



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,
 Next week we celebrate our annual Catholic Schools Week. This is a special time when we acknowledge and celebrate all the blessings we have at St. Joseph/St. Robert

School. This includes our terrific students, excellent principal, talented faculty, hardworking administration and staff, and generous volunteers. Our School is a true community where we are, "Focused on Faith and Learning." Our Mission Statement reads: St. Joseph/St. Robert School (SJR), with Jesus as our foundation and inspiration, prepares students to live fully His message of love, courage, and compassion. Our philosophy of academic rigor and relevance prepares our students to be contributing members of the Church and the global community. All are invited to check out the good things happening at our Blue Ribbon school. St. Joseph/St. Robert School will host Private Family tours on Sunday, January 31st from 9 AM to 3 PM in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Registration is required. Interested families should refer to the Church bulletin for registration information.

Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as, Word of God Sunday. I found the following from Vatican News on the website, www.vatican.va.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis," published on September 30, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." The timing of the document is significant: September 30th is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This year (2019) also marks 1600 years since his death.

The title of the document, "Aperuit illis," is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St. Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

In the Motu proprio (literally, "of his own initiative"), Pope Francis declares that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

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Masses For The Week

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| Saturday | Jan 23, 2021 | <i>For the Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. James V. Bianculli</i> |
| | 5:00pm | |
| Sunday | Jan 24, 2021 | |
| | 7:30am | Mary Higgins |
| | 9:30am | People of the Parish |
| | 11:30am | Frances Cerritelli |
| Monday | 8:00am | <i>For the Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. James Ferrand</i> |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | <i>For the Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Corey Hall</i> |
| Wednesday | 8:00am | <i>For the Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. E. E. McWhorter, III</i> |
| Thursday | 8:00am | Mary Higgins |
| Friday | 8:00am | Kenny Farrell |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Joseph Murray |

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 25, 2021

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

Thursday, January 28, 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.

Contributions/Donations to St. Joseph Church

If you would like a copy of your 2020 Contributions to St. Joseph Church, please email us @ sjc18976@verizon.net or call the Rectory @ 215-672-3020.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

A Note From The Pastor Continued...

Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to “mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity.” He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned “in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s Word.”

In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate “to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due,” writes the Pope. “Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with Sacred Scripture.”

The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs “to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words.” The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is “the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity.” You can read the rest of the article, or the Pope’s letter on the website.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Readings: A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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Financial Report

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December 2020

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| E-Giving: | \$ 11,368.06 |
| Sunday Collections: | \$ 27,696.00 |
| Total: | \$ 39,064.06 |

Monthly Report December 2020

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| School Subsidy | \$ 5,125.00 |
| Archdiocese Assessment | \$ 8,316.67 |
| Disability Insurance | \$ 73.92 |
| Liability Insurance | \$ 1,724.17 |
| Property Insurance | \$ 835.92 |
| Worker’s Comp Insurance | \$ 130.08 |
| Priest Auto Insurance | \$ 218.75 |
| Priest Health Insurance | \$ 1,283.00 |
| Employees Health Insurance | \$ 1,379.40 |
| Priest Retirement Debt Service | \$ 208.33 |
| Visiting Priest Honorarium | \$ 945.00 |
| Employee Pay | \$ 18,505.48 |
| Payroll Service | \$ 151.60 |
| Music Ministry | \$ 151.25 |
| PECO | \$ 2,136.23 |
| Verizon | \$ 294.18 |
| Church Cleaning | \$ 455.00 |
| Trash Removal | \$ 404.40 |
| Comcast Cable | \$ 149.60 |
| Computer Support | \$ 260.75 |
| Supplies | \$ 2,694.62 |
| Services | \$ 1,050.93 |
| Water & Sewer | \$ 285.65 |
| Pest Control | \$ 141.00 |
| Copier Maintenance | \$ 92.18 |
| Heating Oil | \$ 3,981.20 |
| Oil Tank Insurance | \$ 284.48 |
| Miscellaneous (Christmas Costs) | \$ 1,070.00 |
| Total | \$ 52,348.79 |

NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love. —St. Francis de Sales

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Online 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.

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, February 23, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. January/February assignments will be turned in and the next set of assignments will be distributed. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY CHILDREN TO THE PARENTS' MEETINGS DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING.** Thank you for your cooperation!



These students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on January 13, 2021

*Declan Andrews
Cole Cotellessa
Quinn Fryer
Chloe Kaufmann
Liam Pfeiffenberger
Carleigh Warner*

*Lucas Colon
Nathan Fryer
Claire Gleason
Morgan Perlman
Macayla Smith*

Treasures from Our Tradition

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, un-interesting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!"

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Looking for a way to have fun during these cold winter nights at home? The SJR Home and School Association is

hosting a night of Virtual Designer Bag BINGO on Friday, February 5. Please join us for a fun night of games and prizes from the comfort and safety of your own home. Please go to www.stjstr.org/bingo for tickets. All proceeds will go to SJR.

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2021 - 2022 Academic Year - Private Family Tours

SJR will be hosting Private Family Tours on Sunday, **January 31st from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** Registration is required and prospective families can call Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement at 215.343.5100 to schedule a tour.

2021 - 2022 Pre-K 4 to 8th Grade Applications

The application forms & documents required for new students for the 2021 - 2022 year are now available on the school website. Please click the Admissions tab & the application along with forms can be downloaded. Please submit your child's full application, documents, and registration fee to the school office as quickly as possible to secure enrollment.

ST. JOSEPH / ST. ROBERT SCHOOL



Bucks Happening - Vote for St. Joseph/St. Robert School
SJR is excited to announce that for 5 consecutive years the school has been nominated for the Bucks Happening List & have won 4 years as a "finalist". Again this year we have been nominated under the categories that include Private School, Elementary, and Preschool.

Voting is now open and continues through Feb. 26th. Go to the homepage of the school website: www.stjstr.org and click the Bucks Happening icon to cast your vote in each category with your email address! You may vote once with each of your individual email addresses.

Please share the school website with family, relatives, friends, and other parishioners to gain their valuable votes! Thank you to all our parishioners that do so much to support SJR!

