

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.

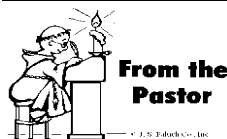
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
 215-672-3020.

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,
I hope that all of you were able to celebrate "EMMANUEL....GOD WITH US"....The whole of the Advent and Christmas seasons point to this

reality. God, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, is with us. From "the Word made Flesh" of Christmas to the "I will not leave you orphans" of Pentecost, we are constantly assured that the God who loved us into being continues to walk with us. As we celebrate the season of Christmas, it is good for us to rekindle the awareness of God with us. That gift coming from the stable in Bethlehem sustains and strengthens us each day. Continuing in prayer to be grateful for the gift of Emmanuel will see us through whatever blessings and challenges we are presented with in the New Year because we have the confidence of knowing we are supported and consoled by God with us.

At this time of year I like to take the opportunity to thank some people who made this year's celebration such a wonderful expression of faith. In particular I would like to recognize all of our musicians and cantors. Their talents made the entire church full with joyful praise. Thank you to Mrs. Maria Lennon for all her time and effort in coordinating our worship with the adult choir, children's choir and various cantors, and our Contemporary Mass group and the "Joyful Sounds" guitar groups who all consistently do an excellent job! I also thank the priests who have helped us out over the year including Fr. Tom Duffy, Msgr. Richard Bolger, and Msgr. Jim McCoy.



Special thanks to all the other Ministers of the Mass including our altar servers (both Student and Adult), Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you also to those who help to count the collection and do other supportive things behind the scenes. Thank you also to Mrs. Carla Venditti, Mrs. Karen Baranowski and their team of helpers for taking our beautiful church and making it look special for the Christmas season. Please remember to pray for all those names listed on our "Christmas Flowers" envelopes. Your memorial envelopes will be placed in the manger for the duration of the Christmas Season. Finally, I thank all who sent cards, gifts, and/or food to the rectory; your expressions of care, love and concern are sincerely appreciated. In addition I want to recognize and thank those who continue to make financial sacrifices for St. Joseph parish, your generosity at Christmas and throughout the year is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings.

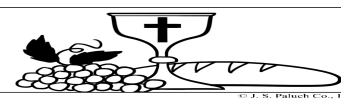
I also want to remind our numerous volunteers to pick up a small token of our appreciation from Classroom 18. The "featured gift" this year is once again a personalized coffee mug with a picture of St. Joseph Church on it.



Tuesday, January 1, 2019 **is** a Holy Day of Obligation. So the Mass times are: **Vigil Mass Monday, Dec. 31, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Masses on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 are at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.** Please note that there is **NO** 7:00 a.m. or evening Mass on January 1.

May God Bless You and Happy 2019!
Fr. Bordonaro

Masses for the Week



Saturday	<u>December 29, 2018</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>December 30, 2018</u>	7:00am	Eleanor McDonald
		8:30am	Snyder Grossman Family
		10:00am	Robert Hagan
		11:30am	Helen Eells
Monday		8:00am	Cecilia G. Chapman
Vigil of the Solemnity		5:30pm	Joseph T. Conahan
Tuesday		8:30am	People of the Parish
Solemnity		10:00am	Joan Trippetti
		11:30am	Rick Hirsch
Wednesday		8:00am	Domenica Speranza
Thursday		8:00am	Alice Taylor
Friday		8:00am	Mary Maines
Saturday		8:00am	Deceased Members of the Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>January 5, 2019</u>	5:30pm	Deceased Members of the DiTore
Sunday	<u>January 6, 2019</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Raymond Generale
		10:00am	Robert Hagan
		11:30am	Helen Eells

Please Pray For



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

Sunday Collections:

Not available at time of publication

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 31, 2018

- * No Adoration
- * No Monday Night Rosary

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

- * Solemnity of Mary ~ Holy Day of Obligation
- * Rectory Closed

Thursday, January 3, 2019

- * 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: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2018**


Beloved, we are God’s children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

St. Joseph Men’s Group


ATTENTION! Please join the men of the parish on the first and third Mondays each month -- we are starting a new series;
1/7: *Explosion of the Catholic Church in Africa*
1/21: Topic TBD

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


Addiction Support

 **Spiritual Support for Addiction: Hope in Christ Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery?** Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God’s merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Visit archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.


Job Opportunity

 Food service worker and coffee shop employee needed for Aramark at Archbishop Wood High School. Please call 610-254-8008 or e-mail: taglieber-matthew@aramark.com for more information. EOE .

Monthly Food Drive

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

Treasures From Our Tradition

 Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Home is Where the Family Is

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

Catholic Comedy Show

"Bible Bingo" ~ A Comedy of God, Games & Goofy Prizes. Saturday, January 26th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Gym, Hilltown. Tickets \$25 per person. Online tickets are available for purchase at <https://www.olshilltown.com/parish100biblebingo/>. *Questions:* Please call OLSH Rectory at (215) 822-9224 or olsh@comcast.net.

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!

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. 3rd 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 3rd Graders, 7 p.m. in the Church.

Retrouvaille

Malvern Retreat House

315 S. Warren Avenue Malvern, PA 19355

Weekend Retreat: February 8-10, 2019

Retrouvaille for Stressed or Troubled Marriages

A healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. Go to malvernretreat.com/eve for more information.

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. Thank you for your donations in the slot at the stand to support our partnership with StewardshipMission.org.

Pre-Cana Workshop at St. Jude Parish

St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional Marriage Preparation day for engaged couples. Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. Our next session is scheduled for Saturday, February 16th, 2019. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179 office@stjudechalfont.org

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Welcome to SJR

St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR), with Jesus as our foundation and inspiration, prepares students to live fully through His message of love, courage, and compassion. Our philosophy of academic rigor and relevance prepares our students to be contributing members of the Church and the global community.

Giving Opportunities (go to STJSTR.org for more info.)

* **Sponsor A Student** – This program offers financial support to those students at SJR that are in need of tuition assistance.

* **Matching Gifts** – Help twice as many students with your donation! Many employers have programs that will match their employees' charitable contributions. Donors are encouraged to find out if their employers have a matching gift policy to help increase the contributions they are making to our school.

* **EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) Program** – Business owners can take advantage of a sizable tax credit for its state tax obligation by donating to a non-profit scholarship program.

* **Planned Giving** – St. Joseph/St. Robert School is proud of its alumni and local community. Their constant support has continued to enable our school to thrive in the 21st century. A simple way to ensure this support in the future is to make a planned gift by adding SJR as a beneficiary in your will. Contact your attorney, tax advisor or estate planner to designate St. Joseph / St. Robert School in your will.

Retreat for Women

Saturday, January 12, 2019 ~ 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Pope John Paul II High School, Royersford PA

Event for Women:

A Day of Healing with You are Made New Ministry
Do you struggle with anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, self-criticism? Come! Let the Lord meet you right where you are and guide you forward. Retreat activities include inspiring talks, community-building, healing prayer, personal reflection, music and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for any woman seeking healing and freedom from adverse patterns or habits - of body, mind, and emotion – in order to live fully in the love and freedom that the Lord desires for us. Facilitators for the day are De Yarrison, CPCC and Fr. Stephen DeLacy. Learn more & register: <https://youaremadenew.com/healing-retreats/>.