



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,

Next week we will celebrate our special days of Eucharistic Adoration known as “40 Hours.” The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops says, “The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.”

You are invited to join us for some quiet prayer or for the communal evening prayer as the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance on our altar during the day and evening starting Sunday Oct. 14th, and continuing Monday the 15th and Tuesday the 16th. **Please take the opportunity to sign up to cover a 30 minute or 60 minute period of time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheets are at the 3 church exits.** This year we are having a Traditional 40 Hours celebration with Evening prayer on each night beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by Benediction. Please note that we will not have the regular Monday Night Rosary on the 15th. Tuesday our evening prayers will also include a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The procession is a symbol of the Church on pilgrimage. We are all hopefully making our way towards God’s Kingdom and the short walk reminds us that we are called to be moving in faith towards heaven. This year we welcome again my friend Fr. Timothy Christy as our guest preacher at all three evening prayer services. Fr. Christy was a pastor for a number of years and now he is the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelization and Communication and the Moderator of the Curia, as well as the Vicar General for the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey.

Respect Life Sunday is today. You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"! Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife. St. Joseph is once again participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign which is a peaceful witness across the street from the Planned Parenthood Office on Louis Drive in Warminster. Our parish date to be present is Monday October 22nd from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please consider signing up to spend one hour that day with us in Warminster, praying for an end to abortion. The sign-up sheets are on the tables in the back hallway.



We have some fantastic news to announce about our grade school. National Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos announced on Monday that St. Joseph/St. Robert (SJR) grade school was named a **Blue Ribbon School of Excellence** for 2018. This is a tremendous honor recognizing our school for its overall academic excellence and achievement. This honor is even more exceptional when you consider that the distinction was only given to 349 schools across our country and of those, only 49 were bestowed upon private (including parish) schools. This honor simply confirms what a great job our principal Mrs. Debbie Jaster, and her superb team of faculty and staff are doing. Thank you to all the parishioners who support our school, and keep up the excellent work SJR!
 God Bless You! Fr. Bordonaro



Saturday	<u>October 6, 2018</u>	5:30pm Robert Joseph Smith
Sunday	<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
Monday		8:00am John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00am Luigi and Giretta Milano
Wednesday		8:00am Myrtle M. Gallen, 17 th Anniversary
Thursday		8:00am David Dziedzic
Friday		8:00am Renee Gambino
Saturday		8:00am Deceased Members of Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>October 13, 2018</u>	5:30pm Charles Dampf
Sunday	<u>October 14, 2018</u>	7:00am Joan Vollmar 8:30am Anna Colliton 10:00am Robert Goldsworth 11:30am People of the Parish

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:

09/30/18: \$ **9,039.00**
 10/01/17: \$ 11,231.00



This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, October 8, 2018**
- * Adoration – All Day – Church
 - * Senior Citizens Meeting – 11 a.m. – Church Hall
 - * Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church
 - * Men’s Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg
- Thursday, October 11, 2018**
- * Children’s Choir Practice – 4:30 p.m. – Church
 - * BSA Troop 137 – 7:00 p.m. – Church Hall
 - * Adult’s Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. - Church

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 7, 2018

Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such
as these. — *Mark 10:14*

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.

National Respect Life Sunday



The weekend of October 6th & 7th 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 27th and 28th. 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.

Rosary Rally



Please join us on Saturday, October 13th, the 101st anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's miracle of the Sun, to pray the rosary for America. We will join in the Public Square Rosary Rally Crusade at Noon, rain or shine, on the grassy corner of York and Street roads, (bank corner) Warminster. For more information, contact Chris Lawson, 215.896.6613, cvlawson5@gmail.com.

Monthly Food Drive



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

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 rrole2325@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.

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.

FALL TRIP TO ITALY

November 4-14th, 2018 ~ * Only 4 Spots Remain! * Group trips usually have you running and rushing through a whirlwind of sites at such a fast pace that it leaves you forgetting almost everything. Our Trip is uniquely different! We have a trip designed to truly take-in and experience Italy. Travel with Father Jim DeGrassa and Father Matt Tralies for the trip of a lifetime. For information about our itinerary, pricing, and registration, contact Susan from select tours at 800-842-4842 or susan@select-intl.com.



St. Joseph Men's Group

The church's Men's Group is two years strong. Many men have grown in their faith and enjoyed great fellowship with other men of the parish. We will be starting a new program in the fall and would like your input. If interested, please attend a planning session on October 15 at 8 pm in room 18 of the church. We will start the new program in November.

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. 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

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from "popery" to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a "chapel." Catholic "Emancipation" was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

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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. on Thursdays in Church.

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

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

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The United States Department Of Education Announces the **2018 National Blue Ribbon Schools Of Excellence**

Five Catholic grade schools in Bucks or Eastern Montgomery counties were among 18 schools in Pennsylvania and 349 in the country to receive the honor.

Honored were Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Doylestown Borough, St. Jude in Chalfont, **St. Joseph/St. Robert in Warrington**, St. Katharine Drexel Regional in Northampton and Mater Dei Regional in Lansdale.

Blue Ribbon winners are chosen from among schools nominated by education officials in their states, a U.S. Department of Education release said. The winners are "exemplary, high performing schools based on overall academic performance as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests."

Philadelphia Archdiocese Elementary Education Secretary Andrew McLaughlin said he was elated to have so many archdiocesan schools honored.

"Blue Ribbon awards are a testament to the partnership among the faculty, staff and school families, as well as all of the hard work to provide a Christ-centered quality 21st Century education to each and every young person in their care," he said.



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

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.