

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,

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary. We will also be offering special prayers after the morning Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We call this a Triduum to St. Joseph. The word Triduum simply refers to three special days. Usually it is used when speaking of Easter, for example, the Paschal Triduum refers to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our St. Joseph Triduum sets aside some extra time to pray to our patron. St. Joseph is a great model for all people of faith, but especially for men, husbands, and fathers. While we all know that Joseph was married to the Blessed Mother and the foster father of Jesus, he is venerated for multiple reasons. The following are some of the titles attributed to St. Joseph: Light of the patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster-father of the Son of God, Watchful defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Joseph most just, Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent, Joseph most valiant, Joseph most obedient, Joseph most faithful, Mirror of patience, Lover of poverty, Model of workmen, Glory of domestic life, Guardian of virgins, Pillar of families, Solace of the afflicted, Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, and Protector of Holy Church. Now is a good time to pray to St. Joseph, our protector as we face the spread of illness in our world. We turn to St. Joseph and ask him to intercede on our behalf. The triduum envelopes which represent your intentions for St. Joseph will remain on the reredos (back altar) for the entire Triduum.



Last week (after I submitted my column), the Archdiocese issued protocols for all Ministers of Holy Communion and the faithful at Mass. They require washing and/or purifying hands before Mass and after distributing Holy Communion. Of course, if one is not feeling well, they should not give out Holy Communion. The priest always has the option of omitting the traditional sign of peace. If he chooses to do it, it is recommended that instead of a handshake, people bow to one another. They also reserve receiving the Precious Blood at Mass solely to the priest with a reminder that Jesus Christ is truly present, Body and Blood, soul and divinity in each of the Eucharistic species (Sacred Host and Precious Blood). And finally they recommend the frequent changing of the Holy Water in the fonts. Here at St. Joseph, I have removed the water from the fonts for the time being. Please note that Holy Water is still available for you to take home, from the large container in the back of the church. While we implement these measures I would ask you to please be mindful of our regular parish needs. Last week we experienced a serious drop in attendance and the weekly collection. I presume this is due to fears of the coronavirus, COVID19.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>March 14, 2020</u>	5:30pm Thomas Dooley
Sunday	<u>March 15, 2020</u>	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
Monday		8:00am Donald Jacobs
Tuesday		8:00am Mary Thangam & Cruz Marian
Wednesday		8:00am David Wilson
Thursday		8:00am James Joseph Dallas, Sr.
Friday		8:00am Lillain Shull
Saturday		8:00am Bob Fisher
Saturday	<u>March 21, 2020</u>	5:30pm Joseph Vincelli
Sunday	<u>March 22, 2020</u>	7:00am Patricia Ferren
		8:30am Raymond Generale
		10:00am People of the Parish
		11:30am Louise & George Snyder

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.

This Week In Our Parish

- Monday, March 16, 2020**
- * Adoration – All Day – Church
- * Rosary – 7:30 p.m.
- * Men’s Group Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Room 18 Church Bldg.
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020**
- * Confessions - 7-8 p.m. - Church
- Thursday, March 19, 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 20, 2020**
- * Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m. – Church

Readings For The Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020**

While we were still sinners Christ died for us. — *Romans 5:8*

A Note From The Pastor

We rely on the weekly collection to make our payroll. If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider mailing in your contribution, or making it electronically. You can find more information about online E-Giving on our website, www.saintjosephchurch.us.

In two weeks we will welcome Bishop Joseph Martino, Retired Bishop for the Diocese of Scranton, as he celebrates the sacrament of Confirmation for 35 of our young people. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers. We pray that they will open their hearts to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and that they will be strengthened in their faith to live out their baptismal commitment as young Catholic Christians. If you want to be specific in your prayers for them then you can pray for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit to come to them. They are: Wisdom which helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives; Understanding which is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message; Knowledge is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us; Counsel is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him; Fortitude is the courage to do what one knows is right; Piety helps us pray to God in true devotion; and Fear of the Lord is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose. If you know one of these young people, please encourage them on their journey of faith.

God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

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!

Financial Report

Weekly Sunday Collection:	
03/08/20	\$ 7,442.00
03/10/19	\$ 7,610.00

February 2020

E-Giving:	
2/2020:	\$ 6,375.22
2/2019:	\$ 5,617.80

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	\$ 2,065.00
Employee Pay	\$ 19,116.65
Music Ministry	\$ 920.00
Payroll Service	\$ 100.80
PECO	\$ 1,141.84
Verizon	\$ 657.58
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 369.63
Comcast Cable	\$ 151.04
Computer Support	\$ 254.50
Supplies	\$ 5,613.73
Repairs	\$ 1,176.00
Services	\$ 610.60
Water & Sewer	\$ 72.03
Alarm System	\$ 342.00
Heating Oil	\$ 6,183.00

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).

CPR Classes

Save the Date: Wednesday, April 23 7 p.m. CPR Classes in Church Hall. Look in future bulletins for additional information. Questions: Jim Hennessey 267-221-0088.

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!

CYO Spring Sports Registration

SJR CYO Spring Sports Registrations are now open at <http://stjosephstrobert.website.siplay.com/>: Baseball - Grades 5 – 8, Softball - Grades 5 – 8, Track and Field - Grades 1 – 8, High School Volleyball - 9-12. Ques.? bkgozdan@gmail.com.

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 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



We will once again hold our “Scone Sale” (Irish Soda Bread) this weekend, 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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After winning the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Championship, the St. Joseph/St. Robert CYO Girls Varsity Regional Basketball Team competed in Pittsburgh the weekend of March 6-8 for the State Title. Congratulations for an awesome team effort and placing 4th in the PA State Championship.

Monthly Food Drive



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

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:

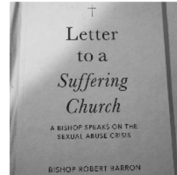
Rita Roley 215-872-0499

Email: rrole2325@comcast.net Or

Ann Tucci Email: tucci89@verizon.net

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

Attention All Parishioners!



Our Men’s Group has obtained copies of a book they have read and discussed that provides the author’s opinion and take about the sexual abuse crisis within the Catholic Church. The title of the book is “Letter to a Suffering Church,” written by Bishop Robert Barron, who is founder of ‘Word on Fire Catholic Ministries’ and the Auxillary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. After reading the book, the unanimous reaction from the Group was “Wow! What a book!” and “Every Catholic should read this book.”

Copies are available to everyone, compliments of our Men’s Group, on the tables as you exit the front or back of the Church.