

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.

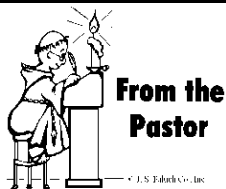
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,
On Wednesday February 17th we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 8:00 a.m, 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. All 3 Masses will have the distribution of ashes. This year the Archdiocese has issued a

change in the way that ashes are distributed to comply with current COVID precautions. We will offer ashes this year by sprinkling them on the head of the individual worshipper. This is actually the way ashes are usually distributed in many European nations. This manner avoids skin to skin contact. It also avoids contamination from repeated use of a stamp or other instrument. Unfortunately it does not provide the black cross on the forehead that so many of us are used to. Please remember to keep a reasonable social distance when approaching for ashes, just like when coming up for Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday is the official start to the Lenten Season, which is a period of preparation or purification. It is a time when we reflect on what needs to change in our life. Lent is the traditional time to give something up, or to do some additional charitable work or good deed. Fasting (or giving something up) is one way to make ourselves aware of what needs to change in our lives. We fill up our lives with so much excess that often we leave little or no room for God. Fasting clears out space for God to come in. The temptation, once we have created the space will be to fill it with something else, the challenge will be to let that empty space just be and allow God to fill it if He chooses. Fasting is also a way to build the discipline required to live the Christian life, especially in our modern world. It helps us make the difficult or challenging choice; it also helps us grow in our relationship with God. Some people think of discipline as some sort of punishment because it keeps you from doing what you want. A different way to think about it is that discipline helps you to discern what is truly good and it strengthens your will as well.

St. Joseph will continue the practice of offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday in Lent, starting February 24th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. I will be hearing confessions in the sacristy, where there is a larger space that permits greater air circulation. I will be wearing a mask, and you are asked to do the same. These Lenten confessions are in addition to the regular Saturday afternoon confessions from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. You might also consider coming to morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. during the week. Or perhaps you can come to church on Mondays when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 8:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. We will also have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Included with Stations we will have benediction, that is, the blessing of the community with Jesus present in the Eucharist. I hope you all have a spiritually fruitful Lent. Archbishop Perez has asked that the following letter be communicated to the parishes in advance of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa collection. This collection will take place next weekend at St. Joseph.

May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro *(Continued on page 3...)*

Masses For The Week

Saturday	Feb 13, 2021	
	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Feb 14, 2021	
	7:30am	Anita Higgins
	9:30am	Raymond Generale
	11:30am	Fiore Schena
Monday	8:00am	Charlene Boland
Tuesday	8:00am	Dec'd. members of the Dzedzic & Dundas Families
Wednesday	8:00am	Beverly McPoyle
	5:00pm	The Paul Family
	7:00pm	John T. Brassell, Jr.
Thursday	8:00am	Pauline Marie Deeney
Friday	8:00am	James Pellegrino
Saturday	8:00am	Dec'd. members of the Sansoni Family

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Bernadette Brooks, 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 15, 2021

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

Thursday, February 18, 2021

*BSA Troop 137 – 7:00 p.m. – Rectory Basement

Friday, February 19, 2021

*Stations of the Cross and Benediction - Church

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 215-672-3020 or email sjc18976@verizon.net.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

A Note From The Pastor Continued...

February 17, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa was founded on the basic principles of Saint John Paul II's call to action in Ecclesia in Africa and the adoption of the statement A Call to Solidarity with Africa from the Bishops of the United States.

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemics, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, Catholicism is flourishing amid these harsh circumstances.

Your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa assists in the delivery of basic pastoral care which includes religious education, seminary formation and youth ministry. It also supports important projects such as pastoral care for the sick.

The collection for the Church in Africa will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. On behalf of our brothers and sisters in Africa, I am grateful for your continued generosity.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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.

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

Financial Report

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January 2021

E-Giving:	\$ 13,307.99
Sunday Collections:	\$ 32,941.00
Total:	\$ 46,248.99

Monthly Report January 2021

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	\$ 550.00
Employee Pay	\$ 19,111.94
Payroll Service	\$ 252.00
Music Ministry	\$ 865.77
PECO	\$ 2,514.24
Verizon	\$ 1,038.93
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 404.12
Comcast Cable	\$ 148.99
Computer Support	\$ 260.75
Supplies	\$ 5,891.42
Repairs	\$ 456.00
Services	\$ 321.89
Water & Sewer	\$ 184.85
Alarm System	\$ 270.00
Bi-Annual Unemployment Fund	\$ 825.00
Heating Oil	\$ 50.78

Total **\$ 52,896.92**

Make a Lenten Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux

"The Science of Weakness: A Lenten Journey with St. Therese of Lisieux" is a 3-day retreat with Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, that will reveal just how wounded and weak was the Little Flower of Lisieux, and how God taught her to turn those weaknesses into the strength she needed to become the "greatest saint of modern time" and to leave a legacy of hope for millions of "little souls." Scheduled for March 12-14 on the beautiful grounds of St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA, single and double occupancy rooms are available. COVID precautions will be taken!

Visit <https://www.catholiclifeinstitute.org/calendar/special-events/> for more information and to register.

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

What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the *Gloria*, "Glory to God in the Highest." Soon the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us. For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

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Respect Life Committee

Following COVID precautions, The Respect Life Committee is placing prayerful/spiritual adoption cards on both tables in the corridor near the church entrance instead of the pews. You are asked to take one (or more) home and pray that the baby you spiritually adopt will be carried to birth, not aborted, and delivered into loving arms according to God's plan.

Reflect on the Readings: JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured. Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way. Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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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.

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!

