

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.

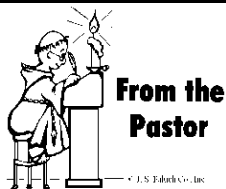
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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 Catholic Schools Week!
Thank you to Mr. D'Andrea, our principal, and all of his teachers, staff, and volunteers. Thank you also to our parishioners. Without your support of Catholic education, we

could not fulfill this part of our mission as church. Our school is a real blessing to our families. It is a true community where we are, "Focused on Faith and Learning." We continue to celebrate that SJR was named a National Blue Ribbon School of excellence. This is quite an accomplishment. 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 school by registering for a private tour.

Believe it or not, we are two and a half weeks away from beginning our celebration of Lent. Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 17th this year. In preparation for our celebration, I am asking that you bring your old palm from last year to Church where we can collect it and use it for the ashes. You can deposit your palm in the basket by the crucifix in the back hallway. Please take the palm out of any bags or containers and just leave the palm in the basket. The extra bags only add to the clutter. While I am on the subject it would be good for me to address a few housekeeping items. I have noticed that some people like to leave certain items from home on our back tables. I imagine that they do this with the idea that if they can no longer use them, perhaps someone else can. I am asking that you please do **not** do this. This simply adds to the clutter and it detracts from the items that are approved to be there. I know that some people receive religious items, literature, and other things that they don't want to throw away, but please do not leave them on the tables! Also if you have something that you feel should be placed on the tables, please check with me first.

As part of the Year of St. Joseph announced by Pope Francis, he is also announcing the following indulgence:

Granted by the Holy See from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Our Father
- Participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph
- Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	Jan 30, 2021	<i>For the Intentions of</i>
	5:00pm	Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Robitaille
Sunday	Jan 31, 2021	
	7:30am	Dominic Higgins
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Edith Simmler
Monday	8:00am	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.
Tuesday	8:00am	Dr. Louis Cerritelli
Wednesday	8:00am	Marcella Maxwell
Thursday	8:00am	Msgr. Charles L. Allwein
Friday	8:00am	Hilda Cain
Saturday	8:00am	Dec'd. members of the Di Tore 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, February 1, 2021

- * Adoration – 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Church
- * Men's Group – 8:00 p.m. Downstairs Hall

Thursday, February 4, 2021

- *BSA Troop 137 – 7:00 p.m. – Downstairs Hall

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 call the Rectory @ 215-672-3020 or email us @ sjc18976@verizon.net.

Moving Out of Parish

Have you moved, changed an email address, added a family member, no longer have a land line or changed phone numbers? Help us keep our records updated by notifying the parish office at 215-672-3020 or [email sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net)

Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk: 7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

A Note From The Pastor Continued...

- Recite the Holy Rosary in families and between the husband and wife
- Entrust their work daily to the protection of Saint Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth
- Pray the litany of Saint Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the [Akathistos to Saint Joseph](#), in its entirety or at least part of it (for the Byzantine tradition), or some other prayer to Saint Joseph, typical of the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians
- Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, for example "To you oh blessed Joseph," especially on: March 19th (Solemnity of St. Joseph), May 1st (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker), December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family), The Sunday of Saint Joseph (according to the Byzantine tradition), the 19th day of every month, every Wednesday (a day dedicated to the memory of the Saint according to the Latin tradition)
- The gift of plenary indulgence extends particularly to: the elderly, the sick, the dying, all those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home

— who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life.

May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

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.

Online Giving

Reflect on the Readings:

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths. -

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Monthly Food Drive



Our next Food Drive will be held on **February 6th & 7th**. Non-perishables only. Items most needed are: 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. Thanks to your generosity we collected and donated 729 pounds of food in January! Without your support, it would not be possible to help those in desperate need. As Isaiah 58:10 says, ***"If you pour out that with which you sustain your own life, for the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise."***

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.



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.

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!



Treasures from Our Tradition

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ. For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its Online 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, March 6, 2021, from 7:45 AM to 12 PM. The Practice Test serves as a beneficial opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to prepare for the 8th Grade Entrance Exam. Students will test virtually from home with Nazareth faculty members proctoring the test. To register your daughter for our Practice Test, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/PracticeTest. For additional information, please visit our website at NazarethAcademyHS.org or contact Ms. Derassouyan at Admissions@NazarethAcademyHS.org.



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Envelope Collections

2020	Dec.25	\$27,216	Dec. 27	\$6,041
2019	Dec. 25	\$27,860	Dec. 29	\$8,494
2021	Jan. 3	\$11,277	Jan. 10	\$5,974
2020	Jan. 5	\$8,381	Dec. 29	\$8,510

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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!

