



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, February 26th. 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

Day	Time	Celebrant
Saturday	<u>February 22, 2020</u>	
	5:30pm	Anthony Landi
Sunday	<u>February 23, 2020</u>	
	7:00am	Christine Stewart
	8:30am	Kathleen Brighters
	10:00am	Theresa Casiello
	11:30am	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Christopher & Michael Mattera (<i>Living</i>)
Tuesday	8:00am	Mohamad & Diana Abdullah (<i>Living</i>)
Wednesday Ash Wednesday	8:00am	Catherine & John Dudas
	5:00pm	Bill Sherman
	7:00pm	Francis Schmel
Thursday	8:00am	Andrew & Kelsey Robitaili (<i>Living</i>)
Friday	8:00am	Corey & Andrea Hall (<i>Living</i>)
Saturday	8:00am	Robert Flanigan
Saturday	<u>February 29, 2020</u>	
	5:30pm	In Honor of Miss Kitty Casey's 90 th Birthday
Sunday	<u>March 1, 2020</u>	
	7:00am	People of the Parish
	8:30am	John Poprik
	10:00am	Catherine & John Dudas
	11:30am	Michael Wszolek

Please Pray For



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

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, February 24, 2020

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

Thursday, February 27, 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: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
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: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
 Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2020

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
 — *Leviticus 19:2b*

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, February 26, 2020 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

Ash Wednesday

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite’s “Lenten Announcement” sounds surprising: “Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!” Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: “Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don’t be jealous.” A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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Financial Report

Weekly Sunday Collection:
 02/16/20 \$ 7,488.00
 02/17/19 \$ 7,675.00

January 2020

E-Giving:	
1/2020:	\$ 6,679.45
1/2019:	\$ 6,062.81

Monthly Report

School Subsidy	\$ 10,919.04
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,475.00
Disability Insurance	\$ 92.42
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,628.17
Property Insurance	\$ 753.08
Worker’s Comp Insurance	\$ 147.17
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 218.75
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 1,283.00
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 1,379.39
Priest Ancillary Benefits	\$ 104.17
Priest Pension	\$ 104.17
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 1,270.00
Employee Pay	\$ 27,776.58
Music Ministry	\$ 824.04
Payroll Service	\$ 445.95
PECO	\$ 1,318.41
Verizon	\$ 646.25
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 369.42
Comcast Cable	\$ 151.04
Computer Support	\$ 254.50
Supplies	\$ 2,124.39
Services	\$ 559.97
Water & Sewer	\$ 130.61
Alarm System	\$ 2,920.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 420.00
Bi-Annual Unemployment Fund	\$ 385.00
Heating Oil	\$ 6,154.64
Insurance/ Underground Oil Tank	\$ 247.50

Monthly Food Drive



Our next Food Drive is scheduled for the weekend of March 7th & 8th. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.

St. Joseph Health and Help Ministry



February is American Heart Month. Stop by Room 18 after Mass today, Sunday, February 23rd for a free blood pressure check.

Respect Life



Please join other parishioners on Wed., March 4th to pray the Rosary for one hour at Planned Parenthood on Louis Drive (noon to dark).

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!

February 2020

Tues., Feb. 25: Grades 1-7 in session.

March 2020

Tues., March 3: Grades 1-7 in session. 4:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church for the students. Families are welcome. Students will report and be dismissed from the CCD building as usual.

Tues., March 10: Grades 1-7 in session.

Tues., March 17: Grades 1-7 in session.

Tues., March 24: Grades 1-7 in session. Lenten Penance Service for students.

Tues., March 25: 5:30-7:15 p.m., Confirmation Class 2020 practice in Church. All students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend. Students will be dropped off and picked up at the Church.

Thurs., March 26: 4:00 p.m., Sacrament of Confirmation Mass in the Church. Students should report to the Church Hall by 3:15 p.m. The Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino will confirm the children.

Tues., March 31: Grades 1-7 in session.

Living Stations of the Cross



Our Living Stations, *performed by our parish youth*, will be held on Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend this beautifully spiritual meditation of Our Lord's Passion.

All St. Joseph Parish youth grades 4 through 7 are invited to be a part of this performance. There will be two practices, the first on Sunday, March 29th after the 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Mass. The second, on Friday, April 3rd at 5 p.m. for pizza then practice with the performance being at 7:30 p.m.

For more information and to be a part of this performance and to get your permission slip (available at CCD and outside on the tables after masses) please contact either:

Rita Roley
215-872-0499

Email: rrole2325@comcast.net

Or

Ann Tucci

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Or stop by her CCD class before or after the 6:15pm session

St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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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!

Please VOTE for St. Joseph/St. Robert School!

Happening List 2020 –
Voting ends Feb. 28th

Private School - Kids Category

Pre-School – Kids Category

Elementary School - Everything Bucks Category

Teacher - Mrs. Jennifer Durkin – People Category



Go to our website: www.stjstr.org & click the Bucks Happening icon to cast your votes with each of your individual emails. Please pass to family, friends, and ask for their votes.



Scone Sale



Attention Bakers!! We will once again hold our "Scone Sale" (Irish Soda Bread) the weekend of March 14th and 15th 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.