



MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

Pastor: Rev. Joseph C. Bordonaro

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. J. A. Grant

School: 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington

Principal: Mrs. Deborah Jaster

Religious Education: Mrs. Cathy Cain

CCD Office: 215-672-9990/ 3020

Music Director: Mrs. Maria Lennon

mariaalennon@comcast.net

WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTJOSEPHCHURCH.US

RECTORY: 215-672-3020 (9AM-4PM Mon. to Fri.) **EMAIL:** sjc18976@verizon.net

SCHOOL: 215-343-5100

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,

This past Tuesday we welcomed Bishop Fitzgerald as he confirmed 28 of our young people. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers. We pray that they will remain open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that they will be strengthened in their faith as they live out their baptismal commitment as young Catholic Christians. If you want to be specific in your prayers for them then you can pray for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit to remain with them. They are: **Wisdom** which helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives; **Understanding** which is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message; **Knowledge** is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us; **Counsel** is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him; **Fortitude** is the courage to do what one knows is right; **Piety** helps us pray to God in true devotion; and **Fear of the Lord** is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose. If you know one of these young people, please encourage them on their journey of faith.



On Monday, March 19th we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary, our patronal feast. We will also be offering special prayers after the morning Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We take this time to offer our special prayers and intentions through the intercession of St. Joseph. These three days are called a Triduum to St. Joseph. The word Triduum simply refers to three special days set aside for a particular purpose. Usually it is used when speaking of Easter, for example, the Paschal Triduum refers to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our St. Joseph Triduum sets aside some extra time to pray to our patron. St. Joseph is a great model for all people of faith, but especially for men, husbands, and fathers. While we all know that Joseph was married to the Blessed Mother and the foster father of Jesus, he is venerated for multiple reasons. The following are some of the titles attributed to St. Joseph: Light of the patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster-father of the Son of God, Watchful defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Joseph most just, Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent, Joseph most valiant, Joseph most obedient, Joseph most faithful, Mirror of patience, Lover of poverty, Model of workmen, Glory of domestic life, Guardian of virgins, Pillar of families, Solace of the afflicted, Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, and Protector of Holy Church. We turn to St. Joseph and ask him to intercede on our behalf. The triduum envelopes which represent your intentions for St. Joseph will remain on the reredos (back altar) for the entire Triduum.

Easter is almost here. This week a group of young adults from our CCD program are presenting the Living Stations of the Cross, accompanied by music from our Contemporary Music Group, led by Mr. Bill Monaghan.

Continued on page 3...

Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>March 17, 2018</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>March 18, 2018</u>	7:00am	Dorothy Smedley
		8:30am	Elmer & Marie Grossman
		10:00am	John Bruno
		11:30am	Janet Dooley, 1 st Anniversary
Monday		8:00am	Joseph Vincelli
Tuesday		8:00am	Nancy Marcenkevich
Wednesday		8:00am	Deceased Members of the Stretch & Ferry Families
Thursday		8:00am	Deceased Members of the Brogan & McCloskey Families
Friday		8:00am	Joseph McGlashen
Saturday		8:00am	Jim Conboy
Saturday	<u>March 24, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Janet Dooley
Sunday	<u>March 25, 2018</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Linda Generale
		10:00am	George & Louise Snyder
		11:30am	John L. DiPinto, 1 st Anniversary

Please Pray For



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

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, March 19, 2018**
- * Triduum Mass – 8 a.m. - Church
- * Adoration – All Day – Church
- * Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- * Men’s Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg
- Tuesday, March 20, 2018**
- * Triduum Mass – 8 a.m. - Church
- Wednesday, March 21, 2018**
- * Triduum Mass – 8 a.m. - Church
- * RCIA – 7 p.m. – Room 18 - Church Bldg.
- * Confessions - 7-8 p.m. - Confessionals
- Thursday, March 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, March 23, 2018**
- * Live Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m. – Church

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

A Note from the Pastor *Continued...*

The Living Stations help us to remember that Jesus truly suffered in his humanity. We have a tendency to treat the way of the cross as “a necessary evil on the way to our salvation.” We take this opportunity to recall that Jesus was not acting out some part of a Divine Play, he was a real human being and he responded to his suffering and those around him in a truly unique way, a way that has something to teach us. Our musicians and students worked hard on this presentation and I recommend making it a part of your Lenten spiritual preparation; it is a nice way to put yourself in the footsteps of Christ. The Living Stations will be on **Friday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.**

God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

2018 RCIA Scone Sale

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

Monthly Food Drive

Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of April 7th and 8th. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.** Thank you for your generous donations of 640 pounds of food in March!

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.

Financial Report

Weekly Sunday Collection:
03/11/18: \$ **8,973.00**
03/12/17: \$ 8,247.00

E-Giving:
02/18: \$ **5,499.36**
02/17: \$ 3,647.74

February 2018**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	\$ 1,715.00
Employee Pay	\$ 18,508.73
Music Ministry	\$ 905.71
Payroll Service	\$ 223.85
PECO	\$ 1,114.07
Verizon	\$ 630.50
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 267.95
Comcast Cable	\$ 140.85
Computer Support	\$ 215.25
Supplies	\$ 3,548.28
Services	\$ 1,308.32
Water & Sewer	\$ 444.00

Please join us for our Living Stations with the parish youth on Friday March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

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.

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 20: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

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

Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 CCD School Year will be held **Tuesdays: April 3, 10, 17 and 24** in the CCD office during the regularly scheduled CCD classes. You must be registered in the parish before signing your child up for CCD and you must hand in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child is new to the program. Payment is due at the time of registration. Classes are filled on a first come-first served basis!



Treasures from our Tradition

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — *Jeremiah 31:33*

St. Joseph/St. Robert School



ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL
FOCUSED ON FAITH AND LEARNING

850 Euclid Avenue
Warrington, PA 18976
215-343-5100
www.STJSTR.ORG



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 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

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.

Cares 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.



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!

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

