

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.

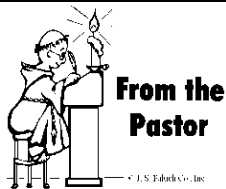
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,
Happy New Year! I hope that you had a peaceful celebration of Christmas and the New Year. I also want to thank all those who made our celebrations as beautiful as they were. Everyone had to make adjustments and I am truly grateful for the cooperation I received. I especially want to thank our musicians, vocalists and all those in the Music Ministry, our altar servers for assisting at the altar, our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you as well to our Altar Society (all those who care for the altar by washing the linens also providing, caring for, and watering the plants and flowers). I especially want to thank those who regularly help to clean and decorate our church. Your work has truly beautified this sacred space. Thanks also to those who contributed to our "Christmas Flowers" collection. You and your loved ones are remembered in prayer throughout the season. Now is also a good time to thank those that operate "behind the scenes" by seeing to it that our weekend celebrations run smoothly. This list also includes our ushers, sacristans, collection counters, and the "Scrip Sellers" in support of our school. The list of volunteers and those to thank extends beyond our Sunday celebration. I want to also thank all those who work in the formation and education of the people at St. Joseph. This includes the superb faculty, staff and volunteers at St. Joseph/St. Robert School, in the CCD program and Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA. As pastor I am grateful for the advice and counsel provided by the Finance Council. I also appreciate the parish nurses and those associated with the Health and Help Ministry, VINE Group, and St. Joseph HOPE committee, Food for the Poor, and the rectory volunteers. Thank you for all you do to make St. Joseph a loving and hospitable place. I am grateful to all those who assist with the running of the parish facility including our rectory and maintenance staff.

The Christmas season ends next week. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is the manifestation of the Lord's glory to all the nations, and then next Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and then the following Tuesday we begin the period known as Ordinary Time. While we will have to say goodbye to the Christmas decorations and the Nativity scene, we will try to keep the poinsettias going for as long as possible. By the way, I want to thank Carla Venditti and Karen Baranowski for watering the flowers and Molenaar Greenhouse for their beautiful flowers once again this year. They truly made our celebrations a fitting tribute to the Glory of God. Your "Christmas Flower envelopes" with your intentions written on them have been on the altar since Christmas. Thank you for supporting the Christmas decorations through these donations.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	Jan 2, 2021	
	5:00pm	Bill & Alice Hennessey
Sunday	Jan 3, 2021	
	7:30am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Linda Generale
	11:30am	Betty Mumbauer
Monday	8:00am	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph P. Cusick, 1 st Anniversary
Wednesday	8:00am	John Earley
Thursday	8:00am	Betty Mumbauer
		For those who have no one to pray for them
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	8:00am	Rose & Sam Langetti

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: 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, January 4, 2021

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

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

Thursday, January 7, 2021

* 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.

Moving Out of Parish

If you have moved or you are planning to move in the near future, whether in or out of parish boundaries, help us keep our records updated by notifying the parish office at 215-672-3020 or email_sjc18976@verizon.net

THE HOLY STAR

*O Father, may that holy star grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar to fill the world with light.*

—William Cullen Bryant

Readings For The Week

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45- 52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 *or*
 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

A Note From the Pastor Continued...

Finally I want to take the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge all of the kindnesses, gifts, and food sent to the parish and to me personally over the past few weeks. Your care and true concern are truly the heart of this parish. I also want to thank you for your support of our Christmas collection. We do not have the final tallies yet, but that collection remains one of the most important ones in helping us meet our financial obligations throughout the year. Thank you for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish.
 May God Bless You in the New Year,
 Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Readings: *PROMISE FULFILLED*

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God’s glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God’s fidelity to them, all people shall become God’s children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel.

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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.

The Epiphany of the Lord
 All kings shall pay him homage
 all nations shall serve him.
 — Psalm 72:11



The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

Are you discerning religious life? The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity will be hosting a virtual discernment retreat January 29th and 30th for single women, ages 18+ that are considering religious life. Join MSBT sisters in prayer, reflection and hear MSBT sisters share their stories on mission. For more information email voc@msbt.org or you can register on-line at <http://www.msbt.org/rise-up-journey-with-jesus-2021/>



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Envelope Collections

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

Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus and Peace in Our Nation

“...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary.” –

Sr. Lucia of Fatima

Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. We are also asking Our Lady to bestow peace on our country during these tumultuous times.

Monday through Thursday at 8 PM until further notice

Log in and details: <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary>

RETRouvaille

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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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

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

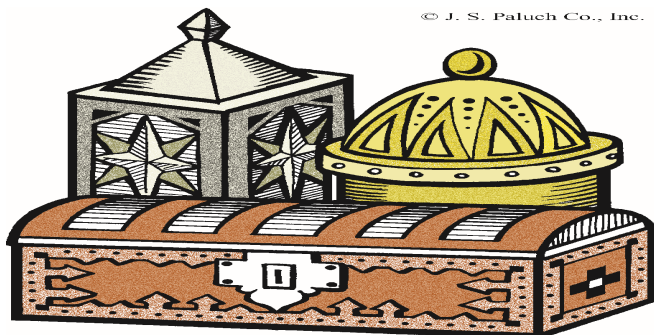
Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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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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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.



We are excited to announce The Intelligencer has awarded St. Joseph/St. Robert School "One Of The Best" Private Schools & Preschools in Bucks County. The students and faculty thank our parishioners and friends for voting & daily prayers. We wish the parish community the blessings of a holy, happy, and healthy New Year!

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