



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,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to Mrs. Jaster, our principal, and all of her teachers, staff, and volunteers. Thank you also to our parishioners. Without your support of Catholic education, we could not fulfill this part of our mission as church. Our school is a real blessing to our families. It is a true community where we are, “Focused on Faith and Learning.” Our Mission Statement reads: St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR), with Jesus as our foundation and inspiration, prepares students to live fully 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. All are invited to check out the good things happening at our school by coming to our Open House, Sunday, Jan 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Last Saturday, when many people were anticipating icy weather the following day, we had a full church. It was a good sight to see, but I also received a number of complaints that those who chose to park on the perimeters of the parking lot “boxed out” others who were trying to find a space as well. I know that this is a perpetual problem. Please be considerate of others when parking. If parking in the nearest lot, please park end to end, and do not prevent others from joining us. The few minutes you save assuring a speedy exit ends up frustrating numerous people and taking away from their Sunday celebration.

I want to thank our Fr. Joseph Gallen Council of the **Knights of Columbus** for their generous donation to assist the needy over Christmas, and also for their donation of 2 diaper changing stations which are now set up in our Mens and Ladies bathrooms. It is a nice amenity to offer our young families a way that we can include them in our celebrations.

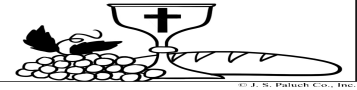
I recently purchased an American and Papal flags with flagpoles and stands. They are a nice addition to our church. When researching what the regulations were for having flags in a Catholic church I discovered that the USCCB (US Bishop’s Conference) has said the following;

There are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the

liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.

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Masses for the Week



Saturday	<u>January 26, 2019</u>	5:30pm	Robert Hagan
Sunday	<u>January 27, 2019</u>	7:00am	Dorothy Smedley
		8:30am	Helen Eells
		10:00am	Helen Eells
		11:30am	People of the Parish
Monday		8:00am	Barbara Soltis
Tuesday		8:00am	Barbara Soltis
Wednesday		8:00am	Mark Robert Nicoletti., Jr.
Thursday		8:00am	Mary Rose Foley
Friday		8:00am	Louis Cerritelli
Saturday		8:00am	Helen Eells
Saturday	<u>February 2, 2019</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>February 3, 2019</u>	7:00am	Mark Robert Nicoletti, Jr.
		8:30am	Linda Generale
		10:00am	Rosemarie Miley
		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.

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 28, 2019

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

Thursday, January 31, 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

Friday, February 1, 2019

- * Red Cross Blood Drive – Church Hall



Readings for the Week**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a

A Note from the Pastor Continued...

The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears to have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1941-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces – as a way of keeping before the attention of the faithful the needs of military families. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Viet Nam and Iraqi conflicts.

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion has been made that the American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church together with a book of prayer requests. It remains, however, for the diocesan bishop to determine regulations in this matter.

Our flag is at the front entrance of the church, near our book for written intentions.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

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;

2/4: Life After Sunday Series -- Beauty

(<http://www.lifeaftersunday.com/issues/las-Body.pdf>)

2/18: Topic TBD

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

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.**

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)

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

Respect Life Committee

Prayer Cards will be in the pews this weekend of 1/26, 1/27. You are asked to take one or more home and pray (perhaps as a family) that the baby you spiritually adopt will be carried to birth, not aborted, and delivered into loving arms according to God's plan.

Big Thank You! God Bless your generous hearts. Your support of the Baby Bottle campaign amounted to \$2,628.94. It will affirm the sanctity of every human life and support the women and children we meet at our maternity home, Guiding Star Ministries and much more. This is possible because of the support of the good people at St. Joseph.

Tom Stevens

President/CEO of Pro-Life Union of Greater Phila.

Time

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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. 29: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session.

February 2019

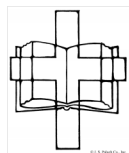
Tues., Feb.5: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School. Progress reports distributed to children to take home for parents' signature.

Tues., Feb. 12: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session.

Tues., Feb. 19: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session.

Tues., Feb. 26: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session.

Treasures From Our Tradition



Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed.

Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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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.

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OPEN HOUSE &
REGISTRATION OPEN
PRE-K TO 8TH GRADE
Sunday, January 27th
9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Information/Enrollment Requirements: 215-343-5100
or www.stjstr.org
850 Euclid Avenue Warrington, Pennsylvania 18976**

The Health and Help Ministry: Red Cross

Blood Drive St. Joseph Church Hall ~ Friday, February 1. Schedule your appointment with Mary 215-674-4612. The need for blood is endless, the supply is limited.

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.



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. Letters will be processed after January 31st.