

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,

Next week we will be celebrating our annual Triduum to St. Joseph. We invite all to join us for the 8:00 Morning Mass followed by some special prayers to St. Joseph on Monday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 19th (the actual feast of St. Joseph), and Wednesday, March 20th. By the way, since Tuesday is a Solemnity for the entire Church, it is valid to forgo whatever you have been fasting from as part of your Lenten repentance and celebrate the Holy Day, much as is permitted during the Sunday's in Lent. So go ahead and enjoy your candy or your chocolate, just be sure to celebrate St. Joseph.

This weekend our second collection is taken up for the Solidarity Fund for Latin America. Archbishop Chaput wished the following letter to be published in conjunction with this appeal. I apologize for not including it in my column last week, in advance of the collection.

God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Archdiocese
of
Philadelphia

Like many other places throughout the world, Latin American Catholics face many challenges as they strive to live and share their

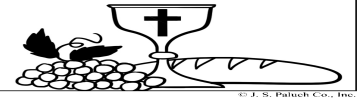
faith. Although the people are faith-filled, the needs in this region of the world are great and can often seem insurmountable. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and this collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so.

In Cuba, in the Archdiocese of San Cristobal de la Habana, the Church is not present in many of the smaller or rural communities. For many years, there were no ministers and there was no mission house—not to mention a church building—to which the people could turn. The message of the Gospel could not spread, because there were very few messengers to share it and few places where people could go to hear it. But with your support, pastoral agents have received training to bring the Gospel to these areas and neighborhoods. Your support has helped bring people to the Church, through religious education and retreats, and the Church to the people, through evangelization efforts and the repair of church buildings. This has given them the hope and the joy of the Gospel.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, through projects like these pastoral agents training programs, as well as catechesis programs, empowers the faithful of Latin America to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world.

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Masses for the Week



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
Monday		8:00am	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00am	Susan Denofa
Wednesday		8:00am	Jamie Cunningham
Thursday		8:00am	Eileen Braun
Friday		8:00am	Bill Weychert, 7 th Anniversary
Saturday		8:00am	Deceased Members of the Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>March 16, 2019</u>	5:30pm	Louise & George Snyder
Sunday	<u>March 17, 2019</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Eileen Braun
		10:00am	Hugh & Anne Sharkey
		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, Kevin McCloskey, Dave McKay, Rose Murphy, baby Ronan Power, Michael Roche, and Wayne Woodruff.

Sunday Collections:

03/03/19: \$ 11,665.00
03/02/18: \$ 11,323.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 11, 2019

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

Thursday, March 14, 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 15, 2019

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.— *Romans 10:8*

A Note from the Pastor Continued...

Our Archdiocese will take up this collection the weekend of March 9 and 10, 2019. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.
Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

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.

Lecture on Sacred Liturgy

Dennis Gill, Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul, Director of the Office for Divine Worship will give a lecture at Presentation B.V.M. Church, 100 Old Soldiers Rd., Cheltenham, Pa., 19012 on Monday, March 25th from 7-9 PM in the church hall (lower level).

Fr. Gill will discuss a Pastoral Letter on Sacred Music by Archbishop Alexander Sample of Portland, Oregon: **“The Very Good Points and Some Weak Points”**.

This presentation will make use of the letter to “aim high” when it comes to sacred worship. **Fr. Gill’s talk is open to everyone and should be of great interest to those involved in all ministries, and also to those interested in sharpening their knowledge of sacred liturgy.** Includes discussion and refreshments. Any questions, contact Melanie Capoferri at 215-635-1681 or mcapoferri@juno.com.

Monthly Food Drive

Our next food collection is scheduled for the weekend of April 6th and 7th. 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
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.

**2019 St. Patty’s Day Scone Sale**

Attention Bakers!! We will once again hold our “Scone Sale” (Irish Soda Bread) the weekend of March 16th and 17th at 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday and all the Masses on Sunday. We encourage all parishioners to show their support and to share in this project. All proceeds benefit St. Francis Inn and all being served by them.

Respect Life

Please join other parishioners on Wed., April 3rd 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)

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:

3/18: Apologetics

4/1: Topic TBD

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 two weeks to process letters.

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

Registration for the 2019-2020 CCD School Year will be held **Tuesdays: April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30** in the CCD office during the regularly scheduled CCD classes. You must be registered in the parish before signing your child up for CCD and you must hand in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate 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!



March 2019

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.

Knights of Columbus



Career Opportunity: for a Field Agent representing our insurance program in the Greater Philadelphia area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at 215-362-2469 or Joseph.Grayeske@Kofc.org.

Almsgiving, Prayer, Fasting and Temptation



As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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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.

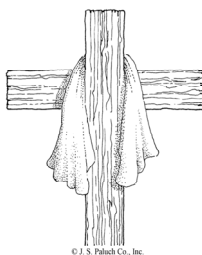
Connecting with St. Joseph/St. Robert School Alumni

We want to hear from SJR Alumni! Please help us stay connected. If you or your family graduated from SJR, visit the school website www.stjstr.org and click "Alumni" and fill out the form so we can keep in touch. Please pass the word to former classmates and alumni you may know.

Contact Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org if interested in helping with alumni activities or organizing a class reunion.

Check out SJR Alumni on Facebook "St.Joseph/St. Robert School Alumni" and Like the page to receive updates.

Treasures From Our Tradition



Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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