

**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.)

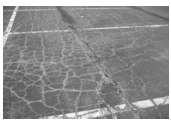
**A Note from the Pastor**



My Dear Parishioners,  
 We welcome Bishop Michael Fitzgerald this week to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people. We are very grateful that he is able to be with us and call down the Holy Spirit upon them. This sacrament is essential to living life fully as a Catholic. Please pray for our young people that they will remain open to the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey. While God gives His grace to us freely, we need to be open or disposed to receiving that grace. This is why it is good to make regular use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Next week we will be celebrating our annual Triduum to St. Joseph. We invite all to join us for the 8:00 Morning Mass followed by some special prayers to St. Joseph on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Monday is the actual Feast of St. Joseph and so it is our patronal feast. By the way, it is a Solemnity for the entire Church and a good time to honor the foster father of Jesus. Because it is a Solemnity, the church recognizes that it is valid to forgo whatever you have been fasting from as part of your Lenten repentance and celebrate the Holy Day, much as we do during the Sunday's in Lent. So go ahead and enjoy your candy or your chocolate, just be sure to celebrate St. Joseph. It seems every year I get questions about this during Lent. Some people were taught that if they gave something up for Lent, then they were not to have it for the entire period of Lent. I don't want to trouble anyone's conscience, but the Church does teach that Sunday is the Lord's Day and it is the Day of Resurrection, even during the Sundays of Lent. We should not be focusing on our penitential practices, but rather rejoicing in the resurrection and for that reason it is valid to partake of whatever you may have given up on Sundays and other Solemnities during Lent, such as the Feast of St. Joseph.



I received word from the North Wales Water Authority that they would like to dig up our parking lot again. They already have an easement and therefore can do as they wish, but because they are looking to add another meter pit on our property, they are seeking an amendment to the current easement. This is all so that the water authority can help address some of the issues of contaminated water in the area. While our parking lot is sorely in need of resurfacing, I am hesitant to complete it, and then have the water authority dig it up to lay additional pipe and install a new pit.

Our RCIA is hosting its annual scone sale next weekend. We are need of bakers. Drop off your baked goods on Saturday. All proceeds benefit St. Francis Inn. Thank you for your support!

God Bless You,  
 Fr. Bordonaro

**Masses for the Week**

<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
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am John F. Hayes & Family
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am Irmey Ewald
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am Susan Denofa
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am Bill Weychert, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am The Kelly Family
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am Anna Porreca
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>March 17, 2018</u>	5:30pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>March 18, 2018</u>	7:00am Dorothy Smedley 8:30am Elmer & Marie Grossman 10:00am John Bruno 11:30am Janet Dooley, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Please Pray For**



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

**Weekly Sunday Collection:**

03/04/18: \$ 11,323.00  
 03/05/17: \$ 10,051.00



**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

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

**Thursday, March 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, March 16, 2018**

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

**Readings for the Week****Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
Jn 5:17-30**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;  
Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2018**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. — *John 3:17*

**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.

**Archbishop Wood Open House****Spring Open House****Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Mass, followed by tours, meet the teachers, and activities fair from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**5K/1 Mile Fun Run****A Baby's Breath Run for Life 2018**

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Norristown Farm Park, East Norriton, PA.

1 Mile Fun Run 9AM and 5K run 9:30 a.m.

Register at:

[http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR\\_RFL.html](http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html).

For more information, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281

**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.

**Monthly Food Drive**

Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<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.

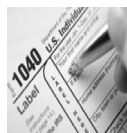
**We Need Your Help Leading the Rosary**

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.

**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.

**Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons of the Archdiocese**

Office for Persons with Disabilities & the Deaf Apostolate  
**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

18<sup>th</sup> and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia.  
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist and a reception. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org), or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

**CCD School of Religion**

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 for information.



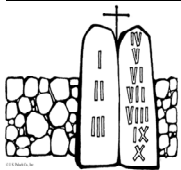
Class times: Tuesdays, 4:30- 5:50 p.m. and 6:15- 7:35 p.m.

**March 2018**

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**



Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.—*Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

**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**



**Just a Thought:** As I write this, I am looking at the beautiful blue sky while awaiting a predicted snowstorm. During the month of February, I was waiting for the children to ask me if they could begin wearing their summer uniforms due to the many warm days. What an adventure weather can be! This reminds me that I should embrace each day as an adventure given to us by God. Who knows what wonderful surprises are in store???

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. Joseph* church next Tuesday afternoon: **Patrick Gozdan, Gregory Meditz, Kate Panepresso, Ean Waltrich, Maura Yoos.** (Confirmation rehearsal for these students will take place on Sunday, March 11th from 1pm – 2:45pm at St. Joseph's church). The Confirmation candidates from St. Joseph parish and their siblings will be dismissed at 12noon on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> to prepare for Confirmation that afternoon. The rest of the school will remain in session.

**SJR Thespians:** Mrs. Lauren Kulp will be holding a Thespians Club after school next year! This will be open to children in Kindergarten through grade 8. She hopes to have the children present "The Wizard of Oz". More details to follow.

**Congratulations!:** We have received word that **Jake Zook**, grade 8, has been selected to participate in the state level of the National Geography Bee in Harrisburg in April! We are proud of you, Jake!

**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).

