



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,

This Thursday, May 21, 2020 is our celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord. The obligation to attend Mass on Ascension Thursday is lifted, as on Sundays. I will have the Holy Day Mass posted on our website, some time after 5:00 p.m. Thursday. Unfortunately, we are not able to broadcast the Holy Day on the radio.

This was supposed to be the weekend for the men of the Archdiocese to be ordained priests. This Sunday they would have offered their First Mass. (That date has been tentatively moved to June 20, 2020). So many important things in our lives these days have to be changed. Whether you are moving or adjusting a graduation, wedding, baptism, birthday celebration or an ordination it is difficult to change. We pray for all those who have had to make adjustments during this time of crisis. I thought it might be good to continue our reflection on what we can do. This is what I found on the US Bishops website.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy during the COVID19 pandemic

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history; just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those He ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs" (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults).

COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL

- Reassure and support those who may be especially anxious during this time.
- If someone asks you for advice, orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

INSTRUCTING THE IGNORANT

- With public celebration of Masses unavailable, learn and/or teach someone else how to make a Spiritual Communion.
- Take this time to recommit to your own study and formation and, for those home with children, take advantage of this time to reflect on the faith as a family.

ADMONISHING THE SINNER

- Being confined in close quarters for long periods of time with families or housemates can test us in more ways than one, so be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes.
- Recognize the reality of spiritual warfare in daily interactions and strive to cultivate the corresponding virtues needed to resist your personal temptations.

COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL

- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering and let them know you are thinking of them.
- Remember that a few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>May 16, 2020</u>	5:30pm William J. Holman
Sunday	<u>May 17, 2020</u>	7:00am People of the Parish 8:30am Madelyn Holic 10:00am Catherine Plisich 11:30am George Lavella
Monday	8:00am	Virgil Muhlenkamp
Tuesday	8:00am	Alfred Denofa
Wednesday	8:00am	Rev. Gordy Cusick, 8 th Anniversary
	5:30pm	John F. Quigley
Ascension	8:00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	10:00am	The Snyder & Grossman Families
	7:00pm	Kathleen Brighters
Friday	8:00am	Catherine Grimes & Rev. A. James Chapman
		Robert Mullen
Saturday	8:00am	
Saturday	<u>May 23, 2020</u>	5:30pm For the Intentions of Tina Greaves
Sunday	<u>May 24, 2020</u>	7:00am Patricia Leone 8:30am People of the Parish 10:00am Special Intentions of the Gomes Family 11:30am Michele Grispino

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.

Weekly Envelope Collection

05/03/20	\$ 9,230 .00
05/05/19	\$ 10,063.00

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, May 18, 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 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth." — *John 14:16-17*

A Note From The Pastor *Continued...*



• Consider sharing links to spiritual resources with those who may be isolated, such as livestreamed Masses, so that they can participate in community worship from home.

FORGIVING INJURIES

- For families, this time may maximize opportunities to exercise forgiveness, so take this time to model the importance of forgiveness both for this life and the next.
- If the sacrament of Reconciliation is not available in your parish at this time, commit to making a regular examination of conscience. (By the way St. Joseph has confession 4-5 pm Saturday)
- Learn and/or teach your family members the Examen prayer and/or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY

- Practice developing and strengthening the virtues of temperance, prudence, fortitude, and justice.
- When frustrated with someone, step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, and pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.
- Commit to praying the Stations of the Cross once a week.

PRAYING FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

- Pray the rosary with family members, via video conference or conference call if needed, for all those who are suffering from the effects of this pandemic.
- Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers, and let people know that you are praying for them.
- Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about.

God Bless You!
Fr. Bordonaro

Saint Rita Of Cascia (1381-1457) ~ May 22



If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Editor's Note: The Shrine is closed to visitors due to the Coronavirus restrictions. On Friday, May 22, 2020 ~ The Solemn Feast Day of Saint Rita of Cascia ~ Mass will be broadcast live on EWTN at 11:30 a.m. Archbishop Nelson Perez will serve as the main celebrant.

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 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.

The Reason For Our Hope



"What is the reason for your hope?" Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

CCD School Of Religion

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



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!

LIGHT OF BELIEF

Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.

—Pope Saint John XXIII

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:

Online Giving

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>

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National Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated during the 1st full week of May every year. During this challenging time, the students and teachers at St. Joseph/St. Robert School were creative in showing their enthusiastic gratitude with a socially distance school drive-by.

