

**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 (Except Jan. 1):** 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,  
 Congratulations to our St. Joseph/St.

Robert student thespians! Last Saturday they put on a production of the Wizard of Oz, Jr. at Archbishop Wood High School and they did an amazing job! Over 650 people were in attendance. Many of our children were involved from Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in making and arranging the sets, producing the professional style Playbill, acting, singing, dancing and more. Mrs. Lauren Kulp, parent of a second grader and owner of Bravo dance studio was the director, our art teacher, Mrs. Branchide, made many of the props and set pieces, Mrs. Durkin our early childhood teacher was the munchkin wrangler. They put on such an entertaining, enjoyable, and funny show; I loved every minute of it. Our principal, Mrs. Jaster continues to say that we are having our best year ever because first we were selected as one of The Intelligencer's 2018 Best private schools in Bucks county. Then we were named as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Now our young people have put on such a terrific performance, it feels like we are on a roll. We certainly have a lot to be proud of at SJR.



The Christmas Bazaar was a great success; thank you to all our vendors and volunteers. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Rita Roley, and her fantastic team of helpers. They planned and executed a great event for the parish. A job well done!

In the midst of all the hustle and preparations it is important that we take time to acknowledge the benefits and gifts God has blessed us with; I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the sacrifices you have made on behalf of your parish throughout the year. I am very grateful for your continued emotional, spiritual, and financial support. Your generosity inspires us all. I also want to repeat my thank you to all of our parish volunteers and remind you to pick up a special token of appreciation in classroom 18 starting next week. You can choose from a number of previous items, or this year we are offering the same mug from last year. You can have a matched set by picking up another one. It is a custom mug with an imprint of our parish church.

The schedule for the remaining days of Advent is as follows: Our **Parish Penance** opportunity will be this **Thursday Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m.** Additional priests will be on hand to hear confessions. Remember, there will be no actual penance service, but rather confessions will start being heard at 7:00 p.m. In addition, confessions are offered on **Saturday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** and later that same evening from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The best opportunity will be December 13<sup>th</sup> with several additional confessors.

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<b>Saturday</b>	<u>December 8, 2018</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>December 9, 2018</u>	7:00am	Joseph A. Gallen, Jr.
		8:30am	Raymond Bleau
		10:00am	Domenica Speranza
		11:30am	Joseph G. Oberlies
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	John F. Hayes & Family
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	Joseph P. Chapman, 48 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Rose & Sam Langetti
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Bridget Callaghan
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	David Dziedzic
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Deceased Members of the Sansoni Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>December 15, 2018</u>	5:30pm	Charles Dampf
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>December 16, 2018</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Linda Generale
		10:00am	Raymond & Clara Young
		11:30am	Mary Ann Dowzicky

**Please Pray For**



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Robert Conrad, 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:**

12/02/18: \$ 9,561.00  
 12/03/17: \$ 9,506.00

**Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018**

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.  
 — Baruch 5:7

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

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

**Thursday, December 13, 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

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**A Note from the Pastor Continued...**

I know I mentioned this last week but it needs to be mentioned again. I am talking about parking in the near lot and leaving large open gaps in the middle. I ask your assistance once again with this issue especially during the Christmas Masses. When parking in the lot closest to the Church, please pull all the way up to the preceding car. If everyone parks in an end spot, we prevent others from getting a space. Also some of our guests may not be familiar with our parking routines and so I ask your help and patience in keeping it as orderly as possible.



God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

**St. Joseph Music Ministry**

*It's not too late to offer your musical gifts for Christmas!!*

We are looking for more *singers*, and *trumpet, flute, oboe, or violin* players to enhance our Christmas liturgies! The *Children's Choir* will be singing at the

5:30 Mass Christmas Eve, and the *Adult Choir* will be at the 10:00 am Christmas Mass. We are also forming a *group* to cover the 11:30 Christmas morning Mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:45 for the Children's Choir, and from 7:30 to 9:30 for the Adult Choir. Additional practices will be based on availability of singers. Please feel free to join us on any Thursday evening, or contact Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or at mariaalennon@comast.net. New members are welcome any time! We can work out a flexible schedule convenient for you! No prior singing experience is necessary to sing praise to the Lord!!

**Monthly Food Drive**

Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

**Correction!** Please note there is an error in Mass times for **New Year's Day ~ Holy Day of Obligation ~** in the Christmas Mailer.

Mass times are:

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**Treasures From Our Tradition**

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the

schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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**St. Joseph Men's Group**

Please join the men of the parish on the first and third Mondays each month -- we are starting a new series; here are the upcoming topics to be discussed:

12/17: *Life After Sunday Series*

(topic: Beauty); <http://www.lifeaftersunday.com/issues/las-Beauty.pdf>

The sessions to be held in room 18, from 8 to 9 pm; all men are invited.

## 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!

### December 2018

**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!

### January 2019

**Thurs., Jan. 3:** Teachers' Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Valley Road School Building.

**Tues., Jan. 8:** Grades 1-6 and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School.

**Tues., Jan. 15:** All Grades and Sacrament Class in session. 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders should report directly to the Church at 6 p.m. for Reconciliation practice and be picked up at the Church at 7 p.m.

**Wed., Jan. 16:** Sacrament of First Penance for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, 7 p.m. in the Church.

## CD's and Books



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.

## Society of Catholic Scientists

The Society of Catholic Scientists is an international lay organization founded in June of 2016 to foster fellowship among Catholic scientists and to witness to the harmony of faith and reason. The Society hopes to answer the call of Pope St. John Paul II that 'members of the Church who are active scientists' be of service to those who are attempting to 'integrate the worlds of science and religion in their own intellectual and spiritual lives.' In its first two years, the SCS grew to over 800 members. Over 120 scientists attended its 2018 conference, along with dozens of theologians, philosophers, and historians. To learn more about this new organization in the Church, visit <http://www.catholicscientists.org/>

## St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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## St. Joseph Giving Tree



We are very grateful for your support of our Giving Tree. We ask that you return your gift by Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to the Giving Tree Box – placed at the base of the tree. You are asked to supply a gift card in the amount of \$25 - \$35 from a department store, or check to St. Joseph (for tuition) to help meet the particular need. (Our scrip sellers will have extra cards on hand).

## Immaculata University

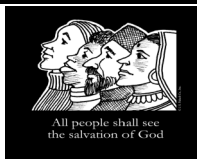
**Christmas Meet and Greet for Prospective Students**

Wednesday, December 12, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Green Room of Villa Maria Hall on the University's Campus, 1145 W King Rd., Immaculata, PA 19345.

Prospective students are invited to view Immaculata's beautiful Christmas decorations and enjoy light refreshments. Weather permitting, current students will provide lantern-lit tours of the campus and its holiday lights.

This event will include an informal information session and opportunities to talk with current students and admissions and financial aid representatives. For more information, please contact the office of admission at 484-323-3060 or [admiss@immaculata.edu](mailto:admiss@immaculata.edu), or register online at [www.immaculata.edu/visit](http://www.immaculata.edu/visit).

## Awaiting the Salvation of God



The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.