



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 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM
& 11:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 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,
Starting next weekend we will be implementing our new times for Confession and Mass. Please note that **Confessions will be on Saturday from**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and the Vigil Mass will be 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses will be at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Next Sunday, October 4th is the Church's feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In honor of St. Francis, St. Joseph Church will be hosting our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your leashed animals to the grassy area between the two back parking lots for a brief prayer service and blessing. Please be sure to keep at least 6 feet between families and also wear your masks.

October is annually observed as Respect Life Month in Catholic Churches across our nation. The theme this year is: **Live the Gospel of Life.** What follows is 2020-2021 reflection from the respectlife.org website from the US Bishops.

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible* Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Sept 26, 2020</u>	5:30pm Julie Vinson
Sunday	<u>Sept. 27, 2020</u>	7:00am John Tamaro
		10:00am Pat & Mike McCloskey, Wedding Anniv.
		11:30am For the Intentions of Dan Lang
Monday		8:00am Raymond Generale
Tuesday		8:00am Beverly McPoyle
Wednesday		8:00am Maxim Soria, 8 th Anniv.
Thursday		8:00am Rose Murphy
Friday		8:00am People of the Parish
Saturday		8:00am Robert N. Boland, Sr. 8 th Anniv.
Saturday	<u>Oct. 3, 2020</u>	5:00pm Dec'd members of the DiTore Family
Sunday	<u>Oct 4, 2020</u>	7:30am Raymond Nardelli
		9:30am Charlene Boland
		11:30am Mary Ann Dowzicky

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Carole Toth, 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 28, 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. We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all bulletin requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.
—St. Jerome



Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

A Note From The Pastor Continued....

Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II’s prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church’s teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Treasures from our Tradition

Did you ever notice how often the angels are referred to during Mass? We commonly meet them in the Confiteor (“I ask blessed Mary, every virgin, all the angels and saints”), prefaces (“with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven”), the Roman Canon (“we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice”), and Eucharistic Prayer IV (“countless hosts of angels stand before you to do your will”). Last week and this week angels abound as we celebrated Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael yesterday and will honor the Guardian Angels on October 2.

September 29 was originally the feast day for Michael alone. Gabriel and Raphael joined him in the 1969 reform of the Church calendar. The celebration of the Guardian Angels has been observed since the sixteenth century in Spain. Pope Clement X assigned the feast to the first free day after St. Michael’s in 1670, and there it has remained. Take some time this week to reflect on these, God’s messengers and our protectors, and maybe even celebrate with a little angel food cake!

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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
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 Food Drive is scheduled for next weekend, **October 3rd and 4th**. Non-perishables only. Canned food items in greatest need are: **beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans.**

<i>Effective October, 2020</i>		
<u>St. Joseph Church - New Schedule</u>		
DAILY MASS	MON – SAT	8:00 a.m.
CONFESSIONS	SAT	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
VIGIL MASS	SAT	5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY MASS		7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

CCD School Of Religion

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



The format for the Fall CCD program will be “Family Homeschooling.” The next 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: FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren’t that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today’s readings.

People complain God isn’t “fair,” and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. “Actions speak louder than words.” A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others’ interests and not their own. “The proof of the pudding is in the eating.” A novel idea? I don’t think so. In Jesus’ story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn’t work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn’t. “Talk is cheap.” Heard that before?

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Save the Date – October 4th 1:00 p.m.

Blessing of Animals



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SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897)

October 1

“The cornerstone’s dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later,” explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, “The window for the Little Flower”—Thérèse’s nickname—“gives it away.” From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her “Little Way” to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite’s spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: “After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!”

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IMPOSSIBLE

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.

—St. Francis of Assisi