

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.

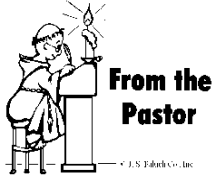
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,

I take the opportunity on behalf of Fr. Grant, our Pastor Emeritus, and Fr. Duffy (who are both at Villa St. Joseph in Darby, PA), Msgr.

McCoy, Msgr. Bolger, Fr. Connors, Fr. Tim Christy (my friend who has been assisting us lately), and myself, and all those who minister here at St. Joseph to wish you all a very Blessed and joyous Christmas. We celebrate Jesus' incarnation as a human being, but Christmas is also about anticipating Jesus' return at the end of the world when we will be given the opportunity to live with Him in eternal happiness. We are grateful for the extreme love God shows us in wanting to save us, but also in wanting to be with us forever. Please accept my prayers for you and your family to experience a sacred renewal of the life that the Christ child brings at this time of year. I also pray that your New Year is filled with God's many blessings. I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your pastor and also for the witness and inspiration you provide me.

I also want to thank you for your extremely generous support of our Advent Giving Tree. We were able to help many families in our local area directly with their Christmas celebrations. In addition, we were able to help the following charities: Guiding Star ministries in Philadelphia, which helps pregnant women and children; Gift of Mary, which provides a similar ministry in Chester; Blessed Margaret of Castello Home, which is a crisis pregnancy center in Bensalem; St. Ignatius/Our Mother of Sorrows Church, which is a merged church in West Philadelphia and provides outreach to many families in need; and Mother of Mercy House which provides outreach to those in North Philadelphia. We are also able to help many more families in the future through our own Hope Committee and also through the tuition assistance provided. The majority of the remaining gifts and cards were sent to Catholic Social Services located in Levittown, PA.

I also want to thank our numerous volunteers including: the Adult and student servers; those who care for the Altar linens; those who assist with decorating the altar and maintaining it; collection counters; CCD teachers, assistants, and volunteers; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Finance Committee; Food for the Poor; Giving Tree; Hope Committee; Lectors; Music Ministry; Office Volunteers; Health and Help Ministry (Nurses and assistants); Respect Life; RCIA; Socials Committee; and Ushers.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

*Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020
The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
—Luke 1:35*

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Dec 19, 2020</u>	For the Intentions of Claire Brooks
	5:00pm	
Sunday	<u>Dec 20, 2020</u>	
	7:30am	Mary Jane Kilkenny
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Thomas Williams
Monday	8:00am	Kathy Lynn R. Alford
Tuesday	8:00am	Francis Joseph Cerritelli
Wednesday	8:00am	Dr. Louis Cerritelli
Thursday	8:00am	Robert J. Smith, Sr.
Christmas Eve	<u>Dec 24, 2020</u>	
	2:30pm	Celebrant's Intentions
	4:30pm	Celebrant's Intentions
	6:30pm	Celebrant's Intentions
	Midnight	Celebrant's Intentions
Christmas Day	<u>Dec 25, 2020</u>	
	7:30am	Celebrant's Intentions
	9:30am	Celebrant's Intentions
	11:30am	Celebrant's Intentions
Saturday	8:00am	Zosimo Soria
Saturday	<u>Dec 26, 2020</u>	Di Santis & Vincelli Families
	5:00pm	
Sunday	<u>Dec 27, 2020</u>	
	7:30am	Raymond Generale
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Timothy Hagan

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Rich Koebert, Joe Murray, Louis Cerritelli, Gianna Farris, Sharon Melchiorre, Eric Torpey, Carole Toth, Seth Game, 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, December 21

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

* Men's Group – 8:00 pm – Downstairs Hall

Thursday, December 24

*Rectory Closed

Friday, December 25

*Rectory Closed



Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Friday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Reflect on the Readings: THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David’s descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome. Mary’s prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. “How can this come about?” Mary wondered. “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,” she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary’s acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God’s reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the “obedience of faith” “according to the command of the eternal God” (Romans 16:26)

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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.

Saint Basil Academy is looking for male teens (ages 13 - 18) to audition for High School Musical with performance dates in April - *basketball skills a plus* - Auditions will begin in December and rehearsals will start in January. The Academy Theater department will follow all COVID protocols. For more information please contact Terry Dillinger @ tdillinger@stbasilacademy.org.

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.

Monthly Food Drive



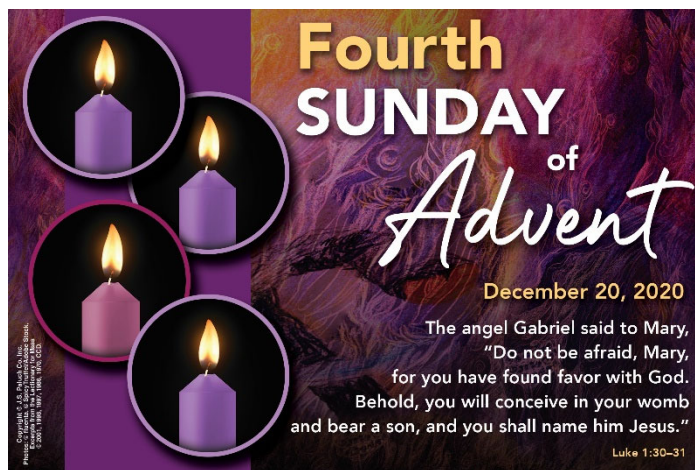
The next Food Drive is scheduled for the weekend of **January 2nd & 3rd**. Non-perishables only. These items are most needed at this time to restock the shelves: Parmalat (shelf-stable UHT milk), ready-to-eat soups (Progresso, Campbell’s Chunky), condensed cream soups (chicken, mushroom, celery), canned fruits, chicken or beef stew (Dinty Moore, Hormel), egg noodles, Manwich Sloppy Joe sauce, tuna fish, vegetables, beans, rice (1-2 lb. bag or box), coffee. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide assistance to numerous families who are struggling to find support. As Jesus said, in Matthew 26:40, **“he who has done to the least of these, has done it unto me”**.



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Envelope Collections

2020	Nov. 29	\$6,431	Dec. 6	\$7,921
2019	Dec. 1	\$8,075	Dec. 8	\$9,777



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 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. November/December 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

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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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

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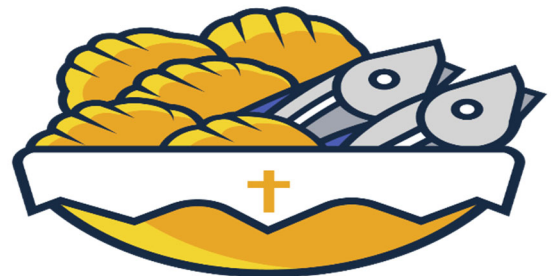


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