



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,

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. It is a special recognition of all those who give of their time, effort and skills to see that our parishioners have the opportunity to be properly formed in the faith. This includes all those involved in St. Joseph/ St. Robert School – teachers, principal, administration, staff, and volunteers. We also recognize and thank those involved in faith formation in our CCD program, including our program director and catechists, assistants, staff and volunteers. In addition we are grateful for the members of our RCIA team, youth formation team and Pre-Jordan instructors. They play a crucial role in preparing and instructing our youth and adults to come into the faith, or complete their initiation. We thank them for all they do in handing on the kingdom. Please pray for them and ask God to bless them for the very good work they do.

The 2018 theme for Catechetical Sunday is “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.” In his 2018 message for Catechetical Sunday, Bishop Robert Barron said:

We are living in a secularized society which continues to squeeze Christianity to the margins, or completely out of engagement with Jesus Christ and the Church.



We are losing baptized Catholics at an alarming rate. According to Pew Research, nearly one-in-four Hispanic adults (24%) are now former Catholics and most of them are “nones,” a term used for people with no religious affiliation.



Many parents are saddened to report that their children are leaving the Church after preparing for and celebrating initiation sacraments, and after years of Catholic School or parish religion classes. Figures for Baptisms, Church weddings and weekly Mass attendance are down. Those who self-identify as atheists or agnostics (“Nones”) now make up roughly 23% of the U.S. adult population.

Bishop Barron goes on to encourage us to examine the causes eroding faith and moving people to step away from life in Christ and his body, the Church. He also encourages us to discover some of the many groups of missionary disciples already enlisted and engaged as witnesses for Jesus Christ. Hopefully many more will be able to learn about and join in their efforts.

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**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018**

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7

Masses for the Week



Saturday	<u>September 15, 2018</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>September 16, 2018</u>	7:00am	Guiseppe DiNardo
		8:30am	Dolores Iglesias
		10:00am	Colleen Jackson
		11:30am	Dorothy B. Smith
Monday		8:00am	Mary Sheridan (Living)
Tuesday		8:00am	Joanna Ashburn
Wednesday		8:00am	Helen Eells
Thursday		8:00am	Rose Marie Miley
Friday		8:00am	Gino Greatti
Saturday		8:00am	Bob Weychert, 8 th Anniversary
Saturday	<u>September 22, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Joseph Vincelli
Sunday	<u>September 23, 2018</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Francis Eells
		10:00am	Mary Anne Hondros
		11:30am	Robert Joseph Smith, 1 st Anniversary

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Alicia Cruz, Marcella Fay, Bill Gaida, Madeline Gorniak, Bernadette Hallowell, Russel Heim, Paul Moran Kilbride, Dave McKay, Rose Murphy, baby Ronan Power, Michael Roche, Gil Sleutaris, and Wayne Woodruff.

Sunday Collections:

09/09/18: \$ 9,551.00

09/10/17: \$ 9,400.00



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 17, 2018

* Adoration – All Day – Church

* Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 20, 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

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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;
Mk 9:30-37

A Note from the Pastor Continued...



As a reminder, we are all catechists, in that we should join together in passing on the faith. If you know someone who is considering joining the Catholic Faith, or someone who maybe simply needs to be asked, now is the time. We are holding our special Night of Inquiry on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in classroom 18. No commitment is necessary; it is just to find out what is involved. Also we are in real need of adults who are interested in our faith and willing to become members of our Team. Last year we revised our process and it seemed to work fairly well. The lessons are taught by DVD, but we need adults who can facilitate and lead a dialogue about the faith. You don't need to be a professional speaker or teacher, but just someone who is in love with our faith and willing to share that with others. Many times, the leaders tell me that they receive just as much from the work as the candidates and catechumens. Please contact me if interested.

God Bless You! Fr. Bordonaro

From the Health and Help Ministry



A special Thank You to Curt Di Furio of Halo Branded Solutions. Mr. Di Furio, a member of our parish, generously designed and donated the sign that was placed on the AED, (Automated External Defibrillator) which is located outside the sacristy. We know AED saves lives, we pray it will never have to be used.

Respect Life

From September 26th through November 4th you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life, 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to peacefully pray for one hour on Mon., Oct. 22nd, during the vigil at Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Drive. To take part in this parish commitment, there is a sign up sheet on the tables in the vestibule of the Church. For more information, please contact Libby McGinn 215-343-0203.

Monthly Food Drive



Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of October 6th and 7th. 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 generosity in September of 656 pounds of food!

CYO Sports

SJR CYO Fall Sports registration is open! SJR offers Volleyball for girls in grades 5 - 8, Soccer for boys & girls in grades 3 - 8 & Cross Country for boys & girls in grades 1 - 8. Please visit www.wagdogs.com

Treasures From Our Tradition

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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Listening and Responding

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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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!

September 2018

Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 16: Theme: "Enlisting witnesses for Jesus Christ."

Tues., Sept. 18: Opening night of class for grades K-6 and Sacrament class.

Tues., Sept. 25: Grades K-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

Golf Outing



The SJR CYO 16th Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Fri., Sept. 21st at Warminster Five Ponds Golf Course. The cost to play golf is \$125 (price has remained the same for all sixteen years) per golfer which includes, greens fee & cart, scramble format (shotgun start at noon), lunch, dinner, beer on the course, skills events and great prizes.

We are looking for sponsors & volunteers for the event. If you have any questions, please call Dominic Anzideo @ 215-692-9682.

CPR Classes at St. Joseph

Presented by the Health and Help Ministry

The Friends and Family CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible. Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life. Wed., Sept. 26th at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All are welcome. Donations accepted towards maintaining AED- future battery, pads etc.

Any questions or to sign up call: Jim's CPR and First Aid 267-221-0088

St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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SJR continues to accept registrations for the 2018/2019 school year.

- * Offers curriculum Pre-K through 8th grade
- * Options for half & full (5 day) Pre-K & Kindergarten
- * Before & After (CARES) program
- * Technology infused curriculum
- * Specialty teachers for Spanish, Music, Art, Technology, Library & Physical Education
- * Extracurricular activities & new Theater Arts
- * Our size is a highlighted strength

Connecting with St. Joseph/St. Robert School Alumni

We want to hear from SJR Alumni! Please help us stay connected. If you or your family graduated from SJR, visit the school website www.stjstr.org and click "Alumni" and fill out the form so we can keep in touch. Please pass the word to former classmates and alumni you may know.

Contact Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org if interested in helping with alumni activities or organizing a class reunion.



Check out SJR Alumni on Facebook "St. Joseph/St. Robert School Alumni" and *Like* the page to receive updates.

5th Annual BINGO BONANZA

Please Join Us! Sponsored by St. Joseph/St. Robert HSA

Ladies Night Out

Friday, October 12, 2018

7pm (Doors open at 6pm)

Basket Raffles * 50/50 * Door Prizes

Event will be held at Msgr. Marley Hall, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

Tickets - \$ 35 includes 15 Bingo rounds, Hot & Cold Beverages / Dessert, BYOB & Snacks

To purchase tickets please visit: www.stjstr.org or contact Daiana Fuller 215-801-8602

St. Joseph Music Ministry



St. Augustine is credited as saying, "*To sing is to pray twice.*"

Our Music Ministry is looking for new members!

Children's Choir: Grades 2 through 8- practice from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Church.

Adult Choir: Vocalists and instrumentalists- practice from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Church.

Cantors: Those with a good voice- individual rehearsals will be based on convenience of you & the Music Director.

Guitarist, pianists, organists, flutist, violinists, clarinets, trumpet players etc. We can find a spot for you!

Please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email at mariaalennon@comcast.net