

**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,

Today is Palm Sunday, or sometimes called Passion Sunday. We mark the triumphal entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into the Holy city of Jerusalem remembering that He was greeted with shouts of joy and adulation and the waving of palm branches as people of that day greeted royalty. The name Passion Sunday refers to the reading of the extended Gospel of the Passion. It is the first time that those coming into our Church hear that particular Gospel at a Sunday Mass. It is also the beginning of the most sacred time of our Liturgical year, Holy Week. I invite all of you to make an extra effort to be present to Our Lord at this sacred time.

During Holy Week we will hear confession on Tuesday, March 27 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 28 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (please note that there are no scheduled confessions during the Sacred Triduum, so this is the last opportunity to go to confession before Easter). The Sacred Triduum starts on Thursday, March 29th. We will have Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and the traditional Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 p.m. At this Mass we remember when, as recounted in the Gospel of St. John, that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of our call to serve one another. Please consider volunteering to have your foot washed at this Mass. It is an act of humility to have it done, but it also communicates a very important sign to our community. Sign-up sheets are at the church exits. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper is a great opportunity to join as a family and celebrate the dual occasions when Jesus instituted both the Eucharist and the Priesthood. This is also the Mass when will have additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on hand and be able to offer the Precious Blood as part of Holy Communion. When receiving the Precious Blood, after responding Amen, please take the chalice in both hands and take a sip. When you hand the chalice back, the Extraordinary Minister will wipe the chalice. If you are not feeling well that day, please refrain from receiving from the chalice. After Mass on Holy Thursday, there will be the procession with the Eucharist to the altar of reposition and church will be open for adoration until Midnight. Many people still keep the tradition of visiting three churches this evening as most of them have an extended period of adoration into the evening.

On Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion with a special service. These prayers are designed to recall the Gospel story of the Lords’ crucifixion, also to honor or venerate the wood of the cross as the altar on which Jesus offered His Supreme Sacrifice, and finally it provides the opportunity to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

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**Masses for the Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<u>March 24, 2018</u>	5:30pm Janet Dooley
<b>Sunday</b>	<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 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am James Danaher
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am Robert Angiolillo
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am Clara & Raymond Young
<b>Holy Thursday</b>		8:00am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
<b>Good Friday</b>		8:00am Morning Prayer 3:00pm Commemoration of Our Lord’s Death
<b>Holy Saturday</b>		8:00am Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>March 31, 2018</u>	7:30pm Celebrant’s Intention
<b>Easter Vigil</b>		
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<u>April 1, 2018</u>	7:00am Celebrant’s Intention 8:30am Celebrant’s Intention 10:00am Celebrant’s Intention 11:30am Celebrant’s Intention

**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 26, 2018**
  - \* Adoration – All Day – Church
  - \* Senior Citizens Meeting – 11 a.m. – Church Hall
  - \* Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- Tuesday, March 27, 2018**
  - \* Confessions - 4-5 p.m. – Confessionals
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018**
  - \* RCIA – 7 p.m. - Church
  - \* Confessions - 7-8 p.m. - Confessionals
- Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018**
  - \* Adoration – All Day Until Midnight – Church
- Good Friday, March 30, 2018**
  - \* Commemoration of Our Lord’s Death – 3 p.m.- (Communion Distributed)
  - \* Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m. – Church

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
**Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42  
**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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



This is not a Mass. As a matter of fact, Good Friday is the only day of the year on which Mass is forbidden. Finally the Easter Vigil is celebrated on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. It is the ultimate celebration of the Lord's resurrection. It marks the end of the waiting for the new dawn to come. Fire is blessed and the new light of Christ is symbolically brought into the Church. New Christians are baptized or received into the Church and our story, that is, the story of Jesus' death and resurrection is retold and we are renewed. Please note that the Easter Vigil Mass is at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and there is no 5:30 Mass that day. Our Easter Sunday Masses are on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 a.m.

Please help spread the Good News of Easter by welcoming those who may be visitors to our church. We want them to feel like they belong and are accepted. Also please be mindful of the parking lots. I know you get tired of the reminders, but efficient parking is really necessary to allow the most number of people the chance to park. The Valley Road lot is for single space parking. The lot closest to the church is for head in or "bumper to bumper" parking. Please do not leave open spaces because that effectively boxes out others from entering. Thank you for your assistance.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

**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.**



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
March 25, 2018**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. — *Philippians 2:8*

**Confessions this Week**  
 Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 4-5 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7-8 p.m.,  
 in the confessionals. Our confessionals are located in the hallway, on the Sacred Heart side of Church.

**Weekly Sunday Collection:**

03/18/18: \$ **Not available due to early publication deadline.**  
 03/19/17: \$ 10,194.00



**Treasures from our Tradition**



For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye. —*Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

**Thank You!**

The RCIA team extends their sincere thanks to all who helped make the 2018 Scone Sale a success. We sincerely appreciate all who took time to bake for us, and we thank all who purchased our scone. St. Francis Inn was very thankful.

**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 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!



**Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2018**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and **Good Friday**. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on **Good Friday**, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

**Passion**

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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**Apple of my Eye:** Congratulations to the latest "Apple of My Eye" winners of the school year: **Patrick Kreuzburg, Angella Kiss, Kevin MacKenzie, Kaitlin Sigda and Connor Shimp.**



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

**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!



**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](http://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.



**Lighthouse CD and Book Stand**

We have a wonderful new CD by Bishop Robert Barron called "My Beloved Son" which would make a great addition to an Easter Basket for your loved ones or for yourself for meditation purposes during Holy Week! We also have many other inspiring CDs and books at our parish stand as well as wonderful music. Thank you for your donations that keep our stand refreshed.