

**A Note From The Pastor**



My Dear Parishioners,

This was supposed to be the weekend for our young people to receive their First Holy Communion. Of course because of the coronavirus, that cannot take place. Please pray for our young people and their families who have to wait a little while longer to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Rather than focusing on what we cannot do, I thought it might be good to reflect on what we can do. I found the following reflection on the US Bishops' website.

**The Corporal Works of Mercy during the Covid 19 pandemic**

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise; they “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults).

**FEED THE HUNGRY**

- Check in with your parish community to see if there are parishioners who cannot (or should not) go grocery shopping themselves.
- Check in with your parish to see if the food pantry is adequately stocked.
- Organize a network of volunteers in each parish/community to grocery shop for parishioners in need, especially the more vulnerable populations in our community.

**GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY**

- Do not purchase or hoard more water than you need.
- While handwashing is vitally important, make an effort not to waste water—in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.

**SHELTER THE HOMELESS**

- Consider donating toiletries and sanitary items to a local shelter since those who suffer homelessness—and the facilities that minister to them—are especially vulnerable at this time.
- Financially support organizations that are working to support the homeless population in your community.

**VISIT THE SICK**

- While in-person visits are not advisable during this time, please invest time in reaching out via phone/video call or by sending a letter or card to those who may feel particularly isolated during this time.
- Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members by grocery shopping or cooking for them so they do not have to risk exposure.
- Reach out to health care workers in your community who may be overworked, burdened, or in need of specific support at this time.

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**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<u>May 2, 2020</u> 5:30pm	For the Intentions of Nicole McLoughlin
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>May 3, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Dominic Higgins Madelyn Holec Stefano Giuliani People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	St. Joseph Memorial Society
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	Bob Flanagan
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Diane Barbieri
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Joan Gray
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	John Francis “Jack” Helm
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Pasquale Macrone
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>May 9, 2020</u> 5:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>May 10, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Holy Souls Raymond Generale Maria & Elmer Grossman & Louise Snyder Jeanne C. Logue, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**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, Marie Trotter Rickman, Jack Streisky, and Jack Wilhelm.



**Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020**

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. — *1 Peter 2:24a*

**Weekly Envelope Collection**

04/12/20	\$ 4,787.00
04/14/19	\$ 8,227.00

**This Week In Our Parish**

- Monday, May 4, 2020**  
 \* Adoration – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Church  
 \* No Rosary/No Benediction



**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 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

## A Note From The Pastor Continued...



### VISIT THE PRISONERS

- Explore whether your parish or diocese has a prison ministry and, if so, check whether they are in need of supplies or support.
- Given that people in prison can be especially isolated and vulnerable during this pandemic, consider how to support those who are ministering to them and bringing them the Word of God.

### BURY THE DEAD

- Now that funerals may be limited or restricted, reach out with cards or phone calls to those who have recently lost a loved one.
- If possible, visit the cemetery to pray for those you have lost—and to ask their intercession on behalf of all those facing death today.

### GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR

- Reach out to those who may have been especially burdened during this pandemic, especially those whose occupations make them more vulnerable to economic instability.
- Remember that the lack of public celebration of Masses may result in parishes struggling financially in the next few months; be sure to continue your support and if possible, increase offerings for those who cannot donate due recent financial hardship or inability to work.
- Remember that Catholic Relief Services continues to serve the most vulnerable and consider making a donation or praying for them as you are able.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Bordonaro

## Voting

As the June 2 primary approaches, we are all reminded of the importance of performing our civic duty by voting. This year, the State of Pennsylvania is encouraging people to vote safely by mail. To start the process of signing up for “Vote by Mail” go to [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can also get a paper application for “Vote by Mail” by calling the PA Department of State at 1-877-868-3772.

## In Need Of A Shepherd



For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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## Saints Philip and James, Apostles

May 3



Call Philip the gospel’s “Answer Man.” “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets” (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: “We would like to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Philip’s answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: “Show us the Father!” (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: “You still don’t know me? How can you ask that? Don’t you believe?” And an answer: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:10). Today’s James is not John’s brother, Zebedee’s son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus’ words: “Forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James’ letter challenges, “doers of the word and not hearers only” (James 1:22).

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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](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



**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).

**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](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org).

**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/>.

MUCH-NEEDED LOVE  
No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it.  
—Anonymous

**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/>.



**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.