



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

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 behalf of Msgr. Bolger, Fr. Connors, Msgr. McCoy, myself, and all those who minister and work here at St. Joseph parish I want to wish all of you and your loved ones a very Blessed Easter. This will no doubt be a very different Easter for all of us, because we are separated because of the coronavirus. For me, celebrating Easter Mass without a congregation and I'm sure for you, celebrating Easter without attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist, feels like Easter without Resurrection. But we know that Jesus is risen. We have faith that He is with us in this crisis and that He will see us through it. So I invite you to try to rejoice, even if you don't feel like it.



It is important that we remember on as many levels available how much God loves us, and what He in His mercy has offered to us. That is why we offered the Blessed Palm last week. It was just a simple small thing, and some questioned why do it, but once we got the OK from the police chief, and worked out a plan to reasonably be able to give it out, we thought it was important to keep people somehow connected to their faith. Certainly a blessed object such as a palm branch is nowhere near as sacred or holy or important as being able to receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, but when prevented from that because of circumstances, it is important to renew ourselves in other ways. Also, some people unfortunately only come to Mass once or twice a year to get palm and ashes. At least those people on the fringe of our faith get an opportunity to stay connected, even in some small way, to God.

So in our own way and in a very new way, we rejoice that Jesus Christ is risen, and that we are also invited to participate in His resurrection through His Church and the Holy Spirit. Jesus remained faithful to God the Father, even when things were at their bleakest. He believed what God had promised, and God found a way. Today we rejoice because Jesus is the way that God found to bring us back from the death of our sins. We have hope because of Him. So we can truly rejoice that Jesus is alive and that He has forever changed our future. **HAPPY EASTER!**

On a personal note I am grateful to all those who helped with the video/audio presentations of Holy Week, including the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. This includes the ministers, videographers, internet specialists, and musicians. Special thanks also to those who continue to support St. Joseph with whatever donations you are able to make.

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Masses For The Week

Holy Saturday	<u>April 11, 2020</u> 7:30pm	Celebrant's Intention
Easter Sunday	<u>April 12, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention
Monday	8:00am	Joseph A. Gallen, Jr.
Tuesday	8:00am	Thomas J. Foreman Sr., 1 st Anniversary
Wednesday	8:00am	Linda Generale
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Chapman Earley, 9 th Anniversary
Friday	8:00am	David Dziedzic
Saturday	8:00am	Robert Hagan
Saturday	<u>April 18, 2020</u> 5:30pm	Clara & Raymond Young
Sunday	<u>April 19, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Elena Padula People of the Parish The Snyder & Grossman Families John F. Quigly

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.

**Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 12, 2020**

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.
— *Colossians 3:4*

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, April 13, 2020

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



Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

A Note From The Pastor *Continued...*

If you have not yet returned your Rice Bowls, the safest thing to do would be to write a check to St. Joseph, noting in the memo Rice Bowl, or Catholic Relief Services and mail it to the rectory, or drop it in the secure mail slot of the rectory front door. We will be forwarding those donations to Catholic Relief Services.

I wish to express my gratitude to you, the people of St. Joseph parish. I am most grateful for your prayers and support. I hope that you and your families experience the renewal of grace offered in Jesus' saving sacrifice.

God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

The Easter Octave

**Sunday, April 5 -
Sunday, April 12, 2020**

Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus!

Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: "the marriage of heaven and earth," as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' "divine vacation" (Latin *vacare*, "to be empty"), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your "paschal candle"), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."

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Sunday Collection:

Unavailable at time of publication.

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/>.

Christ Has Risen

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead

rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

—Byzantine Pentekostarion

Bulletin Submittals

Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all bulletin requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Pennsylvania March For Life

The sponsors of the Pennsylvania March for Life, out of concern for the health of those planning to attend, and in line with the guidance of public health officials and Capitol authorities, are today announcing the postponement of the Pennsylvania March for Life, originally set for Monday, May 18, 2020. Even now we are looking to confirm a date for this fall. Continue to check the website at pamarchforlife.org for regular updates.

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.

April 2020

Due to the Coronavirus, all CCD classes are cancelled through April 14. 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.

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Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 CCD School Year will be held via U.S. mail. All registration forms were sent home with the children March 3. Please fill out the registration form – FRONT AND BACK – and return it to St. Joseph Church, Attn: Cathy Cain, 1795 Columbia Ave., Warrington, PA 18976. 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
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



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.

Magnificat

During this challenging time, many of the faithful are unable to attend Mass. We are honored to provide complimentary access to our online versions of MAGNIFICAT and MagnifiKid! to help people pray from home. Go to: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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SJR pajama spirit day of distance learning! Morning prayers with Mr. D'Andrea then a Zoom class of show & tell for our Pre-K.



Seeds of Faith

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter’s speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul’s letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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Rosary Campaign For An End To The Coronavirus

Please consider joining us for our online Rosary Campaign every night at 8 PM. Over 2200 households are participating and it is a beautiful way to pray in communion with one another during these hard times! You can find the log-in information at <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary/>.

