



**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,

October is annually observed as Respect Life Month in Catholic Churches across our nation. Human life is under constant attack in our culture today; from the moment of conception to natural death. Life is threatened because we no longer understand what it means to be human, and what our humanity calls forth from us in our responsibility to care for other persons. St. John Paul II in his encyclical the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae, EV) tells us that “For the Christian, it is an absolute imperative to respect, love and promote the life of every brother and sister, in accordance with the requirements of God’s bountiful love in Jesus Christ.” n. 77

Here is a reflection on the theme for Respect Life 2018.

**Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent**

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ’s transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.

We are called to be messengers of God’s love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is sent.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God’s transforming, life-giving love.

October is also the time when we have our “October Count” during Mass. We count all those in attendance at all of our Saturday night and Sunday Masses and forward those numbers to the Archdiocese. Please pardon the additional clicking noise during Mass, and thank you to our ushers for taking the count.

Finally I want to invite everyone to our 40 Hours Celebration. This is a special time that we set aside to worship Jesus in the Eucharist. It will take place on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 14-16. Adoration will begin after the last Mass of the day and continue through to Evening Prayer with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. each day. Our homilist is Fr. Timothy Christy, the Vicar General and the Vicar for Evangelization and Communication for the diocese of Metuchen, NJ. There will be no public recitation of the Rosary that Monday night.

God Bless You!  
Fr. Bordonaro



<b>Saturday</b>	<u>September 29, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Ronald Stinson
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	7:00am	Maxim Soria, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
		8:30am	People of the Parish
		10:00am	Marie Bove
		11:30am	Shane Jones
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	St. Joseph Memorial Society
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	JoAnna Ashburn
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Robert N. Boland, Sr., 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Delores Kroutch
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	James J. Gehringer
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Marie & Carl Bove
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>October 6, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Robert Joseph Smith
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>October 7, 2018</u>	7:00am	Leroy J. Smedley, Sr.
		8:30am	Raymond Generale
		10:00am	People of the Parish
		11:30am	Marie Snyder

**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.

**Monthly Food Drive**



Our next food collection is scheduled for next weekend, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, October 1, 2018**

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

**Thursday, October 4, 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:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50  
**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62  
**Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12  
**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16  
**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24  
**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 30, 2018**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. — *Psalm 19:8*

**Respect Life**



From September 26<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**National Respect Life Sunday**



The weekend of October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> the Respect Life Committee will have baby bottles available. We ask you to take bottles home and fill them with change, dollars, or checks and return them the weekend of the Hope Committee's baby shower for your Spiritually Adopted baby diaper drive, October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to the Pro-Life Union (of Greater Philadelphia).

**Life Chain**

National Respect Life ~ Sun., Oct. 7 from 2-3 p.m. Bring a chair if needed. Signs, prayers and code of conduct are provided. Bucks County: Nativity of Our Lord Church on Street Rd. to Planned Parenthood, Louis Drive. Montgomery County: Abington Hospital in both directions on Rt. 611. See the representative on the left corner for location and signs.

**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto: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.

**Financial Report**

**August 2018**

**Sunday Collections:**

09/23/18: \$ 7,839.00  
 09/24/17: \$ 8,532.00



**E-Giving:**

08/18: \$6,080.16  
 08/17: \$4,812.39

**MONTHLY REPORT**



School Subsidy	\$ 10,919.04
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,400.00
Disability Insurance	\$ 97.92
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,266.67
Property Insurance	\$ 683.00
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 154.83
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 218.75
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 1,283.00
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 1,379.40
Priest Ancillary Benefits	\$ 300.00
Priest Pension	\$ 8.33
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 1,930.00
Employee Pay	\$ 26,639.97
Music Ministry	\$ 1,655.70
Payroll Service	\$ 152.80
PECO	\$ 1,502.77
Verizon	\$ 632.12
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 315.16
Comcast Cable	\$ 140.85
Computer Support	\$ 222.50
Supplies	\$ 3,212.60
Services	\$ 530.46
Church Parking Lot Paving	\$ 45,500.00

**Save the Date**



This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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!

### 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.

## Treasures From Our Tradition



From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Archbishop Wood High School

**Sun., Oct. 7** ~ Fall Open House 9:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a continental breakfast, tours, meet the teachers, and activities fair until 12:30 p.m. **Sat., Oct. 13 & 20** ~ 8th Grade Scholarship/Entrance Exam at 8:30 a.m. and **Mon., Oct. 15** at 4:00 p.m. Register online at [www.archwood.org](http://www.archwood.org)  
Contact: Ms. Roschetz at 215-672-5050 ext. 268.

## St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

**Please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon** at 215-896-9484 or email at [mariaalennon@comcast.net](mailto:mariaalennon@comcast.net)