



MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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SCHOOL: 215-343-5100

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM (eve of Holy Day)

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

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.

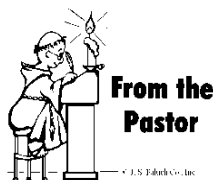
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,

Our 2021 Parish calendars are available at the Church exits, please take one home with you. The beautiful calendars are gifts from the Louis Swift

Plunkett Funeral home in Hatboro. Thank you to Mr. Jeff Plunkett for this annual gift. If you know a parishioner who has not yet returned to our celebration of public Mass, please consider bringing them a calendar.

This is the time of year that we would normally have our St. Joseph/St. Robert School Open House. Of course, with the Coronavirus most everything is different. While not offering a communal Open House, our school is offering private family tours – please call the school to schedule one. Registration is also underway for Pre-K 4 through Eighth Grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact the school at 215-343-5100 or go to www.stjstr.org.

This year we will celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we will **not** be distributing the fresh baked bread that we have traditionally blessed at this Mass. I do apologize for this, but it seemed like too much of a risk to take. If you want to bring your own bread or other symbolic food from your Thanksgiving tables to have it blessed at Mass, please feel free to do so.

This year we are adjusting our Christmas Mass schedule. Right now, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is suspended and most likely will remain that way through our celebration of Christmas. Also, the State of Pennsylvania permits Houses of Worship to gather at 75% capacity. Just recently, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia gave the permission that, for pastoral reasons, a parish may celebrate Christmas Vigil Masses earlier than previously allowed. Our current plan is to celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:30, 6:30 p.m., and 12 Midnight. Masses on Christmas Day would be at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. In light of the new permission, and provided I can get an additional priest to take one or more Masses, I am considering offering another Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 2:30 p.m. If this were to happen our Christmas Eve would have a 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 p.m. and 12 Midnight, and Christmas Day would remain with 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. I realize that we are all going to have to make adjustments; my hope is that this schedule will give us the ability to safely celebrate our Lord's birth. Please let me know what you think about adding a 2:30 Vigil Mass.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Nov 14, 2020</u>	
	5:00pm	Antonio Boccari
Sunday	<u>Nov 15, 2020</u>	
	7:30am	Charlene Boland
	9:30am	Sr. Anna Marie McDermott
	11:30am	Felix Maieron
Monday	8:00am	John F. Hayes & family
Tuesday	8:00am	Peggy Lynagh
Wednesday	8:00am	Hilda Cain
Thursday	8:00am	Giulio & Tommasina Bruni
Friday	8:00am	People of the Parish
Saturday	8:00am	Ted Gannon
Saturday	<u>Nov 21, 2020</u>	
	5:00pm	Rosa Hunter
Sunday	<u>Nov 22, 2020</u>	
	7:30am	Linda Generale
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Virginia Koch

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Gianna Farris, Sharon Melchiorre, Eric Torpey, Carole Toth, Seth Game, Matt McKenzie, 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, November 16, 2020

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

* Men's Group 8:00 p.m. – Downstairs Hall

Thursday, November 19, 2020

*BSA Troop 137 – 7:00 p.m. – Rectory Basement

Bulletin Submittals

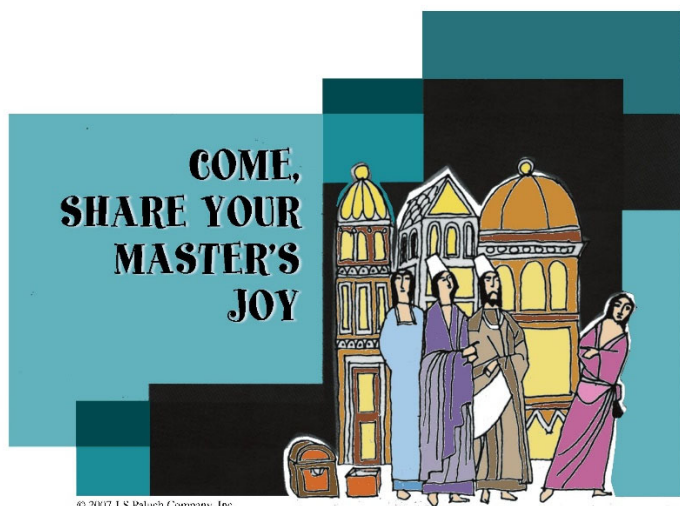
Please submit your bulletin requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

HOPE Committee

We would like to thank you for the diapers and baby wipes you donated to the centers we support. It was very generous of you and greatly appreciated!

Readings For The Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wed: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, *or*
(for the memorial of the Dedication)
 Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
 Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor
 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



Reflect on the Readings *CHANGE OUR LIVES*

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish. As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a “thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

HOPE Committee

If you are interested in **RECEIVING** a call from a fellow parishioner, please let me know. I will connect you with someone and you can "get together" over the phone. A friendly voice can brighten your day!
 Laura DeHennis 215-442-1515

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.

St. Joseph Men’s Group


The Men’s Group meets on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Downstairs Hall at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome. Masks are required and social distancing practices are followed.



Envelope Collections

2020	Nov. 1	\$8,296	Nov. 8	\$6,293
2019	Nov. 3	\$9,293	Nov. 10	\$7,613

Monthly Food Drive

 Our next Food Drive is scheduled for the weekend of **December 5th and 6th**. Non-perishables only. These items are most needed at this time to restock the shelves: Parmalat (shelf-stable UHT milk), ready-to-eat soups (Progresso, Campbell’s Chunky), condensed cream soups (chicken, mushroom, celery), canned fruits, chicken or beef stew (Dinty Moore, Hormel), egg noodles, Manwich Sloppy Joe sauce, rice (1-2 lb. bag or box), coffee. Thank you for your continued support.

Mass Time Change – Thanksgiving Day

Please note the change of Mass Time for Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be celebrated **November 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** There will be **no** 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

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 is "Family Homeschooling." The next meeting is **Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. November assignments will be turned in and 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 February. 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!



Treasures from Our Tradition

This week might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days ("change-of-season days") as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.)

The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

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St. Mary Polish American Society is taking orders for Polish Christmas food items including babkas (Cheese or Cinnamon Crumb) for \$15 each; pierogi (potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut) for \$9 per dozen; kielbasa for \$5 per pound. Blessed opłatki (Polish Christmas wafer) are available for a donation as well. Additionally, raffle tickets are still available for St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle featuring \$10,000 in prize money. Tickets are \$50 each and 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on Sunday December 13th. (Winner need not be present). To place food orders or purchase a raffle ticket, email smpas@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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Recognized for academic excellence, healthy learning environment, spacious classrooms, and secure campus. St. Joseph/St. Robert School is open. Learn what a personalized education in a small class environment can do for your child!

SJR will be hosting Private Family Tours on Sunday, November 15, 2020 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration is required and prospective families must call the school at 215.343.5100 to schedule a tour on Nov. 15th. Interested families can also schedule weekday evening private tours.

<p>Sunday Nov. 15, 2020 RSVP Required 215.343.5100</p>	<p>Your family is invited to schedule a Private Tour St. Joseph/St. Robert School Pre-K 4 to 8th Grade 850 Euclid Ave., Warrington, PA. 18976</p>
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The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) is an amazing program that provides significant tax credits to businesses and individuals that allocate a portion of their tax dollars to St. Joseph/St. Robert School. Every one of your donated Pennsylvania tax dollars will provide tuition assistance to deserving students via scholarships. We are grateful to those community businesses and individual donors that currently support our students.

Join the EITC Program Today!

Learn how to redirect your tax dollars to benefit students throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and receive a 90% Tax Credit!

Informational Webinars:
Tuesday, November 10th at 12:00 PM
Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 PM

Questions? Contact Joe McGinn
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 610-735-3613

