

**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.

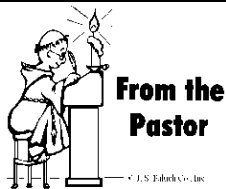
**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**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 hope that you were able to celebrate the real joy God's presence among us, even though the situation was less than ideal this year because of the coronavirus. In

some sense, perhaps we can identify even more with the Holy Family who also had to endure "less than ideal" conditions at Jesus' birth. We have been consistently praying for all those suffering from the coronavirus whether from illness, isolation, or anxiety. Now is also the time to pray for a Healthy New Year. Pope Francis has also made a special declaration, so it is also a good time to pray to St. Joseph. This is an excerpt from the Vatican website: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

*In a new Apostolic Letter entitled **Patris corde** ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.*

*The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.*

At this time of year, I like to take the opportunity to thank those who made this year's celebration a worthy expression of faith. In particular I would like to recognize all of our musicians and cantors. Thank you to Mrs. Maria Lennon, our Music Director for all her time and effort in coordinating our worship while admirably handling various obstacles and restrictions due to the virus. I also traditionally thank the priests who have helped us out throughout the year including Msgr. Richard Bolger, Msgr. Jim McCoy, and Fr. Rich Connors, even though we haven't seen much of them this year. I also want to thank my friend, Fr. Tim Christy who has been able to help out quite a lot.

Special thanks to all the other Ministers of the Mass including our altar servers (both Student and Adult), Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Everyone had to make accommodations because of the virus and I am so grateful for your cooperation. Thank you also to those who help to count the collection and do other supportive things behind the scenes. Thank you also to Mrs. Carla Venditti, Mrs. Karen Baranowski and their team of helpers for working with a modified Christmas flower budget and making it look special for the Christmas season. Please remember to pray for all those names listed on our "Christmas Flowers" envelopes.

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## Masses For The Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 26, 2020</b>	Di Santis & Vincelli Families
	5:00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 27, 2020</b>	
	7:30am	Raymond Generale
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Timothy Hagan
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Charlene Boland
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	Dec'd members of the Corson Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Dec'd members of the Gross Family
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Cecilia G. Chapman
<b>Vigil</b>	5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2021</b>	
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	7:30am	Dec'd members of the Higgins Family
	9:30am	Michele Grispino
	11:30am	Dolores Hess
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Betty Mumbauer

## 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, 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 28, 2020**

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

### **Friday, January 1, 2021**

\* Rectory Closed

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

*My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of all the peoples.  
— Luke 2:30-31*

## 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.

**Readings For The Week**

- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**A Note From the Pastor Continued...**

Your memorial envelopes will be placed in the manger for the duration of the Christmas Season. I also want to thank a student who has been responsible for recording our Sunday Masses, editing them, and putting them up on our website. Mr. Carter Junod has done an excellent job seeing that the people of the parish can still attend church virtually. I am also grateful to his parents, Joe and Kim Junod, who have helped him in this effort. Finally, I thank all who sent cards, gifts, and/or food to the rectory; your expressions of care, love and concern are sincerely appreciated. In addition I want to recognize and thank those who continue to make financial sacrifices for St. Joseph parish especially in these difficult circumstances. Your generosity at Christmas and throughout the year is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings.

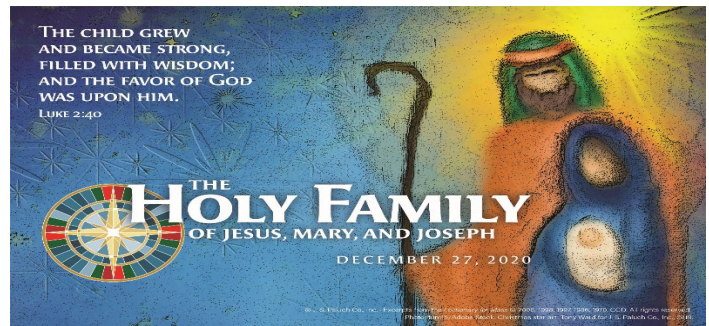
May God Bless You and Happy 2021!  
 Fr. Bordonaro

**Reflect on the Readings:**

*WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY*

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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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](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.

**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](mailto:tdillinger@stbasilacademy.org).

**Monthly Food Drive**



Our Food Drive is scheduled next weekend, **January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Non-perishables only.

These items are most needed at this time: Parmalat (shelf-stable UHT milk), Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Velveeta, Mustard, Ketchup, Jell-o and pudding mixes, 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, boxed juices. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate 1,072 lbs. of food collected in December!



**Archbishop Wood High School**

ABW is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year:

**First Honors:** Hailey Jacobsen '21, Lauren Scott '21, Mason Yacovelli '22, Luke Schaeffer '23, Patrick Gozdan '24, Maura Yoos '24

**Second Honors:** Cole DuHaime '21, Gianna Anzideo '22, Mairead McDermott '22, Ean Waltrich '24

**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 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**

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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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

**TIME**

*Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.*  
 —Benjamin Franklin

**St. Joseph/St. Robert School**



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St. Joseph/St. Robert School has been recognized for academic excellence, the strength of small class sizes, and individualized instruction to meet a child's unique needs. Our spacious classrooms and social distance learning has allowed us to maintain 5 days of in-person instruction from Pre-K 4 to 8th grade. Your family is cordially invited to visit during after school hours or a weekend. Please call 215.343.5100 to schedule your private family tour. Now accepting applications for the 2021/2022 academic year.



SJR completed their annual school wide service project, Operation Christmas Child. The students gift-filled 161 boxes that will touch the lives of children all around the world.

