



**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 past Wednesday I was able to gather with Archbishop Perez and our other Philadelphia classmates to celebrate our 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of priesthood ordination. Never in all my time at the seminary, or as an archdiocesan priest did I ever imagine that I would be gathering with one of my own classmates as our archbishop. Sadly, we were able to gather and stay within the “group of no more than 10” guidelines because our numbers are down. We were ordained with 12 men for Philadelphia and 2 have since passed away. I wish I had some special insight to give you as to when we are going to open up again and allow public Mass to be celebrated, but I did not learn anything that you don’t already know.

I thought that I would explain how we have been handling the announced Masses at St. Joseph. As pastor, I have the obligation to see that all the Mass intentions are fulfilled. In addition I have the further obligation of offering Mass for the intention of St. Joseph Parish on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. You may have noticed that we are still publishing the announced Masses with their intentions for Sundays and the weekdays as requested, even though public Mass is not permitted. The reason for this is for those who requested the Mass to see that we have the intention and will try to accommodate it in a reasonable way. Weekday Masses are being celebrated by me on the day scheduled, unless there is some other pressing concern, **e.g.** a funeral. On Saturday I will celebrate the vigil Mass with its intention and on Sunday I will celebrate a Mass for the people or for one of the other Sunday intentions. Those intentions which are not celebrated are being placed in our Mass Book for celebration as soon as possible. They will then be **RE**-announced in the bulletin when they are due to be celebrated. A record is being kept at the rectory if you want to check when a particular Mass was rescheduled for. Sadly, we may soon run out of Mass intentions to be said because this virus has certainly cut back on Mass requests.

As we enter the season of graduation I found this prayer for graduates during this very unique time in history:

Dear God,

We pray for our graduates today and lift them before you. We thank you so much for these we love and for the work you are continuing to do in their lives. They are a gift to us and to many others. And during this season of new beginnings, we ask that you would make their way clear. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm and remind them that you are with them, always. May they sense the freshness of your Spirit over their lives in amazing ways, may they be strengthened, instilled with hope, for the new roads you have in store.

And today, again, we release our children straight into your tender care. Because we know that’s the best place they could ever be. We thank you in advance for all you have in store, for this day, for this year, for their lives.

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**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<u>May 23, 2020</u> 5:30pm	For the Intentions of Tina Greaves
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>May 24, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Patricia Leone People of the Parish Special Intentions of the Gomes Family Michele Grispino
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Chapman Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	David Dziedzic
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Raymond Generale
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Joe Pugnetti
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	Ana Maria Tapia Lopez
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Dominic Higgins
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>May 30, 2020</u> 5:30pm	For the Intentions of Jana Kryzstofiak
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>May 31, 2020</u> 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	Pasquale Macrone Linda Generale People of the Parish Thanksgiving Mass offered for Matilda & Thoms Correa

**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.



**The Ascension of the Lord  
 May 24, 2020**

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Monday, May 25, 2020**

- \* Closed for Memorial Day
- \* No Rosary/No Adoration

**Tuesday – 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



**A Note From The Pastor Continued...**



We pray for protection, for your covering, that you would surround their lives as with a shield. Protect their coming and going. We ask that you would help them to live aware in a dark world and keep harm or evil intent far away.

We ask that you would hide them in the safety of your powerful presence.

Our world is currently anxious, fearful and uncertain. We pray our graduates are filled with your courage and strength, that they may be a light to their friends and neighbors in this uncertain time.

We ask for your wisdom and clear direction over their lives, that you would give them understanding beyond their years. We pray that you would direct their steps, that your plans for them would prosper; that every place you have determined for them to walk would be paved clear. We ask for you to open doors that need to be opened and close every one that should be shut tight. Allow every gift and treasure you have placed inside their lives to grow, develop, and flourish, to bring you glory.

We ask that you would remind them every day how very much you love them, that they would find security and confidence fully in you, knowing that you are trustworthy and true.

We ask that you would teach them your ways and fill them with an unquenchable desire to learn your Word. Give them a compassionate spirit, and the wisdom to look beyond outward appearances to the heart within. We pray that you would surround them with friends and leaders who would challenge them to press closer to you.

We ask for your peace to cover them. We ask for laughter and joy to fill their days. We pray that you would give them boldness and courage to face challenges set before them, with the confidence and peace that can only come from your spirit.

We ask that you would raise up greatness in their lives, greatness in this generation, willing to stand strong and true, passionate for you, believing that you have designed them for purpose and good works, which you have planned and prepared in advance for them to do.

Be a lamp for their feet, and a light to their path. Shine over them. Fill them with your spirit. Bless them with your favor and peace.

We ask through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,

Amen.

God Bless You!  
Fr. Bordonaro

**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>

**Readings For The Week**

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19- 20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**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).

**Financial Report**

**April 2020**

Weekly Envelope Collection:

05/10/20	\$ 7,113.00
05/12/19	\$ 9,819.00

<u>E-Giving:</u>
4/2020: \$ 8,245.99
4/2019: \$ 4,857.70

**Monthly Report**

School Subsidy	\$ -
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	\$ -
Employee Pay	\$ 17,927.05
Music Ministry	\$ 290.00
Payroll Service	\$ 99.20
PECO	\$ 840.51
Verizon	\$ 644.61
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 369.74
Comcast Cable	\$ 151.04
Computer Support	\$ 374.40
Supplies	\$ 2,769.11
Repairs-sump pump	\$ 76.00
Services	\$ 375.00

**CCD School Of Religion**

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 for information or email [stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

**“Pushed” Out On Mission**



There is a delightful character in the original *Dr. Dolittle Tales* called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.” Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or “pushes” the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.

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**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

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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).

**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.

**Saint Philip Neri (1515-1595)**

**May 26**

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, “They’re a very somber order who’ve left the Church. I recognize them.” “By their long robes?” an American asked. “Many in Rome wear robes,” replied the shopkeeper. “It’s their long faces!” When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter’s steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an “apostle of joy,” drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His “Oratory,” a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unflinching joy.

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