

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,

Someone recently asked me about the Annual Rice Bowls typically put out for the season of Lent, and it wasn't until that moment that I realized that we did not receive them this year. I contacted Catholic Relief Services to see what we could do, but in the meantime, if you set aside whatever money you save as a result from fasting or having lighter meals during Lent, you can always drop that money off in an envelope marked clearly for the "Rice Bowl" at the end of Lent and I will forward the money to Catholic Relief Services. I apologize for not realizing it sooner. Also there still are a few copies of the recently revised Matthew Kelly book, Perfectly Yourself available for free on the back tables. A couple of people have told me that it was very helpful. Please consider taking one as your Lenten meditation. I also want to remind you of the additional time for confessions. Confessions are now heard every Wednesday in Lent from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in addition to the usual Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.



This weekend our second collection is for the church in Africa. Archbishop Chaput has asked that it be taken up in all the parishes on any one of the Sundays in Lent. I am including his letter for this collection below.



God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

February 14, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** was founded on the basic principles of Saint John Paul II's call to action in Ecclesia in Africa and the adoption of the statement A Call to Solidarity with Africa from the Bishops of the United States.

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemics, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, Catholicism is flourishing amid these harsh circumstances.

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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.

Masses for the Week

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
Monday	8:00am	Catherine & John Dudas
Tuesday	8:00am	Thomas C. Furlong
Wednesday	8:00am	Joseph J. Cristinzio
Thursday	8:00am	Catherine & John Dudas
Friday	8:00am	Katherine Grace Schafle
Saturday	8:00am	Joseph Chapman
Saturday	<u>March 3, 2018</u>	Katherine Grace Schafle
	5:30pm	
Sunday	<u>March 4, 2018</u>	
	7:00am	Katherine Grace Schafle
	8:30am	Katherine Grace Schafle
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Katherine Grace Schafle

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.

Weekly Sunday Collection:

02/18/18: \$ 8,880.00
02/19/17: \$ 10,395.00



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 26, 2018

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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

Thursday, March 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

Friday, March 2, 2018

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Second Sunday of Lent**February 25, 2018**

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b***A Note from the Pastor Continued...**

Your support of the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** assists in the delivery of basic pastoral care which includes religious education, seminary formation and youth ministry. It also supports important projects such as pastoral care for the sick.

The collection for the Church in Africa will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. On behalf of our brothers and sisters in Africa, I am grateful for your continued generosity.

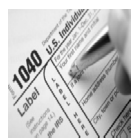
Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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.

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.**

Lenten Prayer Vigil

Do something special for Lent. Join other parishioners in praying the rosary for one hour at Planned Parenthood, Louis Drive, Warminster on Tuesday, 2/27 and/or 3/20 anytime from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the hallway.

We Need Your Help Leading the Rosary

Due to sickness, we are losing some of our faithful readers for Monday Night Rosary and Saturday Evening Rosary. Please consider helping us to continue the Rosary by volunteering reading about once a month. Please contact Jeanette McDermott at 215-441-4743 for details. Thank you and God Bless you.

The Obedience of Abraham and Jesus

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Seeking a Rectory Cook

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church is in need of a cook for the three parish priests who live in the parish house and an occasional guest or two. The cook is needed to plan, prepare, and serve dinner only on three evenings (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday) each week. Saturdays are desired, but not a requirement for the job. Dinner is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on weekdays; 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Additionally, grocery shopping for these meals, along with a short list of staples, is expected. Please contact Lou Tonelli, parish business manager, loutonelli@mmredeemer.org.

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. 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.

High School Honors



The following students at Villa Joseph Marie High School have received Honors for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year:

- Alyssa Austin:** Junior
 - Maeve Coogan:** Junior
- Congratulations!

Treasures from our Tradition

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

St. Joseph/St. Robert School offers a curriculum from Pre-K – 8th Grade. Registration is now open for the 2018/2019 academic year. Please call the school at 215-343-5100 to schedule a tour and learn about the highlights of our school.



2018/2019 Tuition Rates for Parish Families

(5 Day) **Half Day Pre-K & Kindergarten:**
8:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Monthly Tuition - - \$375.00 (10 payments)

(5 Day) **Full Day Pre-K & Kindergarten:**
8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monthly Tuition - \$440.00 (10 payments)
Before and After School Program Available

Grades 1st – 8th (10 payments)
One Child – Monthly - \$350.00
Two Children – Monthly - \$675.00
Three Children – Monthly - \$758.00
Four Children – Monthly - \$865.00
Before and After School Program Available

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 Before and After 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.



Just a Thought: “Silence infallibly leads to God.”

Robert Cardinal Sarah



During these weeks of Lent, perhaps making time for silence each day may indeed lead us into a deeper relationship with the Lord. Let's give the Lord a chance to speak to us in the silence!