



**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,



We have two remaining Altar Server training sessions May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>. The sessions start at 8:30 and finish by 9:15. It is not too late to sign up to be a server. We really need the help. If your child is in grade 4 through High School and is willing, please contact me directly. Student Altar Servers are needed for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses and also for weddings. We are also in need of adult servers willing to serve the weekday Mass at 8:00 a.m. and funerals. If you can help, please see me or Mrs. Mary Boland.

Please also keep our young 3rd graders in your prayers. This Saturday, May 5, 2018 they will be making their **First Holy Communion**. This is a special time in the spiritual life of a Catholic. We ask that Jesus will stay close to these 26 young people as they take Him into their hearts and souls. Please pray for their families too, that they will facilitate these relationships by bringing them to Mass regularly.

May is also the month of Mary and a time when we reflect on Our Blessed Mother's willingness to make a home for Jesus within her. We too are called to make a home for Jesus in our hearts and Mary will help us do that. We honor Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth in a special way with our May Procession on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The procession begins at 7:20 pm in the grassy area between the two back parking lots (weather permitting). We invite all members of the 2018 **Confirmation class** and 2018 **First Communion class** to take a place of honor in the procession. Please wear your First Communion attire or your Confirmation robes. We also ask parishioners to bring flowers from your gardens. The flowers are carried in procession along with a statue of Mary and then placed in front of the statue as a tribute to the Blessed Virgin. After the procession we will pray the Rosary. The night closes with Benediction. It is a beautiful devotion and I hope to see you there.



This is the weekend of the special Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training after our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. The short training session will be in classroom 18. Thank you to the members of our Health and Help Ministry for conducting the training and helping us with the AED. You do not need to be a professional to use this equipment so please consider staying for it. It may help save a life.

Archbishop Chaput asked that the following letter be communicated to you this weekend.

God Bless You!  
Fr. Bordonaro

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Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.  
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**Masses for the Week**



<b>Saturday</b>	<u>April 28, 2018</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>April 29, 2018</u>	7:00am	Souls in Purgatory
		8:30am	Alex & Julia Giovannone
		10:00am	Louise Snyder & Joanne Blaney
		11:30am	Lisa & Panfilo DiPasquale
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Amar Guinaldo
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	Cheryl (Hand) Gordan
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Linda Generale
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Thomas Nitch
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Walsh, Simmler, and MacAleer Families
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Thomas J. Murray
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>May 5, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Frank Eells
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>May 6, 2018</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Raymond Generale
		10:00am	Anthony Sacchetta
		11:30am	Catherine Marie Baer

**Please Pray For**



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Cathy Casey, Alicia Cruz, Bill Gaida, Rosemarie Generale, Madeline Gorniak, Dave McKay, Rose Murphy, baby Ronan Power, and Gil Sleutaris.

**Sunday Collections:**

04/22/18: \$ 8,385.00  
04/23/17: \$ 8,184.00

**Respect Life**

Please join other parishioners on Wed., May 2<sup>nd</sup> to pray the Rosary for one hour at Planned Parenthood on Louis Drive (noon to dark). Sign up sheets are on the tables in the corridor or call Peggy McKay 215-773-8282 to volunteer.

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, April 30, 2018**

- \* Adoration – All Day – Church
- \* Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church

**Thursday, May 3, 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:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)  
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17  
or Jn 17:11b-19



**Fifth Sunday of Easter,  
April 29, 2018**

Let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.  
— 1 John 3:18

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here in the United States there is a great need for evangelization and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. The Church at home needs to be strengthened and fortified. Soon, as a diocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), which supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are scattered and struggling.

The Diocese of Pueblo's terrain, very mountainous and lonely, has shaped the attitude of pastors and parishioners alike—they tend to be highly independent. This has served them well, since only 44 priests and 45 deacons are available to serve the needs of over 64,000 Catholics. The diocese is primarily rural, covering the entire southern half of the state of Colorado, and the priest shortage is felt very strongly there. But with your support of CHMA, the Diocese of Pueblo offers lay ministry training programs. This training will provide ministers to serve the most isolated parishes and offer spiritual support for Catholics in the diocese.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.



Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,  
+ Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

**Monthly Food Drive**

Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

**Health and Help Ministry****FREE AED INSTRUCTION:**

The Health and Help Ministry will offer free instruction on the function and use of an AED (**Automated External Defibrillator**) after all Masses this weekend, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after the Vigil Mass, and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend! Coffee and donuts will be served on Sunday. An AED has recently been procured for our church and can be used to help save a life. Please join us after Mass in Room 18.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Health and Help Ministry is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-7 PM at St. Joseph Church Hall.

Schedule your appointment with Mary 215-674-4612. The need for blood is endless, the supply is limited. Please consider becoming

a blood donor. Thank you.

**Living Branches**

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**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.

## 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.



### Registration

You must be registered in the parish before signing your child up for the 2018-2019 CCD School Year and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required 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!

### May 2018

Tues., May 1: Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will meet on May 2 for Communion Practice.

Wed., May 2: First Holy Communion practice in Church from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for all children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Sat., May 5: First Holy Communion Mass 10 a.m. Children should report to the Church at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., May 7: 7:20 p.m. May Procession and Rosary. All children are requested to attend and participate in the procession.

Tues., May 8: Last day of CCD classes for those children who have attended the required number of classes. Progress reports for the year will be sent home with the children.

Tues., May 15: Make-up class for any child who missed more than 3 classes during the year. This class will only be held from 4:30 - 5:50 p.m. Final teachers' meeting for the school year will be held in the school building at 6:30 p.m.

## Treasures from our Tradition



In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases

would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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## St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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8<sup>th</sup> Annual R.A.C.E. Run About Catholic Education  
Friday, May 11, 2018

### \*\*Opportunity for Friend/Parishioner Sponsorship

The funds raised come from the generous support of local business sponsors, parishioners, and our school families.

New to RACE sponsorship is the ability for our

parishioners & friends to access our electronic "Go Fund R.A.C.E. Donation" by visiting the school website: [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org). Ques.? Contact Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) or 215-343-5100.

Training runs are held every Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m. beginning in St. Robert's parking lot. All levels of runners/walkers welcomed.

**Hawks Host Program:** We are beginning a new program to introduce new families to our school community. What better ambassadors than our very own parents?! More information will be found in this week's family envelope.

**Band Concert:** Our spring Band Concert will be held on Mon., June 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend this festive night!

## SJR CYO Sports Recognition Night

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 - 9:00PM

Highpoint - Philadelphia Sports Club

Includes: Awards Ceremony, Pizza, Snacks, Beverages, Laser Tag, Indoor Swimming Pool, Jousting, Volleyball, Basketball.

This year registration will be at the door, a \$15 donation per family is requested at registration.

As in years past we will be holding a non-perishable food drive to help re-stock the Bucks County Food Larder, please bring your donations on the 20th. Each family is also being asked to bring a dessert with them.

## 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.



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This year the 5K will have an additional opportunity to enhance the advancement of our students' academic achievements. Please take a moment to donate below.

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