

**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,

In a little more than a week, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, will be here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people. Please join me in welcoming Bishop Fitzgerald to our church. Please pray for our young people making the sacrament of Confirmation. This will be the last time that we celebrate this sacrament, in this format, for another two years. You may have heard that Archbishop Chaput has asked parishes to move the sacrament back to either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Right now we celebrate it in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are in the process now of finalizing when that will be, but it is safe to say that there will probably be no confirmation celebrated by a bishop here next year. More information will be made available when details are finalized.

Next Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> we will have the Archdiocesan collection for the Church in Latin America. Archbishop Chaput has asked that we publish the following letter.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

March 4, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

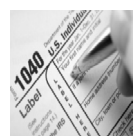


Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges when it comes to sharing their faith; yet the light always shines through and hope arises. For example, in rural Peru, like in many other countries, opportunities for the faithful to celebrate even the basic rituals of our Catholic faith are often few and far between. Frequently, children cannot receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and Mass cannot be held regularly. Without missionaries and catechists, the people living there cannot learn about, experience and share the beauty of our Catholic way of life.

Your support to the Collection for the Church in Latin America has helped the Siervas del Plan de Dios (Servants of the Plan of God) train lay people to become Catholic missionaries and catechists in parishes. The sisters have set up a missionary formation program as a step toward enlivening and sustaining the Catholic faith.

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**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](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). Please allow a week to process your request.

**Masses for the Week**

|                  |                       |   |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <u>March 3, 2018</u>  | Katherine Grace Schafle                     |
|                  | 5:30pm                |   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <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                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 8:00am                | St. Joseph Memorial Society                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 8:00am                | Cheryl Hand Gordon                          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:00am                | Leonard Ferry                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:00am                | David Dziedzic                              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8:00am                | John Kelley,<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 8:00am                | Deceased Members of Sansoni Family          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <u>March 10, 2018</u> |   |
|                  | 5:30pm                | Alfonso Soglia                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <u>March 11, 2018</u> |   |
|                  | 7:00am                | Rose Marie Raia                             |
|                  | 8:30am                | Raymond Generale                            |
|                  | 10:00am               | Frances Cerritelli                          |
|                  | 11:30am               | People of Parish                            |

**Please Pray For**

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

**Weekly Sunday Collection:**

02/18/18: \$ 10,200.00  
02/19/17: \$ 9,690.00



**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

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

**Thursday, March 8, 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 9, 2018**

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

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Daylight savings time begins next weekend....

**A Note from the Pastor Continued...**

From the Pastor

In northeastern Ecuador, in the Amazon jungle, hundreds of thousands of people live. Many of these people are Catholic and have a strong indigenous culture, and most speak only their native language, Quechua. The first missionaries arrived to this area many years ago and provided basic materials for evangelization. Through the Church in Latin America Collection, an updated devotional book was produced and adapted to the Quechua culture based on feedback provided by the indigenous people. Because of your support, it was possible for adolescents, adults, and elders living in the Ecuadorian jungle to deepen their faith and grow in love of Christ.

Our Archdiocese will take up this collection the weekend of March 10 and 11, 2018. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

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

God Bless You,  
 Fr. Bordonaro

**2018 RCIA Scone Sale**

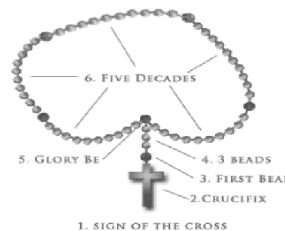
Attention bakers!! St. Joseph's Adult RCIA will once again hold their popular "SCONE SALE" (Irish soda bread) the weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and all the Masses on Sunday. We encourage all parishioners to show their support and to share in this project, especially with their baking abilities and purchasing power. All proceeds benefit St. Francis Inn and all being served by them. We sincerely appreciate your help. Thank you.

**Monthly Food Drive**

Our food collection is scheduled for this weekend, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, 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.

**From The Health and Help Ministry**

Cardiac arrest and other life-threatening emergencies can happen anywhere. Giving CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can greatly increase the victim's chance of survival. St. Joseph Church is in the process of obtaining an AED.

June 1-7 is recognized as National CPR and AED Awareness Week. To learn more refer to: American Red Cross, American Heart Association websites.

**Knights of Columbus Designer Bag Bingo**

St. Cyril's Social Hall, Fri., March 9 ~ Doors open at 6 p.m. \$30/person or \$35 at the door, 12 games and 3 specials. Sponsored by the K of C #5494. All proceeds will go to supporting single moms and our local community. Please join us for a fun night out of for a great cause. Tickets can be purchased at St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto: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.

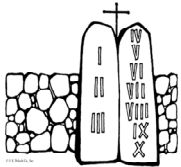
**March 2018**

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

Sun., March 11: Confirmation Class 2018 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) practice in Church from 1:00 to 2:45 p.m. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend! Children will be dropped off and picked up from the Church.

Tues., March 13: Confirmation Class 2018 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 4:00 p.m. in Church. No CCD classes will be held this night.

**Treasures from our Tradition**



If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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**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](http://www.wagdogs.com)

to register!

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**From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster**



**Apple of My Eye:** Congratulations to the latest "Apple of My Eye" winners of the school year: **Michael Funk, William Buckleman, Maeve Kulp, Jacob Newlin and Ava Warga.**



Registration is now open for the 2018/2019 academic year.  
**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 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (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

**Confirmation:** We offer our prayerful support to the following students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at *St. Robert* church next Tuesday afternoon:

Vincent Black, Emily Borden, Mavis Brookreson, Kaylee Chesla, Jacob Edwards, Erin Ferello, Sarah Ferrese, Albert Funk, Michael Funk, Benjamin Grove, Morgan Kimball, Paul McDonnell, Luke Peddicord, Kaitlin Sigda, Nicholas Striano, Adam Townsend, Sofia Wade, Julia Yogis.

**Early Dismissal:** We will dismiss next Tuesday, March 6th at 12noon in order to prepare for Confirmation that afternoon. No buses will be available. CARES will be available.

**Cares 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](mailto:mmealia@stjstr.org).

**Just a Thought:** In the next few weeks, our sixth grade students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They have been preparing for this sacrament not just through this school year, but for many years. They have learned about the importance of faith in their lives and the need to live out their faith daily. Let's hope that these upcoming special times will encourage us to fully use the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we all have received – and use them intentionally!