

MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

Pastor: Rev. Joseph C. Bordonaro

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. J. A. Grant

School: 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington

Principal: Mr. Vincent D'Andrea

Religious Education: Mrs. Cathy Cain

CCD Office: 215-672-9990/ 3020

Music Director: Mrs. Maria Lennon

mariaalennon@comcast.net

WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTJOSEPHCHURCH.US

RECTORY: 215-672-3020 (9AM-4PM Mon. to Fri.) **EMAIL:** sjc18976@verizon.net

SCHOOL: 215-343-5100

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.

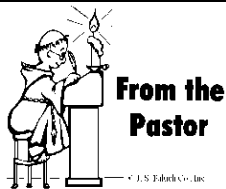
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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 our young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they come to experience

the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus. Hopefully, we will see this as a reminder that we need to stay close to the Lord, and that whenever we have placed an obstacle in our relationship with God, He gives us the opportunity to have that obstacle removed.

May God Bless You,

Fr. Bordonaro

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

January, 2021

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the gospel call to love others as we love God, the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.*

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 16 and 17, 2021. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection. I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Jan 9, 2021</u>	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>Jan 10, 2021</u>	7:30am	Dorothy V. Fidler, 30 th Anniversary
		9:30am	William Holman, 5 th Anniversary
		11:30am	Jorge Gatmaitan, 40 th Anniversary
Monday	8:00am		John F. Hayes & Fam.
Tuesday	8:00am		For the Intentions of Nicholas Mattera
Wednesday	8:00am		Lavina Laux
Thursday	8:00am		David Dziedzic
Friday	8:00am		Charlene Boland
Saturday	8:00am		Dec'd members of Sansoni Family

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, Jack Wilhelm.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 11, 2021

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

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

*First Penance Practice - 6:00 – 6:45p.m. Church

*CCD Parent Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Church Hall

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Sacrament of First Penance – 7:00 p.m. Church

Thursday, January 14, 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.

Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

*The Baptism of the Lord
All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
— Isaiah 55:1*

Reflect on the Readings: THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

—Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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 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/>



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Envelope Collections

2020	Dec.13	\$6,802	Dec. 20	\$6,932
2019	Dec. 15	\$8,214	Dec. 22	\$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>

Philadelphia March For Life - January 23, 2021

Join us at the Philadelphia March For Life, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Life and Family, the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia and many other organizations. This commemorates the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling that has resulted in over 60 million deaths, thousands of injured women and 500,000 deaths in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

9:00 AM – Mass

Archbishop Nelson Perez will kick off the day by celebrating Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. All are welcome!

10:30 AM – Let the March Begin

March begins at the Cathedral and will have many stops along the way, including the Philadelphia Women’s Center, 77 Appletree Street, where over 6,500 abortions are performed each year.

12:00 Noon – Rally and Speakers

We will conclude the march with a rally at Independence Mall where you hear some incredibly compelling speakers.

Masks and social distancing required. Free and paid parking at the Cathedral and paid parking in the vicinity of Independence Mall. See prolifeunion.org for details.

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

Valentine's cards have appeared at the shopping mall, but in the Church it is still Christmas. Today's feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters!

Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won't have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

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/St. Robert School



850 Euclid Avenue
Warrington, PA 18976
215-343-5100 www.STJSTR.ORG

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!

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 emailsjc18976@verizon.net