



**MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Public Masses are suspended until further notice. Please go to Archdiocese of Philadelphia website for additional information from Archbishop Perez.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
(Wednesdays in Lent: 7:00 – 8:00 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,  
My prayers are with you and your families as a nation we weather the storm that is the “corona virus.”

The archdiocese issued the following press release on Tuesday of this week:

Today, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced that Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has suspended all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia effective at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18th and until further notice.

Last week, the Archbishop dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Both decisions were made in response to the growing concern over the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the directives provided by government and health department officials at the local, state, and national levels. These measures will be re-evaluated pending future developments.

Archbishop Pérez said, “As the Archbishop of Philadelphia, my first priority is to ensure the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church. So, in light of the developing Coronavirus pandemic, a decision has been made to suspend the public celebration of all Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the time being.

All of us need to do our part to slow the spread of this illness. Like you, we are monitoring coronavirus developments and look forward to continuing our lives on a more normal basis.

While things may look and feel different during these uncertain times, I want to be very clear that the Catholic Church in Philadelphia is not closing down. It is not disappearing and it will not abandon you. Time and again as our history has proven the Church has risen to meet great challenges and provide a beacon of hope and light.

As your Shepherd, I promise that the Church remains steadfast and is prepared to walk with you and serve you. Neither the Church nor its charitable works will stop. God is always by our side. He never abandons us. I invite you to join me in prayerful solidarity for the intentions of the sick, suffering, and their caregivers as well as government and health officials. With God’s grace and blessing, we will navigate the difficult waters of this challenge as a united human family, for after all is said and done, we are people of Hope!”

Though public Masses are suspended in all churches in the Archdiocese, the right and need of the faithful to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Sacraments is not put aside. Pastors, along with all those who work with them, will be as attentive as possible to all the spiritual, pastoral, and charitable needs of the people they serve.

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**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<u>March 21, 2020</u>	5:30pm Joseph Vincelli
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>March 22, 2020</u>	7:00am Patricia Ferren 8:30am Raymond Generale 10:00am People of the Parish 11:30am Louise & George Snyder
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am For the Intentions of Ethel Huynh
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am Francis Schmel
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am Edwin Winter
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am Robert Fisher
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am Robert Nealon
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am Kathleen Brighters
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>March 28, 2020</u>	5:30pm Susanne Mizas
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>March 29, 2020</u>	7:00am Special Intentions 8:30am Bob Covaleski, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary 10:00am Kathleen Brighters, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary 11:30am People of the Parish

**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.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2020**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
— *Psalm 23:1*

**Sunday Collection:**

03/15/20 \$ 4,404.00  
03/17/19 \$ 8,777.00

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Monday, March 23, 2020**

\* Adoration – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Church  
\* No Rosary

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

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

**Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

For the time being, Monday Night Rosary and Monday Rosary & Benediction will be cancelled.

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

Priests will continue to offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass during this period and to honor all requested Mass intentions.

Churches can remain open as a location for private prayer at the discretion of the pastor. Baptisms, Confessions, Marriages, and Funerals will take place as usual but with due regard for the limitation of participants and reasonable social distancing.

In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick with Holy Communion, including in private homes, by priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are suspended. In such instances, only priests will be available to celebrate the Sacraments for those in immediate danger of death. In all circumstances, government and health agency directives for group size and social distancing are to be observed as the Archdiocese of Philadelphia strives to meet the pastoral and temporal needs of all those in need.

On Sunday, March 15th, the Archdiocese featured a live streaming broadcast of the 11:00 a.m. Mass on its website and Archbishop Pérez's Facebook page for the benefit of those wishing to participate in the liturgy remotely. This broadcast will continue each Sunday on an ongoing basis.

Additional information regarding opportunities for prayer and devotions are available on the Archdiocesan website.



+Nelson J. Pérez  
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

archphila.org

**The President of the United States Bishops Conference, Archbishop Gomez, has offered the following prayer to the Blessed Mother during these difficult times.**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
 Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
 We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
 We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
 as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
 and gain for our nation and world,  
 and for all our families and loved ones,  
 the protection of your holy angels,  
 that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
 we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
 Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
 wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
 teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
 Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
 knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
 health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
 keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
 help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

God Bless You,  
 Fr. Bordonaro

**Light**

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

**CCD School Of Religion**

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 for information or email stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com



Class times: Tuesdays, 4:30- 5:50 p.m. and 6:15- 7:35 p.m.

**March 2020**

Due to the Coronavirus, all CCD classes are cancelled through March 24. Lesson plans will be provided to the families via email for the continued religious education of their children during this time. Even though our school building is closed, our DRE and catechists will continue to respond to your calls and emails. (STJOSEPHCCD.WARRINGTON@YAHOO.COM)

**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!



**FILL US**

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration. —Christina Rossetti

**Congrats! From St. Joseph Music Ministry**

I would like to congratulate Graciela Cohen for winning the 2020 Peter LaManna Scholarship Award for High School Seniors. This \$1,000 scholarship honors Dr. Peter La Manna, the first lay person appointed to the position of Chairperson of the Commission on Sacred Music for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

To receive this scholarship, there were many requirements including an interview and audition process; good grades, participation in the Parish Music Ministry, and letters of recommendation from her Principal, Pastor and Music Director were also part of this process.

This Scholarship is only given to those who have demonstrated excellence in Music. During the audition process, Graciela certainly demonstrated excellence in every way! Graciela had to sing several different pieces of music to show her cantoring skills and vocal abilities. I am so proud of how well Graciela did at her audition and so were the judges! She has worked so hard the last 4 years and is well deserving of this honor!

Sincerely,  
 Maria Lennon  
 Music Director  
 St. Joseph Church

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**Saint Turibius Of Mogrovejo** (1538-1606)

March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ’s light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God’s “saintly surprise” in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives’ devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked “the shining example of San Toribio.”

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**CHARITY**

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer