



**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 Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to Mr. D'Andrea, our principal, and all of his teachers, staff, and volunteers. Thank you also to our parishioners. Without your support of Catholic education, we could not fulfill this part of our mission as church. Our school is a real blessing to our families. It is a true community where we are, "Focused on Faith and Learning." We continue to celebrate that SJR was named a National Blue Ribbon School of excellence. This is quite an accomplishment. Our Mission Statement reads: St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR), with Jesus as our foundation and inspiration, prepares students to live fully 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. All are invited to check out the good things happening at our school by coming to our Open House, Sunday, Jan. 26th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Last Saturday, when the roads were rather icy, the church and rectory lost electrical power around 5:00 p.m. (Some have reported that a car accident took out a power line, but I do not know.) We waited in the dark, in church till 5:30 p.m., but because the power was still off, we had to cancel Mass. It would simply have been too dangerous to celebrate the vigil in the dark. I apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced. The power was eventually restored by 6:40 p.m. Now that we are experiencing challenging weather, it is especially important to be considerate of others when parking. If parking in the nearest lot, please park end to end, and do not prevent others from joining us by blocking the exterior lanes. The few minutes you save assuring a speedy exit ends up frustrating numerous people and taking away from their Sunday celebration.

Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as, Word of God Sunday. I found the following from Vatican News on the website, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30 September, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". This year also marks 1600 years since his death.

The title of the document, "Aperuit illis", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the

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## Masses For The Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<u>January 25, 2020</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>January 26, 2020</u>	7:00am	Joe O'Hara
		8:30am	Madelyn Holec
		10:00am	The Stevens Family
		11:30am	Joseph Quirus
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Elizabeth Mumbauer, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	Mary Higgins
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. James V. Binculli ( <i>Living</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Emil & Edith Simmler
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Edward F. Allwein & Linda M. Constantine ( <i>Living</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Al Pillich ( <i>Living</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>February 1, 2020</u>	5:30pm	Jack Pergolin
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>February 2, 2020</u>	7:00am	People of the Parish
		8:30am	Linda Generale
		10:00am	Catherine A. O'Donnell
		11:30am	Dr. Louis Cerritelli

## Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, 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 Collection:

01/19/20	\$ 5,961.00
01/20/19	\$ 6,857.00

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, January 27, 2020

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

### Thursday, January 30, 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:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;  
Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;  
Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;  
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;  
Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 26, 2020**

Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.  
— *Psalm 27:14*

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faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

In the Motu proprio (literally, “of his own initiative”), Pope Francis declares that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God”. This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has “ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”.

Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to “mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity”. He suggest that the sacred text be enthroned “in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s Word”. In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate “to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due”, writes the Pope. “Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with Sacred Scripture”.

The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs “to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words”. The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is “the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity”. You can read the rest of the article, or the Pope’s letter on the website. You can also go to <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/> for more information.

May God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

**Monthly Food Drive**

Our next Food Drive is scheduled for the weekend of February 1st and 2nd. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.

**Respect Life**

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

**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto: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.

**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!

**February 3:** "Letter to a Suffering Church" Bishop Barron -- Chapter 5/Conclusion

**Contributions/Donations to St. Joseph Church**

If you would like a copy of your 2019 Contributions to St. Joseph Church, please email [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net) or call the Rectory Mon.-Fri, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. and leave your name and address. Letters will be processed after January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

**Seeking The Light**

In today’s readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John’s arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen” (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin’s death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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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. 28:** Grades 1-7 in session. (Snow date for “Protecting God’s Children” classes.). End of first semester.

## 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.



## Treasures From Our Traditions

### SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

#### January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped

Angela’s insightful conviction that society’s disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal “order” but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici’s spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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## 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 8<sup>th</sup>
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!***



Our 7th & 8th grade students preparing to welcome and tour interested families today!