

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.

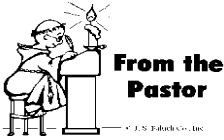
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,
 Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is the manifestation of the Lord's glory to all the nations, and then next

Sunday we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which is the last official day of the Christmas season, on the following Monday we begin the period known as Ordinary Time. While we will have to say goodbye to the Christmas decorations and the Nativity scene, we will try to keep the poinsettias going for as long as possible. By the way, I want to thank Carla Venditti and Karen Baranowski for watering the flowers. They truly made our celebrations a fitting tribute to the Glory of God. Your "Christmas Flower envelopes" with your intentions written on them have been on the altar since Christmas. Thank you for supporting the Christmas decorations through these donations.

Soon our young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they come to experience the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus. Hopefully, we will see this as a reminder that we all need to stay close to the Lord, and that whenever we have placed an obstacle in our relationship with God, He gives us the opportunity to have that obstacle removed.



I want to take the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge all of the kindnesses, gifts, and food sent to the parish and to me personally over the past few weeks. Your care and true concern are truly the heart of this parish and two of the things that make this parish so great. I also want to thank you for your generous support of our Christmas collection. We do not have the final tallies yet, but that collection remains one of the most important ones in helping us meet our financial obligations throughout the year. Thank you for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish.



The annual March for Life will take place in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 18, 2019. The theme for this year is "Unique From Day One." Being pro-life is not in opposition to science. It's quite the opposite in fact! Medical and technological advancements continue to reaffirm the science behind the pro-life cause – that life begins at fertilization, or day one, when egg meets sperm and a new, unique, human embryo is created. From the moment of fertilization, our DNA is present, whether it's 23 pairs of chromosomes or 22. The unique fingerprint that each of us has – distinguishing us from any other human on the planet, is determined by that DNA at day one! Right from the beginning of life, you are becoming the unique, incredible, unrepeatable person that you are!

May God Bless You!
 Fr. Bordonaro

Masses for the Week



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
Monday	8:00am	St. Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday	8:00am	Rev. James J. Foley
Wednesday	8:00am	Rose & Sam Langetti
Thursday	8:00am	William Holman, 3 rd Anniversary
Friday	8:00am	Evelyn Brennan
Saturday	8:00am	Nicholas Mattera (Living)
Saturday	<u>January 12, 2019</u> 5:30pm	Caitlin McGarry
Sunday	<u>January 13, 2019</u>	
	7:00am	Emilia Dass
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Helen Eells
	11:30am	William G. Nelson, 5 th Anniversary

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:

12/23/18:	\$ 10,677.00
12/24/17:	\$ 9,682.00
12/25/18:	\$25,685.25
12/25/17:	\$28,577.00


This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, January 7, 2019**
 * Adoration – All Day – Church
 * Rosary – 7:30 p.m.
 * Men's Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg
- Thursday, January 10, 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 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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;
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 this weekend, 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

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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Finding God

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi’s home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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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.olsh-hilltown.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

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.

Retrouaille

Malvern Retreat House

315 S. Warren Avenue Malvern, PA 19355

Weekend Retreat: February 8-10, 2019

Retrouaille 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. Retrouaille 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/>.