



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

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**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.

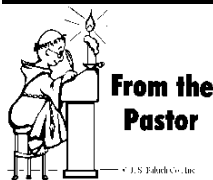
**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**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,  
This week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. You are invited to join us for a Mass on Thanksgiving morning, **November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.**

**Please note the time change.** There will be no 8:00 Mass that day. Because of Coronavirus concerns, we will not be giving out blessed bread, however if you want to bring some bread or other symbolic food item from your Thanksgiving table, keep it in your pew and it will be blessed at the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

We started our Giving Tree program. This is the annual opportunity to provide gifts to the less fortunate. We ask you to take a “gift tag” off the tree in the sanctuary, which identifies a specific need for the various charitable organizations that we help. Then you are asked to supply a gift card in the amount of \$25 - \$35 from a department store, or check to St. Joseph (for tuition) to help meet the particular need. We ask that you return the card to the Giving Tree Box – placed at the base of the tree by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> so they may be distributed to those in need, with enough time to get their shopping done. If you are not yet coming to church because of Coronavirus concerns, you do not need to have a gift tag in order to submit a Giving Tree Donation. You can put the gift card or check in an envelope and put it in weekly donation lock box in the back hallway, drop it off at the rectory or in the mail slot of the rectory door and we will see that it gets distributed to one of our charities. The people of this parish have always been very generous with this program and we are very grateful for your support.

God Bless you,  
Fr. Bordonaro

[The following is a Thanksgiving Reflection from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 2019, I thought it was very appropriate.]

With Thanksgiving approaching [this month], we would like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of gratitude in the Christian faith. The Bible contains over 150 verses about gratitude, and countless more reflecting a general attitude of praise to the Lord. Why do we give thanks to God, and why is it important?

### 1. Christians are Commanded to Give Thanks

We give thanks, first and foremost, because it is God’s will that we do so. God’s Word is replete with exhortations to thanksgiving, both in the Old and New Testaments, and especially in the Psalms:

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** – *In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:6** – *Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God*

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## Masses For The Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 21, 2020</b>	5:00pm	Rosa Hunter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 22, 2020</b>	7:30am	Linda Generale
		9:30am	People of the Parish
		11:30am	Virginia Koch
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Dec'd members of St. Joseph Seniors
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	T. J. McCarthy
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Dominic & Veronica Sansoni
<b>Thursday</b>		9:00am	Joan Marie Konow
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Marie Wright
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	Edward A. Carothers, Jr.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 28, 2020</b>	5:00pm	William Holman
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 29, 2020</b>	7:30am	For the Intentions of Linda Pollick
		9:30am	Jean Mary Madden
		11:30am	People of the Parish

## 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 23, 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 requests are subject to Pastor’s approval and space availability.

## 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.

## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wed:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;  
Lk 21:20-28

**Thanksgiving Day:** (suggested) Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

## A Note From The Pastor Continued....

**Psalm 118:1** - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

It is God who has created us and sustains us; God has provided for our salvation through His sacrifice, has given us grace, and shown us love. As God's love for us is unconditional and everlasting, so too should our gratitude be never-ceasing, regardless of our temporal circumstances.

**Hebrews 12:28** – Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe.

**James 1:17** – [A]ll good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

### **2. Gratitude: An Appropriate Response**

Gratitude is the appropriate response to God our Creator, Lord, and Savior, who, in His goodness, redeems and sustains us. Conversely, ingratitude is at the heart of sin, associated with those who are in rebellion against God, as the Scriptures say:

**Romans 1:21** – [F]or although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened.

### **3. Following Christ's Example of Thankfulness**

By practicing an attitude of thanksgiving in our daily lives, believers follow the model set by Jesus himself, who expressed gratitude to the Father throughout His life and ministry (Matthew 26:27; Mark 14:23; Luke 22:17-19; 1 Corinthians 11:24). It is for this reason that the Eucharist begins with a prayer of Thanksgiving, after the example of Jesus at the Last Supper.

As Pope Francis has remarked:

*Gratitude is always a powerful weapon. Only if we are able to contemplate and feel genuine gratitude for all those ways we have experienced God's love, generosity, solidarity and trust, as well as his forgiveness, patience, forbearance and compassion, will we allow the Spirit to grant us the freshness that can renew... our life and mission. Like Peter on the morning of the miraculous draught of fishes, may we let the recognition of all the blessings we have received*

*awaken in us the amazement and gratitude that can enable us to say: 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man' (Luke 5:8). Only then to hear the Lord repeat his summons: 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fishers of men' (Luke 5:10). 'For his mercy endures forever.'*

May the Word of the Lord strengthen your own devotion and inspire you to practice gratitude in your life. As you give thanks to the Lord for His good and perfect gifts, we invite you to join us in worship [at the Basilica] on Thanksgiving Day.

## Reflect on the Readings: THE SHEPHERD KING

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership. Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, and bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another". (Ezekiel 34:17)

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## 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:

Online Giving

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.



## CCD School Of Religion

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

The format for the 2020-2021 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

Despite the fact that the feast of Christ the King was established less than a century ago, it has already undergone a shift in focus. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that it be a "vehicle for spiritual teaching," one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over all political and social scheming. The last Sunday of October was chosen as the date for the feast because of its proximity to the feast of All Saints, those men and women who bore witness to Christ's reign in so many different ways.

The calendar reforms of 1969 moved the feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. There, in the context of November's focus on the end times, Christ's second coming at the end of all time is highlighted. The threefold cycle of readings also expands our imaginations in regard to this feast. In this year's Gospel, Christ stands before Pilate, whose own power blinds him to the truth of the Lord's kingdom. In a world where oppression still holds sway over too many people, this feast is somehow still as timely as when Pope Pius XI first established it.

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**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center** invites you to accompany us on our Advent journey as we make present for ourselves and our families the "ancient expectancy of the Messiah..by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's Coming." (CCC)

Join us as we invite our Savior to enter more deeply into our hearts as we explore "the **Old Testament readings for the four Sundays of Advent**: three from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and one from the Second Book of Samuel." Bible Study begins November 24th, and will be every Tuesday, concluding on December 15th each session will be from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm on Zoom. There is no charge to attend our Advent Bible Study, however, free will offerings are greatly appreciated. You can register for one or all four sessions by emailing: [mbcretreat@msbt.org](mailto:mbcretreat@msbt.org) or by calling 267-350-1831.

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## ST. JOSEPH / ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

St. Joseph/St. Robert School is excited to announce participation in #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, our nation's first-ever Catholic day of giving! This year it will be December 1 from 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM. There is an **Advanced Giving Day** phase that is currently in progress through November 30 at 11:59 PM.

Your generous support will help SJR continue a tradition of excellence focused on faith, service, and challenging academics. Your valued contribution will impact our health & wellness programs, innovative technology, and assist our families affected by COVID-19 and in need of tuition assistance. Our students thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. For online donations, please visit the secure "iGiveCatholic donate" on the homepage of the school website: [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org) or mail a check payable to: St. Joseph/St. Robert School, 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 Attn: iGiveCatholic



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