



**MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE**

**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph C. Bordonaro  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. J. A. Grant

**School:** 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington  
**Principal:** Mrs. Deborah Jaster  
**Religious Education:** Mrs. Cathy Cain  
**CCD Office:** 215-672-9990/ 3020  
**Music Director:** Mrs. Maria Lennon  
 mariaalennon@comcast.net

**WEBSITE:** WWW.SAINTJOSEPHCHURCH.US  
**RECTORY:** 215-672-3020 (9AM-4PM Mon. to Fri.) **EMAIL:** sjc18976@verizon.net  
**SCHOOL:** 215-343-5100

**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 season of Lent will begin in two weeks. If anyone has old blessed palm that they would like to get rid of, please place it the basket at the foot of the cross in the back hallway. Some people have asked questions about our practice of Lent. I found the following Q & A on the U.S. Bishop's website that can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/questions-and-answers-about-lent.cfm>

**Q.** Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.



**A.** It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

**Q.** So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

**A.** Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

**Q.** I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

**A.** Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.



**Q.** I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

*Continued on page 3...*

**Masses for the Week**



<b>Saturday</b>	<u>February 23, 2019</u> 5:30pm	George Hartman, Sr. and Thomas Hartman, 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversaries
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>February 24, 2019</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Raymond Blastic Anthony & James Landi People of the Parish Mary Anne Hondros, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Fiona Phillips
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	John & Catherine Dudas
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Joseph P. Yates
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Zita Enneking
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	John & Catherine Dudas
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Barbara Soltis
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>March 2, 2019</u> 5:30pm	Marie & Elmer Grossman
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>March 3, 2019</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Emily H. Trotter Raymond Generale Joseph P. Chapman People of the Parish

**Please Pray For**



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

**Sunday Collections:**

02/17/19: \$ 7,675.00  
02/18/18: \$ 8,880.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, February 25, 2019**

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

**Thursday, February 28, 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

**St. Joseph Health and Help Ministry**



February is American Heart Month! Please come for your free **Blood Pressure Check** on Sunday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> after all Masses in Room 18.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
**Sunday:** Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 24, 2019**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
— *Psalm 103:8*

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

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

**Q.** Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

**A.** Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

May God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

**St. Joseph Men's Group**

Please join the men of the parish on the first and third Mondays of each month -- we are starting a new series:

**3/4:** Life After Sunday Series -- Dance  
(<http://www.lifeaftersunday.com/issues/las-Dance.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](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). Please allow two weeks to process letters.

**Monthly Food Drive**

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

**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](http://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.

**Do No Harm**

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Relay for Life!**

Looking for members to join the fight against cancer. All ages welcome!  
**Save the date ~ 6/15/19**  
Hatboro Horsham High School

Walk and join us for a whole day full of events!  
11am-11pm. Visit [www.relayforlife.org/PAEMC](http://www.relayforlife.org/PAEMC) to sign up for free. Questions? Email [relayforlifeashley@gmail.com](mailto:relayforlifeashley@gmail.com)

**Respect Life**

Please join other parishioners on Wed., March 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

**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 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!

**February 2019**

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

**Treasures From Our Tradition**



When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Malvern Retreat House**



Ash Wednesday Lenten Day of Reflection

**March 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 9 AM - 3PM**

Directed by Fr. James McGuinn, this is the perfect day for you to begin Lent with the distribution of ashes, a sit-down

lunch with Mass and Confessions. The theme is: “Understanding and Pursuing Catholic Spiritual Growth.” \$40.00 per person. Register at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call (610)-644-0400.

**St. Joseph/St. Robert School**



ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL  
FOCUSED ON FAITH AND LEARNING

850 Euclid Avenue  
Warrington, PA 18976  
215-343-5100

[www.STJSTR.ORG](http://www.STJSTR.ORG)



The United States Department Of Education  
**2018 National Blue Ribbon School  
Of Excellence**



**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.

**Flea Market/ Craft Show**



**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sponsored by

*Fr. Joseph A. Gallen Council*

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church Parking Lot  
1410 Almshouse Road Jamison, PA

Proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Joseph Gallen Council Charities

**Vendors Wanted**

Spaces: \$15.00 each

For information or to reserve a space: Call 215-441-8072.

**Ukrainian Dinner**



**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** (snow date: Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>)

4 to 7 PM

St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church  
1545 Easton Road, Warrington, PA

For more information, please call Helene 215-343-3948

Come and enjoy our delicious, homemade dinner!

\$13 platters: 3 pierogies, 1 holubschi (stuffed cabbage), kielbasa w/ sauerkraut, bread & butter, and dessert.

A La Carte: all above plus holuschki (butter noodles and cabbage) and hot dogs.

Our Bar will be open with domestic & Ukrainian beer, wine, soda and water. Eat in / Take out - no pre-orders. First Come / First Served! We urge you to come early before we sell out as this is a very popular event.