

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,
 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Although the liturgical feast is superseded by the Second Sunday of Lent, we can still honor this favorite saint of many. This week we honor two great saints in the Church's canon. St. Patrick, the Patron saint of Ireland today (Sunday) and on Tuesday we honor our parish patron, St. Joseph, the husband of Mary. We will also we begin our Triduum to St. Joseph on Monday. Please join us for the 8:00 Morning Mass followed by some special prayers to St. Joseph on Monday March 18th, Tuesday March 19th, and Wednesday March 20th.

We are preparing to have the Memorial Plaques for the renovation of our church inscribed. I have posted in the back hallway 2 copies of the memorial inscriptions as we have them. Please take the opportunity to review **the wording**, and **the spelling** of your inscriptions. If you need to make a change, it must be submitted in writing. We also still have some items that have not yet been memorialized including 3 Stations of the Cross, the Pulpit, the Presider's Chair, Candlestick sets, Processional Crucifix, Thurible, and Paschal Candle stand. If you are interested in memorializing any of these items, please see me as soon as possible. I would like to finalize any additions before we have the plaques made.

Next week our second collection will be for the Churches in Eastern Europe. Archbishop Chaput has asked that the following letter be published in connection with this collection.

God Bless You,
 Fr. Bordonaro

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many years, Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have practiced their faith in the shadows for fear of persecution. Despite these obstacles, Catholics continue to grow in faith and in numbers. God's perfect love has sustained and strengthened the people and the Church, creating a new generation of believers while sustaining those who have made it through the darkest of times.

Your participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will assist in the building of churches; training and educating of pastors and lay people; sustaining orphanages; evangelizing children, adults and seniors as well as providing scholarships to Catholic students.

This collection will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. I am grateful, on behalf of our Catholic brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe, for your generous sacrifice and prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
 +Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.



Saturday	<u>March 16, 2019</u>	Louise & George Snyder
	5:30pm	
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
Monday	8:00am	Mary Thangam
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph Vincelli
Wednesday	8:00am	Intentions of Gomes Family
Thursday	8:00am	William Shumadine
Friday	8:00am	Intentions of Jana Krysztofiak
Saturday	8:00am	Intentions of Ethel Huynh
Saturday	<u>March 23, 2019</u>	Bill Grossman & Joanne Blaney
	5:30pm	
Sunday	<u>March 24, 2019</u>	
	7:00am	Jerry Pastorino
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Federick Restaino
	11:30am	Maureen Hartnett

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:

03/10/19: \$ 7,610.00
 03/11/18: \$ 8,973.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 18, 2019

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

Thursday, March 21, 2019

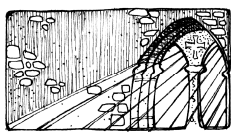
- * Children's Choir Practice – 4:30 p.m. – Church
- * BSA Troop 137 – 7:30 p.m. – Rectory Basement
- * Adult's Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. - Church

Friday, March 22, 2019

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Second Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2019

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
 — Psalm 27:1

John W. Hallahan H.S. Alumnae

John W. Hallahan H.S. Alumnae Association is sponsoring their annual 50 Years & Beyond luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st at Connstatter Volkfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia for graduates of Hallahan for 50+ years. Cost \$35.00/person - \$25.00 for religious. Please contact Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or at mmkiefski@aol.

CPR Class at St. Joseph Church

presented by the Health and Help Ministry.
Friends and Family CPR.
 Be prepared to help a family member!

The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a friendly group by a parishioner in the church hall.

Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools, students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters, husbands and wives, and others interested in learning HOW TO SAVE A LIFE.

Wednesday April 24th - 7pm Church Hall

Donations appreciated and will be used to replace medical supplies at church. All are welcome. Does not include certification card.

Any questions or to sign up call: Parishioner Jim Hennessey, 267-221-0088.

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.** Thank you for your generosity in March of 865 pounds of food!

St. Joseph Music Ministry Needs Your Help!

For Lent, consider giving of some of your time in service to the church. Volunteer to sing or play an instrument with our choirs for Lent, the Holy Week masses, or just for Easter Sunday! We need more members of both the Adult and Children's Choirs. Contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or mariaalennon@comcast.net for more information.

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 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.

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.

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 19: All Grades and Sacrament Class in session.

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

St. Joseph Men’s Group



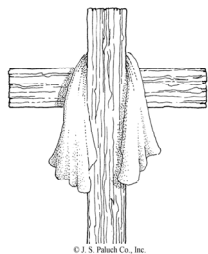
Please join the men of the parish on the first and third Mondays of each month -- we are starting a new series:

3/18: Apologetics

4/1: Topic TBD

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

Treasures From Our Tradition



By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on

different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program for Businesses & Individuals



Please Start Now to Consider this Tax Advantage for Student Tuition Assistance for the 2020 School Year!

Did you know that businesses & now you as an individual can redirect your tax dollars toward valuable tuition assistance for our qualified students at St. Joseph/St. Robert School? In addition, EITC provides a significant tax advantage for businesses/individuals.

EITC allows PA business owners to receive a 75% credit for a 1 year commitment or 90% credit for 2 years by directing their state tax dollars to a designated scholarship organization: Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) or Foundation for Catholic Education.

EITC is not just for businesses anymore! Individuals with a state tax liability can now join a Special Purpose Entity (SPE) to take full advantage of the PA EITC program. The individual can gain a 90% tax credit for a 2-year commitment & use the credit for their Personal PA Taxes.

Foundation’s Tuition Transfer Grant

St. Joseph/St. Robert School is one of 20 Catholic schools to be awarded the Foundation’s Tuition Transfer Grant through the Foundation for Catholic Education and the Office of Catholic Education. This program will offer a 2nd to 7th grade student in a non-Catholic school that transfers to SJR a \$1500 tuition grant. Each transfer student is offered \$1000 off their first year & \$500 off their second year.

To learn more please call Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement at 215.343.5100 or email kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

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.