



**MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Modified Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Sunday Masses 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM

& 11:30 AM

**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.

**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays:** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:**

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,

Radio - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

**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.

**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.

**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 Sunday is **Catechetical Sunday**. It is a special recognition of all those who give of their time, effort and skills to see that our parishioners have the opportunity to be properly formed in the faith. This includes all those involved in **St. Joseph/St. Robert School** – *teachers, principal, administration, staff, and volunteers*. We also recognize and thank those involved in faith formation in our **CCD program**, including our *program director and catechists, assistants, staff and volunteers*. In addition we are grateful for the members of our **RCIA team, youth formation team and Pre-Jordan instructors**. They play a crucial role in preparing and instructing our youth and adults to come into the faith, or complete their initiation. We thank them for all they do in handing on the kingdom. This year they have the added challenge of trying to form our children in the age of Coronavirus. While we usually recognize parents as the primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith, they are even more important in assisting their children whether going over homework, facilitating home learning and in general supporting the plan of our teachers and aides. Please pray for all involved and ask God to bless them for the very good work they do.

The 2020 theme for Catechetical Sunday is **"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."** Bishop Robert Barron, the Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis says, "The 2020 Catechetical Sunday theme is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. This theme focuses on the essential work of catechesis, which is an invitation to a whole new life given by Christ Himself. It emphasizes that living faith necessitates movement, inspiring all those who hear the Word to share it as witnesses of the true and living God."

This year, we also invite everyone who is involved in the work of catechesis to consider earnestly the importance of catechist formation. Since catechists are the instruments through which many come to encounter Christ and hear this invitation, they have a unique role in keeping people connected to the life of the parish. The new Directory for Catechesis describes the following goal of catechist formation: "making catechists aware that as baptized persons they are true missionary disciples, meaning active participants in evangelization, and on this basis are enabled by the Church to communicate the Gospel and to accompany and educate believers in the faith" (DC 132). Therefore, catechists must first be accompanied by their pastors and catechetical leaders to encounter Christ, in order to facilitate encounters with Christ for others. To read the full text of the letter please go to <https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/leadership-institute-catechetical-sunday-2020>.

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**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<u>Sept 19, 2020</u>	5:30pm	Anita Macrone
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>Sept. 20, 2020</u>	7:00am	Linda Generale
		10:00am	For the Intentions of Joanne Johnston
		11:30am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Kathleen Weston
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	Bob Weychert, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Joseph Vincelli
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	Papiano Family
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Robert Smith, Sr.
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Joseph Cusick
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>Sept. 26, 2020</u>	5:30pm	Julie Vinson
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>Sept. 27, 2020</u>	7:00am	John Tamaro
		10:00am	Pat & Mike McCloskey, Wedding Anniv.
		11:30am	For the Intentions of Dan Lang

**Please Pray For**



Those who are ill: Seth Game, Matt McKenzie, Roy O'Leary, Kim Bell, Frances Bungard, Joy Cataldi, June Faust, Linda Giardetti, Russel Heim, David Jones, Ralph Lawson, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, John Lommock, Dave McKay, Daniel McKinny, baby Eva McNamara, Adeline McNulty, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Mary Jo Pergolin, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Joanne Slouskey, Jack Streisky, and Jack Wilhelm.

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

\* Adoration – 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. – Church



**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.



**Readings For The Week**

- Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6,10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89,101,104,163; Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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

As a reminder, we are **all catechists**, in that we should join together in passing on the faith. If you know someone who is considering joining the Catholic Faith, or someone who simply needs to be asked, now is the time. We are holding our special **Night of Inquiry** on **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in classroom 18. Anyone interested in finding out more about the faith is invited to join us. Please call the rectory if interested, 215-672-3020.

**Effective October 3-4, 2020 our schedule will be, Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) 8:00 a.m., Confessions on Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.**

God Bless you,  
Fr. Bordonaro

**Treasures from our Tradition**

On the Byzantine calendar, September 23 is the feast of the Conception of John the Baptist. The Roman and Byzantine calendars have in common the other equinox- or solstice-derived dates of solemnities: December 25, March 25, and June 24. Scholars see strong evidence in the writings of the early Church Fathers for the fixing of these dates from the imagined “anniversary” of Gabriel’s appearance to Zechariah at Yom Kippur, which was thought to have coincided with the equinox as a day of “at-one-ment” between light and darkness. The spiritual writer Origen held to this date. The annunciation to Zechariah then set the date six months later for Mary’s conception of Jesus (March 25), and then, of course, for the dates of the births of John (June 24) and Jesus (December 25). Is this “liturgical trivia?” Perhaps. But it’s also the best explanation we have for the dating of some of the most important festivals on our calendar. So even though the Roman Church doesn’t observe the Conception of John the Baptist, yesterday’s equinox can remind us of how our salvation history is closely attuned to God’s creation.

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**AUTUMN**

*Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves,  
We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!*

—Humbert Wolfe

**Weekly Envelope Collection**

<b>2020 Sept. 6</b>	<b>\$10,502.00</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>\$5,760.00</b>
<b>2019 Sept. 8</b>	<b>\$ 8,586.00</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>\$8,897.00</b>

**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

**HOPE Committee**

The pandemic is having its effect on us all and the homebound are especially affected. If anyone is interested in calling one of our parishioners on occasion to just chat, please let me know and I will give you the details.

A friendly voice can make such a difference!  
Laura DeHennis 215-442-1515



The Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition is sponsoring 40 Days of Prayer and Repentance for an end to abortion. Intercessors will be gathering at Warminster Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Drive. St. Joseph Parish is scheduled for 10/14 and 10/21. Please call Libby McGinn at 215-343-0230 for more information or to sign up for one hour of prayer.

**Monthly Food Drive**



Our next Food Drive is scheduled for the weekend of **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans**. Thank you for your generosity for the Food Drive of 838 pounds of food in August!



*Effective October, 2020*

**St. Joseph Church - New Schedule**

<b>DAILY MASS</b>	<b>MON – SAT</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>3:30 – 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>		<b>7:30 a.m.</b>
		<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
		<b>11:30 a.m.</b>

**CCD School Of Religion**

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



Registration for the 2020-2021 CCD School Year will continue through U.S. mail. If you need a registration form, please send an email to the above address and a form will be mailed. The fee is \$130 per child for the school year. If you are new to the program and your child WAS NOT BAPTISED AT ST. JOSEPH, you will need to provide a copy of your child’s baptism certificate.

The format for the Fall CCD program will be “Family Homeschooling.” Parents will pick up their child’s materials on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. There will be an opening prayer service at 7:00 P.M. in church and then the materials can be picked up. The package will consist of detailed lesson plans, books, and assignments. A website will also be available, but not mandatory to use. More information will come at the initial meeting on September 22. Tentatively, the second meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 P.M. in church. The September assignments will be turned in then the next set of assignments will be distributed.

We will monitor the COVID situation to see if we can bring the students and the catechists back in-person come January. If not, then we will continue with the meeting style outlined above approximately once a month. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY CHILDREN TO THE PARENTS’ MEETINGS DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING.** Thank you for your cooperation!

**Public Square Rosary Rally**

*“The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy.” —Our Lady to Saint Dominic*  
Join us for the 2020 Public Square Rosary Rally to pray for the US and our world on October 10, 2020 at noon in honor of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima in 1917. The Rally will be held in front of St. Joseph Church at the corner of Rt. 611 and County Line Road.

**Reflect on the readings: DIRECTION**

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we’re confused and troubled and can’t figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord’s behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can’t even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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711 Fox Chase Road Jenkintown, PA 19046  
Register online at [Stbasilacademy.org](http://Stbasilacademy.org)

**Nazareth Academy High School**  
Virtual Open House Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020.  
Please visit [NazarethAcademyHS.org/FallOpenHouse](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/FallOpenHouse) to sign up. You will receive further information via email after signing up. For any questions, please contact Ms. Derassouyan in the Admissions Office at 215.268.1026.

**Villa Joseph Marie High School**  
**8TH GRADE ENTRANCE/SCHOLARSHIP EXAM**  
Sept. 26, 2020 | Oct. 3, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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