

**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,

It was a very different and difficult experience celebrating Mass last Sunday, without a congregation. I know how painful it must have been for you to be away from the Mass and receiving the Eucharist. If nothing else, this coronavirus is giving us all a “wake-up” call to not take for granted what a gift God has given us in giving us the Mass. I wonder if this is what those who grew up with religious oppression or experienced life where they were not able to participate in Mass went through? I firmly believe that we cannot give up hope, we need to believe that God is with us even, at times, when it does not feel like it.

I am happy to tell you that St. Joseph was able to broadcast our Sunday Mass on three different venues. We were able to make an audio recording of the Saturday vigil Mass and it was broadcast over WRDV-FM 89.3, on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. as we have been doing for many years. The Saturday vigil was also being video recorded/live streamed on the Church’s



Facebook page. I didn’t even know we could do this. Finally the video was put up on our parish website, [www.saintjosephchurch.us](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us). There is also a video archive to view previous Masses. I will continue to celebrate Mass privately and include you in my prayers. My plan is to continue with recording and broadcasting the Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation as well. Things are changing so quickly, so I do not know what form these future recordings may take, but I will do my best to see that they continue.

I am sure that many people are suffering now, and if St. Joseph can do anything to help you, please let me know, but I need to appeal to all parishioners that you continue supporting the Church. The weekly Sunday collection is our main source of income. As you can imagine, our weekly income has dropped precipitously. I beg you to please drop off your envelope at the rectory, or put it in the lock box in the back hallway, next to the large crucifix, or you can mail it in. Now is actually the perfect time to sign up for on-line giving. You can do this on our parish website. Thank you to those who have already made or dropped off a donation.



**Masses For The Week**

<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, 1st Anniversary
		10:00am	Kathleen Brighters, 1st Anniversary
		11:30am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Edwin Winter
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	Emily Mills
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Kathleen Weston
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Gene Stabinski
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Patricia Cooper, 1st Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Deceased Members of the Sansoni Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>April 4, 2020</u>	5:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>April 5, 2020</u>	7:00am	Bud, Myrtle and Joe Gallon
		8:30am	Patricia Cooper
		10:00am	Diane Barbier, 1st Anniversary
		11:30am	Joan Gray

**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:**

03/22/20	\$ 4,255.00
03/24/19	\$ 8,777.00

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Monday, March 30, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

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

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

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**Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];  
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

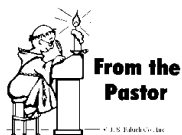
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

**Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29, 2020**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice! — *Psalm 130:1*

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

The US Bishops have published the following:

**COVID 19; A Prayer of Solidarity**

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

**Saint Polycarp (died 155)****February 23**

“Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?” Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today’s “Senior Citizen Saint,” demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through lifelong fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern-day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp’s final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sound like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: “Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.”

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Give Glory to God**

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God’s glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John’s Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus’ works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have “put on Christ” in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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**Spiritual Resources During The Coronavirus Restrictions**

During these difficult days, the Lord always remains close to us and provides us ways to receive His grace even when we cannot attend Mass in person. Visit our Archdiocesan Spiritual Resources page to find many excellent resources to nourish you spiritually and help you remain as close as possible to Jesus in the Eucharist during this time.

Find a list of live-streamed Masses, online devotions, prayer services, faith formation, ways to help and more at <http://archphila.org/resources/>.

**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 April 7 . 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!



**St. Joseph On-Line Giving**

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at [www.saintjosephchurch.us](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us)
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions



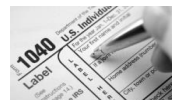
**LIFE**  
A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.  
—Pope Leo XIII

**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all bulletin requests are subject to Pastor’s approval and space availability.

**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).



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