



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
(**Wednesdays in Lent:** 7:00 – 8:00 PM)

Stations of the Cross: 7:30 PM Fridays in Lent

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 you will have a spiritually satisfying and beneficial Lent. The experience of giving something up for Lent is an experience of penance and it is one type of fasting, but the goal is not to punish us, but rather to make us more aware. It should help us experience our tremendous need for God. While some amount of suffering does tend to bring our minds to what Jesus himself endured, we also know that His suffering has brought about a monumental transformation; so we do not endure any suffering in vain, or alone. Lent is also a good time to add something to our spiritual life. For example you might consider coming to our daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. If not every weekday how about 2 or 3 days a week? Or perhaps you might pray the rosary, or come to our regular Monday night devotions at 7:30 p.m. In addition to our regular Saturday Confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., we will have opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession every Wednesday in Lent (except Ash Wednesday) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Church is open during the day, so you can just stop in and make a Holy Hour (by the way, the Sanctuary of the Altar is still alarmed with motion detectors so please do not approach the altar or the statues unless you know for certain that the alarm is deactivated), or come on Monday's when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar. We also pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7:30 p.m. and then conclude with Benediction (which is a blessing from Jesus himself in the Consecrated Eucharist). It is a moving way to help the entire family prepare for our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. We also have put out our Rice Bowls at the church exits. Please take one home for your family (some assembly required). The idea behind the rice bowl is that you forgo a larger meal on one or more days of the week, opting to have a simpler meal like soup and/or sandwich, or fast altogether, and then the money that you saved on that meal goes into the Rice Bowl. At the end of Lent you then bring in the bowl and make a donation which goes to Catholic Relief Services to help provide for those most seriously in need.

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, March 6th. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is an important day in the liturgical year because it begins the season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. You do not need to be Catholic, or even in the state of grace to receive ashes. You should simply have a sincere desire to change or repent. The practice comes to us from the Jewish tradition of penance and fasting where penitents would wear ashes on their head. The ashes were symbolic of the dust from which we were made. The ashes also remind us that we have sinned and separated ourselves from God, so they should be received with a spirit of understanding that my sins have put a barrier between me and God, and I want that barrier removed.

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Masses for the Week



Saturday	<u>March 2, 2019</u>	5:30pm Marie & Elmer Grossman
Sunday	<u>March 3, 2019</u>	7:00am Emily H. Trotter 8:30am Raymond Generale 10:00am Joseph P. Chapman 11:30am People of the Parish
Monday		8:00am St. Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday		8:00am Rosemarie Miley
Ash		8:00am Linda Generale
Wednesday		5:00pm Catherine A. O'Donnell 7:00pm Rosemarie Miley
Thursday		8:00am David Dziedzic
Friday		8:00am Martha Anna Metzger
Saturday		8:00am Ferry and Stretch Families
Saturday	<u>March 9, 2019</u>	5:30pm People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>March 10, 2019</u>	7:00am Joseph Campellone 8:30am Lee White 10:00am Frances Cerritelli 11:30am Helen Eells

Please Pray For



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

Sunday Collections:

02/24/19: \$ 9,239.00
 02/25/18: \$ 10,200.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 4, 2019

- * Adoration – All Day – Church
- * Rosary – 7:30 p.m.
- * Men's Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg

Thursday, March 7, 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, March 8, 2019

- * Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m. – Church

Readings for the Week**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time****March 3, 2019**

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. — *Luke 6:44*

A Note from the Pastor Continued...

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

Respect Life

Please join other parishioners on Wed., March 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)

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 Rector by calling Mon.-Fri, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. or email sjc18976@verizon.net. Please allow two weeks to process letters.

Monthly Food Drive

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

THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks. — *Ambrose of Milan*

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.

The Inside Shows

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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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>)

3/18: Apologetics

4/1: Topic TBD

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

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!

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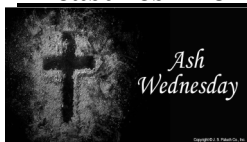
Tues., March 5: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session including Junior/Senior High School.

Tues., March 12: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session. Stations of the Cross.

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

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

Treasures From Our Tradition



Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of

Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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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 19th

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 9th (snow date: Sunday, March 10th) from 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!

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat

Wednesday, May 1st Malvern Retreat House

Fr. Willum Gillum, O.F.M.Cap. will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. Please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.