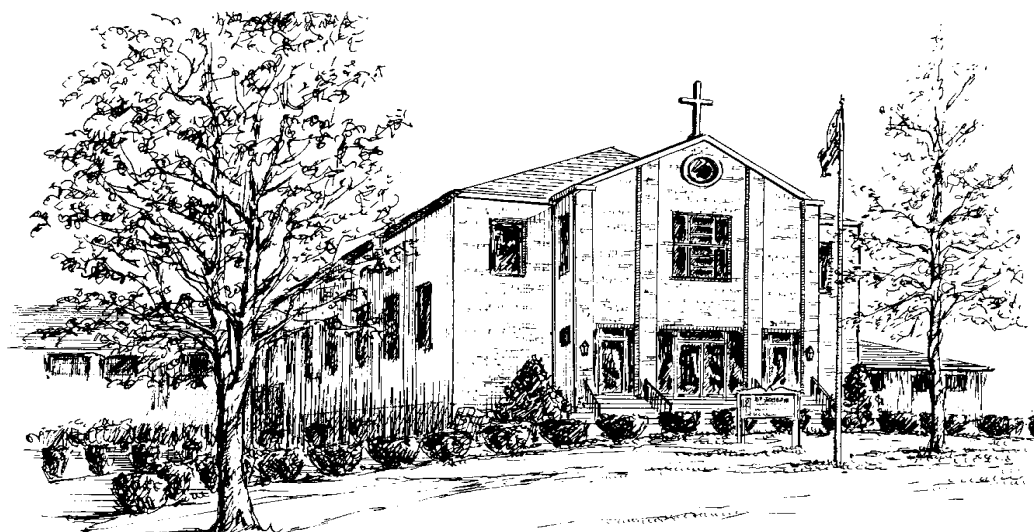




MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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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.

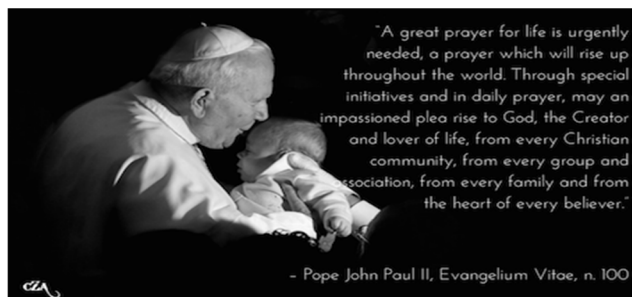
If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

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,
As of the publishing of this column, I am scheduled to participate in an upcoming “webinar” sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia about assisting parishes in learning how to respond to the needs of the faithful during the time of this coronavirus. In a letter to priests, we were told that the period immediately following the lifting of the COVID19 restrictions requires us to be ready to assist people to reintegrate into an active, in person engagement with parish life. We will learn about the Archdiocesan plan for this period. The goal is that each parish will then make choices about what is best for them. Hopefully I will be able to share some insights and ideas in next week’s column.



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is joining other dioceses in especially recognizing pregnant and parenting moms in need of help and support who attend Mass in our parishes and live in our neighborhoods. The good news is that help and support is often readily available from many compassionate and dedicated people and organizations. The 25th anniversary of *Evangelium Vitae* gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand these resources and to communicate these resources to those in desperate need of them. To this end, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has initiated a nationwide effort called **Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service**, taking place from March 25, 2020 through March 25, 2021. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, through the Office for Life and Family and Catholic Social Services, has enthusiastically joined this effort. For more information, please visit <http://phillycatholiclife.org/walking-with-moms-in-need/>. If any parishioner is interested in becoming a parish leader for this effort to act as the main point person and coordinator of this Year of Service, please contact me.

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Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020



You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.
— Acts 2:28

Masses For The Week

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
Monday	8:00am	Bob Weychert
Tuesday	8:00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	8:00am	Paul Smith
Thursday	8:00am	Patricia Cooper
Friday	8:00am	Linda Generale
Saturday	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>May 2, 2020</u> 5:30pm	For the Intentions of Nicole McLoughlin
Sunday	<u>May 3, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Dominic Higgins Madelyn Holec Stefano Giuliani 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.

Weekly Envelope Collection

04/05/20	\$ 16,289.00
04/07/19	\$ 8,006.00

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, April 27, 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



Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59,
or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6;
1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

A Note From The Pastor *Continued...*



The US Bishops have published the following prayer to assist the faithful during the crisis.

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 Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

April 29



Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

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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.

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/>.



CCD School Of Religion

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



Class times:

Due to the Coronavirus, all in-building CCD classes are cancelled for the remainder of the year. The catechists are continuing to provide lesson plans, via email, for the students through the remainder of the year.

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 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>

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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.



This week marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! Today, Earth Day is recognized in over 190 countries and is celebrated by 1 billion people throughout the world! Every action counts to promote clean living and a safe environment for people and our wildlife.



For the past 10 years, the students at St. Joseph/St. Robert School have organized an annual Earth Day Recycling Challenge on the school campus. Given the status of the current global pandemic, the students recognition of Earth Day 2020 has gone virtual this year! Since we can't all be together at school to celebrate this important movement, our families this weekend celebrated Earth Day safely at their homes and in our communities.

