



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,
I pray that you had a Blessed Easter. While it certainly was not the celebration that we were hoping for or wanted, we still rejoice that the Lord is risen. He gives us hope where it seems that there is none. He brings healing to our souls and He brings life out of death. Even though we did not have the traditional experience of Easter this year, we still celebrated. I want to thank all those who helped our community celebrate the Sundays in Lent and also the solemn liturgies of Holy Week and Easter via our videos uploaded to the parish website. This includes those that helped with the filming, editing, recording and uploading of the various celebrations, arranging of the altar and its decorations, as well as all the ministers who assisted at our video and audio broadcasts – lectors, organist, vocalist. The music and singing helped people to feel that they were still a part of their local celebration. I heard from many people how much they appreciated it. I also want to thank you for continuing to support St. Joseph Parish. Your weekly and Easter donations are essential to keep our parish operating.

On April 3, the parish applied for the Payment Protection Program. This is a government program that permits non-profits to apply for a loan from their local bank. Its purpose is to ensure that employees stay employed during this crisis. The loan must be used to pay payroll, utilities, and any rent or mortgage. Then, as long as a non-profit qualifies, this loan can be forgiven by the government up to 100%. If it is not forgiven, it remains a low interest loan. When we first applied, the bank told us that it did not apply to churches. Then over the weekend they informed us that that rule was amended. We also submitted all the paperwork and as of the writing of this column have yet to hear back, although the bank assures us that they have reviewed our paperwork and everything seems in order. This will be a real help to us if it comes through, and especially if it is also forgiven.

As of right now, our parish celebrations are in a holding pattern. We do not know when or how we will celebrate Confirmation or First Holy Communion. Please keep our young people preparing for these sacraments in your prayers. It must be extremely frustrating for them and their families, as I am sure you understand.

We also look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We should take some time during these post-Easter days to reflect on the Lord's love and mercy in not only offering Himself for our sake but also sending us His Spirit to be with us. We also ask the Holy Spirit to renew us as well. When we celebrate Easter we are reminded of our need to accept God's call and also to respond to it. We pray also for all those who have moved away from the Church. We ask God to touch them in a special way that they might be moved to return to Him. This is the season for bringing things back to life, even if it is our faith life.

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Masses For The Week

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. Quigley
Monday	8:00am	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday	8:00am	Kathleen Mashett
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Patricia J. Steffa
Friday	8:00am	Julie O'Brien
Saturday	8:00am	Earl Newhard
Saturday	<u>April 25, 2020</u> 5:30pm	For the Intentions of Laura DeHennis
Sunday	<u>April 26, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Kathleen Brighters Raymond Generale People of the Parish Bill Gaida

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, April 20, 2020

* Adoration – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Church

* No Rosary

Monday – Saturday

Church is open for private prayer from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday

Church is open for private prayer from 9 a.m. – Noon



Online Discernment Retreat

The Vocation Office invites men who are discerning a call to the priesthood, high school age and beyond, to gather virtually for an ONLINE DISCERNMENT RETREAT. This retreat will include prayer, reflections on seminary life and the priesthood, and the opportunity to interact virtually with the seminarians and guest priest speakers. The retreat will be held Friday, April 24th - 6:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday, April 25th - 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (break for lunch). To register for this retreat, visit Heedthecall.org/comeandsee or contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 19, 2020

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
— John 20:29b

A Note From The Pastor *Continued...*



If you have not yet returned your Rice Bowls, please deposit them in the bins in the back hallway. 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

Saint Anselm (1033-1109)



April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic,

Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced “prayer and work,” this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: “Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!” “Faith seeking understanding” was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed “A Prayer for My Friends” and “A Prayer for My Enemies,” reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

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Financial Report

March 2020

Weekly Envelope Collection:

03/29/20 \$ 6,851.00
03/30/19 \$ 8,006.00

E-Giving:

3/2020: \$ 5,901.05
3/2019: \$ 5,317.45

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	\$ 800.00
Employee Pay	\$ 18,899.14
Payroll Service	\$ 99.20
PECO	\$ 1,000.44
Verizon	\$ 654.83
Church Cleaning	\$ 1,135.00
Trash Removal	\$ 369.74
Comcast Cable	\$ 151.04
Computer Support	\$ 254.50
Supplies	\$ 2,898.70
Repairs-roof shingles, Rectory bathroom	\$ 504.25
Services-Vanco & Priest Exp. Report	\$ 546.09
Water & Sewer	\$ 107.52
Alarm System – 6 Mo. Rectory	\$ 132.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 508.66
Bi-Annual RE Taxes	\$ 5,640.03
2019-2020 Snow Removal	\$ 2,597.60
Repairs to Church Boilers	\$ 1,504.45

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 21. 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.

[\(STJOSEPHCCD.WARRINGTON@YAHOO.COM\)](mailto:STJOSEPHCCD.WARRINGTON@YAHOO.COM)

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

Online Giving

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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We continue to have openings for Pre-K 4 to 8th Grade for the 2020-2021 school year. We have scholarships and grants available. Even though we can't currently invite your family to the school, we can communicate by phone/email. Please contact Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement. She can be reached at: kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

Get Real!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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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/>.

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/>.



COVER SHEET

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