



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

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,
I hope that you had a peace filled, spiritually beneficial, and Blessed Easter. When we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, it is not just His personal victory over death that we celebrate, but also the fact that He has won salvation for all of us. This Second Sunday of Easter, or the Octave Day of Easter, is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. I thought it would be important to remind ourselves about this feast. Here are some excerpts I have taken from the Divine Mercy website. You can see the full text at www.thedivinemercy.org.



The feast of Divine Mercy Sunday is the result of a revelation to St. Maria Faustina. Our Lord's explicit desire is that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000 declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'"



By the words "the whole message," Pope John Paul II was referring to the connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" — in other words, the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit — and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter, which fulfills the grace of atonement as lived through by Christ Jesus and offered to all who come to Him with trust.

As part of our devotion, we honor an image of Jesus as revealed to St. Maria Faustina (a copy is placed in our sanctuary). Pope John Paul II also made clear that the Image of The Divine Mercy St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world. Pope John Paul II said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side [to the Apostles]. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. St. Faustina saw two rays of light shining from that Heart and illuminating the world: 'The two rays,' Jesus Himself explained to her one day, 'represent blood and water' (Diary, 299).

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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. Please allow a week to process your request.

Masses for the Week

Saturday	<u>April 7, 2018</u> 5:30pm	Deceased Members of Di Tore Family
Sunday	<u>April 8, 2018</u> 7:00am	Claire Bleau, 10 th Anniversary
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Robert Turpack
	11:30am	Snyder and Grossman Families
Monday	8:00am	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday	8:00am	Kathleen Menzak
Wednesday	8:00am	Joseph A. Gallen, Jr.
Thursday	8:00am	A. Francis Allwein
Friday	8:00am	Frances Cerritelli
Saturday	8:00am	Deceased Members of Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>April 14, 2018</u> 5:30pm	Bill Grossman
Sunday	<u>April 15, 2018</u> 7:00am	Dorothy Smedley
	8:30am	Raymond Generale
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Dominick DiPaolo

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, Rose Murphy, baby Ronan Power, and Gil Sleutaris.

Recent Collections:

04/01/18: \$ **8,402.00**
04/02/17: \$ 8,715.00

Easter 2018: **\$21,687.00**
Easter 2017: \$18,916.00



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 9, 2018

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

Thursday, April 12, 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

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monthly Food Drive



Our next food collection is scheduled for this weekend, 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.**

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me.
And only in you do I have everything.
—St. Julian of Norwich



Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 8, 2018
Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
— 1 John 5:5

A Note from the Pastor Continued...



Clearly, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast established to celebrate St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina at all — nor is it altogether a new feast! As many commentators have pointed out, The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter; nevertheless, the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does highlight and amplify the meaning of the day. In this way, it recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called "the days of mercy and pardon," and the Octave Day itself "the compendium of the days of mercy." As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Coeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

So That You May Believe



It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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Treasures from our Tradition



Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposita*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.
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High School Honors

Archbishop Wood High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the First Semester Report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Distinguished Honors: Dylan Huegel '20, Hailey Jacobsen '21, Lauren Scott '21

First Honors: Colin Patrick Moore '18

Second Honors: Hannah Marie Jorgenson '18, Kristin N. Kuyper '18, Brian Robert Harms '19, Matthew Michael Quigley '19, Katlynn Razler '20, and Daniel Shaeffer '21.

LaSalle College High School

Academic Excellence Award: Jake Edward Dachowski '19 and Christopher Jeffrey Marozzi '19

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.

April 2018

- Tues., April 10: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year continues.
- Tues., April 17: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year continues.
- Tues., April 24: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. Last night for registration for 2018-2019 school year.

Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 CCD School Year will be held **Tuesdays:**



April 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!

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:

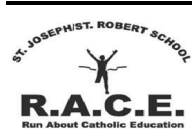
1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



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.

8th Annual 5K R.A.C.E



Run About Catholic Education
St. Joseph/St. Robert School :
5K Registration Now Open

Mark your calendar now for our 8th Annual Run about Catholic Education (R.A.C.E) on Friday, May 11, 2018. The evening event will begin at 6:30 pm with the 1K Kids' Race followed by the 2 Mile Fitness Walk & 5K Race at 7 pm.

Please complete the registration on-line by clicking the RACE logo on the front page of our school website: www.stjstr.org.

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Reading Olympics: Our students in grades 7 & 8 will participate in the Bucks County Reading Olympics Thursday, April 5th at Unami Middle School. This year, our teams are: **Grade 8 (Team Members): Jackson Kiss, Patrick Kreuzburg, Mairead McDermott, Luke Panepresso, Haley Stefanik, Juliana Tulio, and Jake Zook.**

Grade 7 (Team Members): Hannah Buckleman, Sofia Mazzarella, Harry Davies, Julia Newlin, William Fuller, Meghan Prior, Shane Golebiewski, Luke Shaeffer, Brian Klumpp, Ryan Sorge, Andrew Lyons, Gianna Speranza, Dylan West, Julia Newlin, and Karey Dawn Williamson.

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

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program for Businesses & Individuals

Did you know that businesses & now you as an individual can redirect your tax dollars toward valuable tuition assistance for our qualified students at St. Joseph/St. Robert School? In addition, EITC provides a **significant tax advantage for businesses/individuals.**

EITC allows PA business owners to receive a 75% credit for a 1 year commitment or 90% credit for 2 years by directing their state tax dollars to a designated scholarship organization: Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) or Foundation for Catholic Education.

EITC is not just for businesses anymore! Individuals with a state tax liability can now join a Special Purpose Entity (SPE) to take full advantage of the PA EITC program. The individual can gain a 90% tax credit for a 2-year commitment & use the credit for their Personal PA Taxes.

To learn more about EITC & the valuable tuition support for our students, please call Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement at 215.343.5100 or email kwilliamson@stjstr.org.