

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,

The Christmas season ends today with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Starting on Monday we begin celebrating Ordinary Time, when we remember the day to day ministry of Jesus. While we have to say goodbye to the Christmas decorations, 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 throughout this entire time. We got our flowers from the Molenaar greenhouse this year and they were quite spectacular. Thank you also to all those who memorialized a loved one on the Christmas Decorations envelope, your support helped to make our celebrations special. Those intentions have been on the reredos for the entire Christmas season.

This week 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 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.



May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Archbishop Chaput has asked that the following letter be communicated throughout the Archdiocese in the month of January:



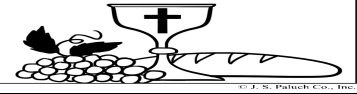
Dear Friends in Christ,

As we near the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, celebrated on February 2, we once again take this opportunity to acknowledge in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the many men and women who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. Saint John Paul II spoke of the different forms of consecrated life as "the many branches which [sink their] roots into the Gospel and brings forth abundant fruit in every season of the Church's life." These diverse forms include: Monastic Life, the Orders of Virgins, Hermits, and Institutes completely devoted to contemplation, Societies of Apostolic Life, Secular Institutes, and new or renewed forms of the consecrated life. We're blessed to have each of these forms represented in the Archdiocese.

Today, in our Church and in our world, the dedicated witness of consecrated men and women is essential. The need for that special form of witness, along with prayer and the Sacraments as weapons of holiness, has never been more obvious. So please pray for an increase of vocations to consecrated life, and an increase in spiritual and material support for those who choose to heed God's call.

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Masses for the Week



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
Monday		8:00am	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00am	David Dziedzic
Wednesday		8:00am	Linda Generale
Thursday		8:00am	Lucy Foley
Friday		8:00am	Barbara Solis
Saturday		8:00am	Barbara Solis
Saturday	<u>January 19, 2019</u>	5:30pm	Ms. Kitty Casey
Sunday	<u>January 20, 2019</u>	7:00am	Pat Kiley
		8:30am	Helen Eells
		10:00am	People of the Parish
		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:

01/06/19: \$ 10,596.00
01/07/18: \$ 9,714 .00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 14, 2019

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

- * First Penance – 7:00 p.m. - Church

Thursday, January 17, 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: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monthly Food Drive



Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**



The Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.— *Titus 3:5*

A Note from the Pastor Continued...



This year we would also like to invite all consecrated women and men to come for a Holy Hour at 11 :00 a.m. at the Cathedral Chapel of Saints Peter and Paul, prior to the 12:05 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Feast of the Presentation on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

May the gift of vocations to the consecrated life and the many founders and foundresses who have been raised to be "Clouds of Witnesses" in our Archdiocese continue to be that source of inspiration for all of us as Catholic Christians as we celebrate once again, the World Day of Consecrated Life.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,
 Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

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;

1/21: Topic *TBD*
 2/4: Life After Sunday Series -- Beauty
 (<http://www.lifeaftersunday.com/issues/las-Body.pdf>)

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

Contributions/Donations to St. Joseph Church



If you would like a copy of your 2018 Contributions to St. Joseph Church, please make your request known to the Rectory by calling Mon.-Fri, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. or email sjc18976@verizon.net. Please allow a week to process your request.

Pre-Cana Workshop at St. Jude Parish



St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional Marriage Preparation day for engaged couples. 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

Treasures From Our Tradition

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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Called to Serve

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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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. 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.

Tues., Jan. 22: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session. “Protecting God’s Children” Classes will be presented to all grades.

Tues., Jan. 29: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session.

March for Life

Join us for the March for Life

Please join us in witnessing to the Sanctity of Life!

Fri., Jan. 18th

We will leave St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, approximately 8:30 a.m.

Please contact Janet Cline at 215-343-4572 for details.

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.

Respect Life



Please join other parishioners on Wed., Feb. 6th 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. (Sign ups are helpful, not necessary)

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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.

SJR CYO ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY

Please come out and help support our CYO program at our annual Super Bowl Party on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 7:30PM until midnight in Monsignor Marley Hall (St. Robert Bellarmine Parish.) Tickets are \$40 each for buffet dinner, soups, salads, coffee, desserts, beer and DJ. We will also have: Super Bowl block pools, 50/50’s, gift baskets and door prizes. For more information call Paul Dickson 215-771-4471.

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

