” himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today’s healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God’s reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster



Exciting News – Bucks Happening 2018!



Start Casting Your Votes
Invite Family & Friends to Vote
SJR is currently in 5th Place

It has been a rewarding recognition for St. Joseph/St. Robert School to be a top Finalist in 2016 & 2017. It would be fantastic to be the WINNER this year! We are excited to announce our nomination for Bucks Happening 2018 under the category of Private Schools! We all work so hard every day to make our school SHINE in the community. Now we have to get all our students, families, relatives, friends, and parishioners to cast their vote.

Let us have fun and watch our votes add up! Please take a quick minute to vote! Just log into the front of the schools website: www.stjstr.org. Click the 2018 Happening Logo, and register your vote. There is one vote per email address. If you have more than one email address, please cast a vote with each email!

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.



CYO Sports



CYO Spring Sports registration is now open! SJR CYO offers Baseball for boys in grades 5-8, Softball for girls in grades 4-8, Track for boys/girls in grades 1-8 & High School CoEd Volleyball for boys/girls in grades 9-12. Please visit www.wagdogs.com to register!

Contributions 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.

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.