

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,

Last year I found the following and published in the pastor's column. A number of people found it helpful, so I am repeating it. It is from the U.S. Bishop's website and can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/questions-and-answers-about-lent.cfm>



Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

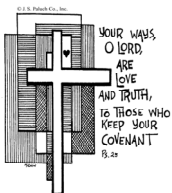
Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

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First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 17, 2018</u>	Arthur, Kimble & Lauderback Families
	7:00am	
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Raymond Generale
	11:30am	Dominick DiPaolo
		Thomas P. Amodei, Sr.
Monday	8:00am	Pasquali & Giubitta Bonato
Tuesday	8:00am	Dorothy Smedley
Wednesday	8:00am	Peter & Tranquilla Quaglia
Thursday	8:00am	Alice Molly
Friday	8:00am	Michael Masorli
Saturday	8:00am	Michael & Christopher Mattera
Saturday	<u>February 24, 2018</u>	Deceased Members of DiTore Family
	5:30pm	
Sunday	<u>February 25, 2018</u>	
	7:00am	Nicholas DiTommaso
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Anthony Landi
	11:30am	Ann White

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Alicia Cruz, Bill Gaida, Lauren Gorniak, Bob Hagan, Delores Kroutch, Dave McKay, Adeline McNulty, Sam Mullen, Rose Murphy, baby Ronan Power, Gil Sleutaris, and Joan Vollmar.

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.** Thank you very much for the 750 pounds of food donated in February!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 19, 2018

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

- * RCIA – 7 p.m. – Room 18 - Church Bldg.
- * Confessions - 7-8 p.m. - Confessionals

Thursday, February 22, 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 23, 2018

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

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

A Note from the Pastor Continued...



Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal.

Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

A. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

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

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!

Financial Report

January 2018

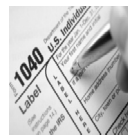
Weekly Sunday Collection:
02/11/18: \$ 8,578.00
02/12/17: \$ 8,216.00
E-Giving:
01/2018: \$5,464.97
01/2017: \$3,878.74



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	\$ 1,180.00
Employee Pay	\$ 26,611.31
Music Ministry	\$ 980.00
Payroll Service	\$ 256.80
PECO	\$ 1,376.00
Verizon	\$ 631.57
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 267.98
Comcast Cable	\$ 140.85
Computer Support	\$ 215.25
Supplies	\$ 1,720.69
Repairs	\$ 300.00
Services	\$ 882.34
Sewer VRSB	\$ 81.34
Fire Alarm Systems	\$ 270.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 522.60
Bi-Annual Unemployment Fund	\$ 390.00
Heating Oil	\$ 4,699.87
Snow Removal	\$ 9,043.10

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.

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.

February 2018

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.

Treasures from our Tradition



The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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People of the Covenant

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Beginning next week, different classes will attend the 9 AM Mass at St. Robert each day:

Monday: Grade 6, Tuesday: Grade 5, Wednesday: Grades 7 & 8, Thursday: Grade 4, Friday: Grades 1, 2, & 3

In addition, the students will attend Stations of the Cross each Wednesday at 2pm beginning February 21st. Everyone is welcome to join us!

CONGRATULATIONS! : Congratulations to the following



eighth grade student authors for winning the Father Joseph Gallen Knights of Columbus Pro – Life essay contest:

First Place: **Gianna Anzideo**

Second Place: **Alyssa Wade**

Third Place: **Jake Zook**

We are very proud of these students and the values expressed in all of the submitted essays

LENT

As we begin the season of Lent, perhaps these suggestions from Pope Francis offer some powerful guidance about what to "give up" during these forty days:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so that you can listen.

Exciting News – Bucks Happening 2018!



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. 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.

