



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.

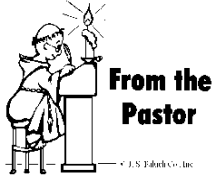
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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 begin a new liturgical year and the holy season of Advent. Advent is about preparing for the birth of Jesus, but it is also about actively waiting on the Lord. It

feels like we have all been waiting for the coronavirus to end and now the church is asking us to wait some more. But waiting can be good. It helps to strengthen us and teaches us discipline. Waiting also helps our celebration of Christmas by building up a longing and yearning for Jesus. Not every need has to be met immediately.

I am sorry to tell you that because of coronavirus concerns we have had to cancel our Christmas Bazaar. We look forward to being able to host some kind of Bazaar when the situation permits.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

Archbishop Perez has asked that the following letter be communicated to you this weekend.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal benefits 30,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We are blessed to have 70 religious congregations present and serving within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These 70 religious congregations represent approximately 2500 men and women religious. Of this number, over 900 are retired.

Many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. Vocations to religious life have diminished but lifespans have increased. The result is that far fewer younger members are available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. In 2018, 70 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) had a median age of 70 or higher.

Recognizing that this is but one of many worthy causes in need of assistance, I ask simply that you give what you can. Your monetary support and prayers are a means of thanking the many women and men religious for their faithful service to Catholic education, healthcare, and many other services offered by religious women and men.

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 5-6, 2020 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO).

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	Nov 28, 2020	5:00pm	William Holman
Sunday	Nov 29, 2020	7:30am	For the Intentions of Linda Pollick
		9:30am	Jean Mary Madden
		11:30am	People of the Parish
Monday		8:00am	For the Intentions of Megan Soria
Tuesday		8:00am	Grace Mattera
Wednesday		8:00am	Fallen Away Catholics
Thursday		8:00am	Karl & Anna Steiert
Friday		8:00am	Joe Pugnetti
Saturday		8:00am	Robert Flanigan
			1 st Anniversary
Saturday	Dec 5, 2020	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Dec 6, 2020	7:30am	Mary Jane Kilkenny
		9:30am	Raymond Generale
		11:30am	Anthony Chiodo

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 30, 2020

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

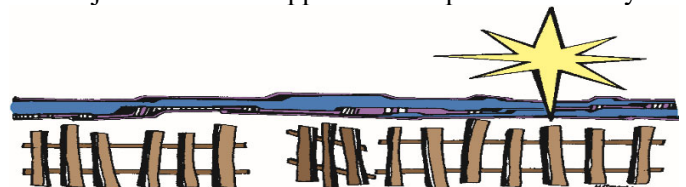
Thursday, December 3, 2020

*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.



Readings For The Week**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24**Wed:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 —
10:1, 5a, 6-8**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8**A Note From The Pastor Continued....**

In addition to sponsoring the annual appeal, the NRRO offers assessment tools, educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs. Please pray for our consecrated religious and please also encourage support for this national collection scheduled for December 5-6, 2020 in our local parishes.

Thank you.

In the peace of Christ,

+ **Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.**
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Reflect on the Readings: MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage. It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency. We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Bazaar is cancelled. We are looking at other options, of course depending on the virus situation. We will keep you posted of any decision for these events. As you know it is hard to plan ahead when things are so uncertain but we will do our best to plan a fun and profitable event for all. Stay safe and healthy!

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
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.

Monthly Food Drive

Our next Food Drive is scheduled for next weekend, **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. Through your generosity, we collected **1,068 lbs.** in November! Thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Social Services invites you to participate in our **Community Christmas/Adopt a Child/Family Program** providing assistance to those in need this Christmas and throughout the year to help make the season a little brighter for a Bucks County child/family. Because of the Pandemic, we expect that more families than in previous years will reach out on behalf of their children looking for a bit of Christmas Joy. Please call **215-945-2550** and ask for the Community Christmas/Adopt a Child/Family Program. You can also help by making a monetary or gift card donation. Donations can be sent to **100 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA 19054**. Gift cards from stores like Giant, Shoprite, Wal-Mart and Target allow us to assist families at Christmas and throughout the year. For those who prefer to shop, items such as diapers, wipes, infant clothing and baby toiletries are always in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we work together to help our neighbors in need, especially during these challenging times.

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

CCD School Of Religion

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 or email 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

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need.

The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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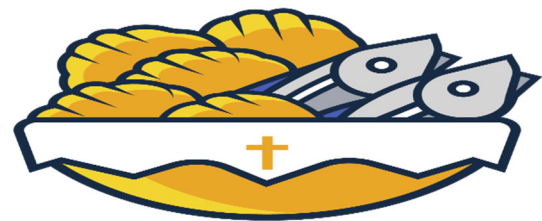
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St. Joseph/St. Robert School is excited to announce participation in #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, our nation's first-ever Catholic day of giving! This year it will be December 1 from 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM. There is an **Advanced Giving Day** phase 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 or mail a check payable to: St. Joseph/St. Robert School, 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 Attn: iGiveCatholic



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