



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,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration. We have a lot to be grateful for, and it is good to pause and give thanks to God. Thank you to all who helped make our SJR School Open House a success. Our students are really doing great work, and it is good that we can highlight them in this way. We celebrated our school in a special way this year for achieving the distinction of becoming a **National Blue Ribbon School**. If anyone is interested in registering for our Pre-K or Kindergarten, please contact the school as soon as possible (215-343-5100), as registration is now open to those from outside the parishes as well.



Both our school and CCD have worked to provide for those less fortunate by making gift boxes to be donated to the Samaritan's purse program.

Thank you to those students who helped provide a nice gift to those in need. Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Next week we will have the special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is the collection that helps to support the retired Religious Sisters and Brothers who taught so many of us. Archbishop Chaput has asked us to communicate this letter in advance of the collection.



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we review the history of the Catholic Church in the United States, we are aware of the example and contribution of outstanding men and women in consecrated religious life. Here in our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Saint John Neumann and

Saint Katharine Drexel stand out prominently and we revere their memory. These two notable figures invite us to reflect upon the ministry and service of those unsung consecrated religious, so very many throughout the decades, that have built up our local Church.

These consecrated persons, men and women, have lived out their sacred calling in exemplary fashion. By their service in education, health ministry, caring for the most needy, and in contemplative life they have been visible instruments of God's grace. Living out daily their faithful commitment, they have enabled persons of every background to accept and rejoice in the Gospel.

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Saturday	<u>November 24, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Deceased Members of McAloon Family
Sunday	<u>November 25, 2018</u>	7:00am	Doris Teufel
		8:30am	Dolores Kroutch
		10:00am	People of the Parish
		11:30am	Helen Eells
Monday		8:00am	Deceased Members of St. Joseph Senior Citizens
Tuesday		8:00am	Margaret Cloud
Wednesday		8:00am	William Holman
Thursday		8:00am	Helene Hughes
Friday		8:00am	Joanne Kokol
Saturday		8:00am	Sister Charles Mary Hanlon, IHM
Saturday	<u>December 1, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Ann Dolores Kroutch
Sunday	<u>December 2, 2018</u>	7:00am	Ann Dolores Kroutch
		8:30am	Raymond Generale
		10:00am	Pasquale Speranza
		11:30am	People of the Parish

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Alicia Cruz, Marcella Fay, John Ferro, Bill Gaida, Madeline Gorniak, Russel Heim, Dave McKay, Rose Murphy, baby Ronan Power, Michael Roche, and Wayne Woodruff.

Sunday Collections:

11/18/18: \$ *Not available at time of publication*

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 26, 2018

- * Adoration – All Day – Church
- * Senior Citizens Meeting – 11 a.m. – Church Hall
- * Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 29, 2018

- * Children's Choir Practice – 4:30 p.m. – Church
- * BSA Troop 137 – 7:30 p.m. – Rectory Basement
- * Adult's Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. - Church

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25, 2018**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. —
Revelation 1:5

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

A Note from the Pastor Continued...



With gratitude for their dedicated service and yet recognizing the situation confronting so many congregations with declining vocations and caring for their senior members, each year our Archdiocese participates in the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. This collection provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate gratitude and personal concern for how they have affected each of us.

As Archbishop and as a Religious, I ask prayers for our consecrated persons who strive to live out their special calling. Likewise, I encourage your generous support for this national collection scheduled for December 1-2, 2018. May the Lord reward your generosity and may His peace fill your hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 +Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
 God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

Christ is King



On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

Monthly Food Drive



Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of December 1st and 2nd. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar



COME ONE ~ COME ALL to this year's Christmas Bazaar. Start your Christmas Shopping early with over 30 unique crafters and of course Santa! 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.



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.

Donations now being accepted

If you'd like to donate items for this year's raffle baskets for our 12/2 Christmas Bazaar, please leave your new/unused items on the table outside of Room 14 at the church. **We are accepting basket items until Wednesday, 11/21.** If you'd like to make your own basket we can use themed baskets such as Chocolate Lovers, Night Out, Dinner and a Movie, Kids Baskets, Baby Baskets or use your imagination, thanks!

Baked Items

BAKERS NEEDED for the Bazaar. Baked items can be dropped off 12/1 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday or Sunday, 12/2 before 10 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall.

Call or email Rita Roley with any questions at 215-872-0499 rrolely2325@comcast.net.

Respect Life



Please join other parishioners on **Wed., Dec. 5th** 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. (Not necessary to sign up, but helpful.)

177 Project

This fall, the 177 Project is partnering with 22 different artists to bring an evening of **Eucharistic Adoration and music** to every single diocese in the US! On **November 29, 2018, we'll be at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Warrington**, and we want you to join us. Tickets to the evening are completely free and you can get yours by visiting the177project.com. Can't wait to see you there!

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!

November 2018

Tues., Nov. 27: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

December 2018

Mon., Dec. 3: 7:30 p.m. in Church. Children receiving First Holy Communion in May 2019 (Third Graders) will receive rosaries and prayer books during Monday Night Rosary Service.

Tues., Dec. 4: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School. Advent Penance Service for children.

Tues., Dec. 11: Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session.

Tues., Dec. 18: Family Advent Presentation. Last CCD class until January 8, 2019. Merry Christmas!

Treasures From Our Tradition



Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen

how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!

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The United States Department Of
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**2018 National Blue Ribbon School
Of Excellence**

National Geography Bee Finalists!

The following students will participate in our school – wide Geography Bee on 12/14:

Gr. 8: Hannah Buckleman, Ryan Byrne, Shane Golebiewski

Grade 7: Albert Funk, Michael Funk, Patrick Gozdan

Grade 6: Phillip Buckleman, Brendan Kearney

Grade 5: Gianna Aguilar, Nick Sheldon

Good luck to all!

Service Corps is selling **Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets** for \$3.00. Checks should be made payable to SJR. Please contact the school office for purchase.

CD's and Books



**SEE WHAT'S NEW FOR
ADVENT IN OUR PARISH
RESOURCE CENTER!**

Look for new titles in our CD & Book stand: Get practical ideas on parenting delivered with wit and wisdom by clinical psychologist and father of ten Dr. Ray Guarendi. Be inspired by Matthew Kelly's talks on prayer, the power of the Eucharist, and the joy of living out our Catholic faith. You'll find treasures like "Amazing Grace" songs by Marty Rotella, a cute book for children about a "Christmas bear," and even a "spiritual coloring book!" (Great stocking stuffers too!) Thank you for your donations in the slot at the stand to support our partnership with StewardshipMission.org.

St. Joseph Music Ministry



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

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

Attention Veterans



United We Stand Veterans Benefit Enrollment Event November 27th from 4-6 p.m. at the Villages at Pine Valley Clubhouse, 900 Pine Valley Boulevard,

Phila, PA 19111. Veterans and or spouses are encouraged to attend to learn about benefits and to enroll on the spot for healthcare benefits. Please RSVP by calling 1-800-818-4747; space is limited.