

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 New Year! I

suppose that this is the year in which we all should start to see more clearly because we are in 20/20. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is the manifestation of the Lord’s glory to all the nations, and then next Sunday we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which is the last official day of the Christmas season. The following Monday we begin the period known as Ordinary Time. While we will have to say goodbye to the Christmas decorations and the Nativity scene, we will try to keep the poinsettias going for as long as possible. By the way, I want to thank Carla Venditti and Karen Baranowski for watering the flowers. They truly made our celebrations a fitting tribute to the Glory of God. Your “Christmas Flower envelopes” with your intentions written on them have been on the altar since Christmas. Thank you for supporting the Christmas decorations through these donations.

Soon our young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they come to experience the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus. Hopefully, we will see this as a reminder that we all need to stay close to the Lord, and that whenever we have placed an obstacle in our relationship with God, He gives us the opportunity to have that obstacle removed.

I want to take the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge all of the kindnesses, gifts, and food sent to the parish and to me personally over the past few weeks. Your care and true concern are truly the heart of this parish and two of the things that make this parish so great. I also want to thank you for your generous support of our Christmas collection. We do not have the final tallies yet, but that collection remains one of the most important ones in helping us meet our financial obligations throughout the year. Thank you for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish.



The annual March for Life will take place in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 24, 2020. The theme for this year is LIFE EMPOWERS: PRO-LIFE IS PRO-WOMAN. The US Bishops are inviting you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.

May God Bless You in the New Year,
Fr. Bordonaro

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>January 4, 2020</u> 5:30pm	Deceased Members of DiTore Family
Sunday	<u>January 5, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	People of the Parish Doris Shearer William Gaida Walter Graham
Monday	8:00am	St. Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Dziedzic and Dundas Families
Wednesday	8:30am	Michael and Margaret McCloskey
Thursday	8:00am	Rose and Sam Langetti
Friday	8:00am	William Holman, 4 th Anniversary
Saturday	8:00am	Deceased Members of Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>January 11, 2020</u> 5:30pm	Mary Krezel
Sunday	<u>January 12, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Joseph O’Hara Nicholas Mattera (Living) People of the Parish Catherine A. O’Donnell

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Cathy Bruno, June Faust, Linda Giardetti, Russel Heim, David Jones, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, John Lommock, Dave McKay, Adeline McNulty, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Mary Jo Pergolin, Ronan Power, Jack Streisky, and Jack Wilhelm.

Sunday Collections:

12/22/19	\$ 9,728.00
12/23/18	\$ 10,677.00

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 6, 2020

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

Thursday, January 9, 2020

- * Children’s Choir Practice – 4:45 p.m. – Church
- * BSA Troop 137 – 7:00 p.m. – Rectory Basement
- * Adult’s Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. - Church

Readings For The Week

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020**

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— *Matthew 2:11b*

Respect Life



Please join other parishioners on Wed., Feb. 5, 2020
to pray the Rosary for one hour at Planned
Parenthood on Louis Drive (noon to dark).

SJR CYO Party



SJR CYO ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY ----
NIGHT AT THE RACES
SJR is taking our Party in a NEW
direction this year and hope that we
can still count on your support.

Please come out and help support our CYO program at our Super Bowl Party, NIGHT AT THE RACES, Saturday, January 25th, 2020 from 7:00 PM until midnight in Monsignor Marley Hall. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets include: appetizers, buffet dinner, and beer. We will also have; Super Bowl block pools, 50/50's, gift baskets and door prizes. For more information call Brian Gozdan at 609-743-0549 or Rick MacLeod at 267-885-9543.

St. Joseph Men's Group



Please join the men of the parish on the first and third Mondays of each month (from 8 to 9pm, in room 18), all men are invited!

Jan. 6: "Letter to a Suffering Church" Bishop Barron -- chapters 3/4 Life After Sunday Series: topic: Mission (<http://www.lifeaftersunday.com/issues/las-Mission.pdf>)

Jan. 20: Life After Sunday Series: topic: Mission (<http://www.lifeaftersunday.com/issues/las-Mission.pdf>)

Monthly Food Drive



Our next Food Drive is scheduled for this weekend, January 4th and 5th. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

Bulletin Submittals

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net or dropped off at the Rectory Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all bulletin requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Treasures From Our Traditions

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

January 4

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"

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Light of the World

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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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 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!

January 2020

Tues., Jan. 07: Grades 1-7 in session.

Tues., Jan. 14: Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in session. 6-7 p.m., 3rd grade students report directly to the Church for Reconciliation practice. Pick up at the Church.

Wed., Jan. 15: 7:00 p.m., Sacrament of First Penance for 3rd grade students in the Church.

Mon., Jan. 20: Confirmation Retreat 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., for students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation 2020. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

Tues., Jan. 21: Grades 1-7 in session. "Protecting God's Children" classes will be presented to all grades.

Tues., Jan. 28: Grades 1-7 in session. (Snow date for "Protecting God's Children" classes.). End of first semester.

Ancient Order of Hibernians



Catholic men (16 and over) with some Irish Heritage in your blood ~ Interested in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity? Join us Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in Classroom #18 at 8:00 pm to learn more. Questions – email to: info@aohdoylestown.com Or Call Ed Vollrath 215-758-3073 / Denny Fagan 215-622-8945



at "AOH Div #3, Doylestown"

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.



St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



OPEN HOUSE:
Sunday, Jan. 26th
9:30am-1 pm

Grants and Scholarships Available



Now Accepting Applications for PreK4-8th

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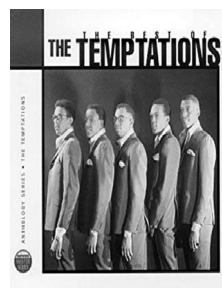
Interested in a personalized education for your child in a small class environment? We welcome families to an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 for families to meet students, parents, faculty, and staff!

School Highlights:

- Strong faith formation from Pre-K 4 through 8th
- Five half-day or full-day Pre-K 4 & Kindergarten
- Before and After CARES Program
- Grants and Scholarships available to qualified families
- Innovative STEAM Programs
- 1:1 Chromebook/iPad Initiative
- Recently two 8th grade students awarded Neumann Scholarships
- Scholarship dollars to our graduates for the 2019 year: \$213,000

Our highest priority is empowering your child for the future through a strong faith, education, and service! Call us today!

Bus Trip



Archbishop Ryan 2nd Annual Bus Trip to New York

"Ain't too proud, Life and Times of the Temptations"

March 28, 2020

2:00 pm

\$140.00 per person

Includes Coach Bus & Show Ticket

All Mezzanine Seating

Call 215 637 1800 ext 7038 or visit our

FB page, Events