

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,
 Next week we will be celebrating our annual Triduum to St. Joseph. We invite all to join us for the 8:00 Morning Mass followed by some special prayers to St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 17th, Wednesday, March 18th, and Thursday, March 19th. By the way, since Thursday is a Solemnity for the entire Church, it is valid to forgo whatever you have been fasting from as part of your Lenten repentance and celebrate the Holy Day, as is permitted during the Sundays in Lent. So go ahead and enjoy your candy or your chocolate, just be sure to celebrate St. Joseph.



Next week there is a special collection for the church in Latin America. Archbishop Chaput asked that this letter be communicated through the parishes.

God Bless You,
 Fr. Bordonaro

March 8, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a growing materialist culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it hard for people to practice the faith.

Young people today are called by God, but they need help from the Church to recognize his voice. Last year, you helped youths in Jamaica to experience God and listen for his presence. By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, your parish made possible a camp for young people centered on the gift of the Eucharist. More than 500 young persons attended the camp in the Archdiocese of Kingston, opening their hearts to God.

Because of your generosity, many young people are accepting the challenge to grow in in their Catholic faith. Please continue your support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The Christlike charity of you and your fellow parishioners is changing lives throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 14 and 15, 2020. Please be as generous as possible in this Collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the young of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.



Sincerely yours in Christ,
 +Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Masses For The Week

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

Monday 8:00am John F. Hayes & Family

Tuesday 8:00am David Dziedzic
Wednesday 8:00am Frances Cerritelli
Thursday 8:00am Susan Denofa
Friday 8:00am Joseph P. Cusick
Saturday 8:00am Aime "Pete" Rancourt

Saturday March 14, 2020
 5:30pm Thomas Dooley

Sunday March 15, 2020
 7:00am For the Intentions of Hilda Marian
 8:30am People of the Parish
 10:00am Bill Weychert, 8th Anniversary
 11:30am Bill Grossman & Joanne Blaney

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:

03/01/20 \$ 10,114.00
 03/03/19 \$ 11,665.00

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, March 9, 2020

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

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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

Thursday, March 12, 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 13, 2020

- * 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: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
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 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 8, 2020**

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

Change

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

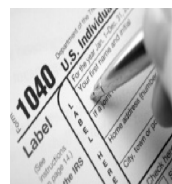
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Respect Life

Please join other parishioners on Wed., April 1st to pray the Rosary for one hour at Planned Parenthood on Louis Drive (noon to dark).

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!

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 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 31st. Thank you for your generosity!

Monthly Food Drive

Our next Food Drive is scheduled for this weekend, 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 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!

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 beautiful 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: rrolely2325@comcast.net

Or

Ann Tucci Email: tucci89@verizon.net

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

Saint Frances of Rome (1384-1440)

March 9 ~ Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates, who to this day “pray and work” while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society's most vulnerable. Frances' charity was not only “hands on” but “in home.” Her palace became a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband's death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation's premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these Oblates of Saint Frances in Rome. Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange's spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: www.oblatesisters.com. Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 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 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.

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.

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Congratulations SJR CYO this basketball season!

Varsity CYO Parish Basketball Team - Season Tournament Runner Up



CYO Regional Team - Archdiocese of Philadelphia Region 11 Champions

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Congratulations to St. Joseph/St. Robert CYO Girls Basketball team on their Archdiocese of Philadelphia championship win!

High School News

Honors ~ Congratulations!

Archbishop Wood High School

We are pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the Second Quarter of the 2019-2020 school year:

First Honors: Dylan Huegel '20, Katlynn Razler '20, Hailey Jacobsen '21, Mason Yacovelli '22, Luke Shaeffer '23

Second Honors: Luke Cantwell '21, Lauren Scott '21, Mairead McDermott '22.

Villa Joseph Marie High School

High Honors: Hannah Buckleman '23

Information

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Admissions

Morning & Evening Tours: 6th and 7th grade students are invited along with at least one parent.

7th Grade Practice Test : Saturday or Sunday – April 25th or 26th. Information and registration available at gmahs.org/futuremonarchs.