



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,
 As we get back into the more regular rhythm of the year with school, CCD, Boy Scouts, RCIA, Senior Citizens, and various other groups and meetings I am inviting everyone to get involved in your parish. We are always looking for ways to increase participation on the parish level. If you feel you have a particular talent, please share that with whichever group you feel could best utilize that talent. If you are not sure where your talent will take you or how to be of service, I encourage you to ask one of the groups that already exist, or see me about possibly developing something new. It seems like we are always looking for volunteers whether helping out at the rectory, selling scrip after masses, helping out with CCD or school, or serving at Mass.

This is also the time of year when St. Joseph runs its Annual Stewardship Appeal. You should have already received this separate mailing. This Appeal is a very important way to support your parish. I ask you to give your donation serious thought and prayer. All of the money raised as part of this appeal stays here at St. Joseph parish and helps to keep the parish operating on a day to day basis. There is no way that St. Joseph Parish could survive simply on the weekly contributions collected. We depend on your generosity throughout the year, but especially during this important outreach. Please know that your generosity is sincerely appreciated. If you are not able to make the requested contribution, please make whatever donation that you feel is appropriate and supportive of your parish and know that it does make a difference. I also want to remind you that the census update form is included with this appeal. Please take the time to fill out the form so that our records can be as current as possible. If a child is away at college, but he/she still resides at home, please be sure to include them. If they have moved out of the house, please let us know that too.



This week we welcomed back the students in our CCD program. Right now we have 120 students joining us for this instruction in our faith. If you still have not registered for this class, please contact the CCD office as soon as possible.

This Wednesday, we will have our Night of Inquiry for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or considering entering it. Now is the time to register for this RCIA program so if you or someone you know is considering it, please contact the rectory at 215-672-3020 and let us know you plan on attending.



God Bless You!
 Fr. Bordonaro

Masses for the Week

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
Monday		8:00am	Frank Eells, 1 st Anniversary
Tuesday		8:00am	Frank Eells
Wednesday		8:00am	Norman & Marie Haugh
Thursday		8:00am	Mike & Pat McCloskey (<i>Living</i>)
Friday		8:00am	Domenica Speranza
Saturday		8:00am	Francis X. Eells
Saturday	<u>September 29, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Ronald Stinson
Sunday	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	7:00am	Maxim Soria, 7 th Anniversary
		8:30am	People of the Parish
		10:00am	Marie Bove
		11:30am	Shane Jones

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:

09/16/18: \$ **8,650.00**
 09/17/17: \$ 9,221.00



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

- * RCIA Night of Inquiry – 7 p.m. – Classroom 18
- * CPR Class – 7 p.m. – Church Hall

Thursday, September 27, 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: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
 Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
 Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
 Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
 Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
 Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 23, 2018**

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
 for those who cultivate peace.
 — James 3:18

Save the Date

This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on Sunday, December 2nd from 9am until 2pm. We will have great food, fabulous raffle baskets, 50/50, vendors, crafters, music, and of course Santa!

Stay tuned for more details.

If you'd like to join our team of volunteers to help with this year's Bazaar please contact Rita Roley at 215-872-0499 or email her at rroley2325@comcast.net

**Attention Businesses of St. Joseph Parish**

If you'd like to add an item or gift certificate to this year's Christmas Bazaar Raffle, please drop it off at the rectory in an envelope with *Christmas Bazaar* written on the front. You will be mentioned in the bulletin following the Bazaar as one of the many businesses that has supported this event.

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.

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

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.**

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 are sign up sheets on the tables in the vestibule of the Church. For more information, please contact Libby McGinn 215-343-0203.

Treasures From Our Tradition

**Catholic Education in America—
 A New Nation**



- ☞ In 1776, there are only 25,000 Catholics in America – 1% of population!
- ☞ In 1782, St. Mary's Parish School is opened in Philadelphia
- ☞ In 1789, Georgetown Academy established for boys aged 10-16 in Washington, DC
- ☞ In 1790, Jesuit John Carroll becomes first Catholic bishop of US (Baltimore)

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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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

Tues., Sept. 25: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

October 2018

Tues., Oct. 2: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session. First night of classes for Junior/Senior High School.

Tues., Oct. 9: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

Sun., Oct. 14: Blessing of Candidates for First Holy Communion will be held during 11:30 am Mass. All children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist must attend.

RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Night of Inquiry: **Wed., Sept. 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in classroom 18 (church building). Call the rectory at 215-672-3020 for information.

CPR Classes at St. Joseph

Presented by the Health and Help Ministry **CPR** 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 AHAs 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

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.

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Congratulations SJR for the First Place Award for the "Best" Private School in the "Best of Bucks" 2018 contest sponsored by The Intelligencer!

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