

**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,  
 While we have a new archbishop in Philadelphia, his predecessor, Archbishop Chaput communicated some information regarding fast and abstinence in Lent and also the special collection for the Military Archdiocese (this special collection will take place next weekend, March 7/8) that he wished to be communicated to you.

May God Bless You,  
 Fr. Bordonaro



**FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2020**

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 as well as Lenten education programs. 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.

February 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 The Archdiocese for the Military Services was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide a full range of Catholic pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to “serve those who serve” by offering pastoral care to Catholics serving in the U.S. military, enrolled in the nation's service academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese and its priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. However, unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries and no weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

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**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday** February 29, 2020  
 5:30pm In Honor of Miss Kitty Casey’s 90th Birthday

**Sunday** March 1, 2020  
 7:00am People of the Parish  
 8:30am John Poprik  
 10:00am Catherine & John Dudas  
 11:30am Michael Wszolek

**Monday** 8:00am St. Joseph Memorial Society

**Tuesday** 8:00am Joseph P Chapman  
**Wednesday** 8:00am Thanksgiving Mass for Mr. & Mrs. Howard Stoekel & Shawn Patrick

**Thursday** 8:00am Joseph P. Cusick  
**Friday** 8:00am Joseph P. Cusick  
**Saturday** 8:00am Donald Jacobs

**Saturday** March 7, 2020  
 5:30pm Deceased Members of DiTore Family

**Sunday** March 8, 2020  
 7:00am People of the Parish  
 8:30am Linda Generale  
 10:00am Ardis Hart  
 11:30am Marie & Elmer Grossman

**Please Pray For**



Those who are ill: Kim Bell, Joy Cataldi, 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.

**Sunday Collection:**

02/23/20 \$ 8,586.00  
 02/24/19 \$ 9,239.00

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Monday, March 2, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

- \* Confessions - 7-8 p.m. - Church

**Thursday, March 5, 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


**Friday, March 6, 2020**

- \* 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:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**A Note From The Pastor *Continued...***



Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that “The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all.” Your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including many individuals and families who hail from our own Greater Philadelphia region. The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support for this important collection.

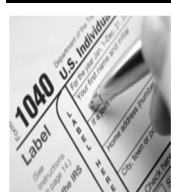
Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,  
+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

**Strength Against Temptation**

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.


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**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!

**Monthly Food Drive**




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

**Senior Meetings**

Please join us for our senior meetings. Fun games, great people. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall. All Seniors, 55 and over, are welcome!

**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!

**News From The Knights of Columbus**

**2019 Charitable Donations**


The following donations were made to various organizations by the Knights of Columbus, Father Joseph A. Gallen Council (#5494). These donations were made possible by your support through the following fund raising activities: Pancake Breakfasts, Jerry Blavat Events, Bag Bingo Events, and Dues. We continue to need your help, your involvement, so we can help others.

Support for Pro Life Crises Centers, e.g. A Baby's Breath	\$3,700.00
Support for Teens to attend Steubenville	\$2,500.00
Support for the needy at Christmas (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)	\$3,000.00
Support for the needy at Christmas (Nativity of Our Lord)	\$3,000.00
Support for the needy at Christmas (St. Joseph’s Church)	\$3,000.00
Other donations, (e.g. National Disaster Relief, Sister’s org., School essay Contests, Altar Service Awards, etc.)	\$2,525.00
 Total 2019 Donations were	 \$17, 225.00

**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.

**Respect Life**



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

The Pro-Life Union would like to thank you for your generosity of donating \$2,171.70 for the Baby Bottle Drive. Donations help affirm the sanctity of every human life and support many women and children; most especially through the expanded community outreach achieved at the maternity home, Guiding Star Ministries.

## 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!

### 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.

**Wed., 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.

### Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 CCD School Year will be held **Tuesdays: April 7, 14, 21, and 28** 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!



### April 2020

**Tues., April 7:** Grades 1-7 in session. Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year begins.

**Tues., April 14:** Grades 1-7 in session. Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year continues.

### Scone Sale



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

## St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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Mrs. Jennifer Durkin our talented Pre-K 4 teacher was a member of the team that provided American Sign Language interpreting services for the members of the Deaf Community who attended the Installation Mass for Archbishop Nelson J. Perez. Pictured (left) with Mrs. Durkin is Sister Kathleen Schipani, head of the Office of Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Community.

### 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

### Living Stations Of The Cross



Our Living Stations, *performed by our parish youth*, will be held on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Mass. The second, on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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215-872-0499  
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Or  
Ann Tucci  
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Or stop by her CCD class before or after the 6:15pm session.