

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.

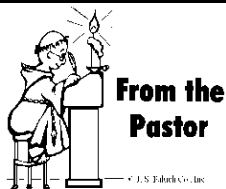
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,
I hope that you have a spiritually satisfying and beneficial Lent. The experience of giving something up for Lent is an experience of penance and it is one type of fasting, but the goal is not to punish us, but rather to make us more aware. It should help us experience our tremendous need for God. While some amount of suffering does tend to bring our minds to what Jesus himself endured, we also know that His suffering has brought about a monumental transformation; so we do not endure any suffering in vain, or alone. Lent is also a good time to add something to our spiritual life. For example you might consider coming to our daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. If not every weekday how about 2 or 3 days a week? Or perhaps you might pray the rosary or the prayer to St. Joseph. In addition to our regular Saturday Confessions from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., we will have opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession every Wednesday in Lent from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Church is open during the day, so you can just stop in and make a Holy Hour (by the way, the Sanctuary of the Altar is still alarmed with motion detectors so please do not approach the altar or the statues unless you know for certain that the alarm is deactivated), or come on Mondays when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar (after the 8:00 a.m. Mass til 4:00 p.m.). We also pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7:30 p.m. and then conclude with Benediction (which is a blessing from Jesus himself in the Consecrated Eucharist). It is a moving way to help the entire family prepare for our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. We also have put out our Rice Bowls at the church exits. Please take one home for your family (some assembly required). The idea behind the rice bowl is that you forgo a larger meal on one or more days of the week, opting to have a simpler meal like soup and/or sandwich, or fast altogether, and then the money that you saved on that meal goes into the Rice Bowl. At the end of Lent you then bring in the bowl and make a donation which goes to Catholic Relief Services to help provide for those most seriously in need.

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	Feb 20, 2021	Peter & Theresa Piroso & family
	5:00pm	
Sunday	Feb 21, 2021	
	7:30am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Alice Molly
	11:30am	Charlotte Toddings
Monday	8:00am	Anthony Mirabella
Tuesday	8:00am	John B. Carbo
Wednesday	8:00am	<i>For the Intentions of Michael & Christopher Mattera</i>
Thursday	8:00am	For those who have no one to pray for them
Friday	8:00am	Catherine & John Dudas
Saturday	8:00am	Norman C. Molz

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Michael McCarthy, 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 22, 2021

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

*CCD Parents' Mtg. – 7:00 p.m. – Church Hall

Thursday, February 25, 2021

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

Friday, February 26, 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: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

A Note From The Pastor Continued...

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

You may have noticed a change in the ending to the opening prayers at Mass. This was done to clarify our understanding of Jesus as God. I am including the instruction from the USCCB.

Note on a change to the translation of Collect prayers

In May of 2020 the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments wrote to the English-speaking Conferences of Bishops regarding the concluding doxology of the Collects in the *Roman Missal* (which also appear in other liturgical books).

Specifically, the Congregation pointed out that the current translation – which concludes “[...] **in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever**” – is incorrect. There is no mention of “one” in the Latin, and “Deus” [God] in the Latin text refers to Christ. Therefore, the correct translation, which is already reflected in the Missal in other languages (including our own USCCB *Misal Romano*) is simply: “[...] **in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.**” The Cardinal Prefect has pointed out the importance of affirming this Christological truth amid the religious pluralism of today’s world.

My understanding is that since the word Deus refers to Jesus, not to the Trinity, there is no need to say “one God,” and Jesus is fully and completely God independent of the Father and the Son.

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:

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. Peter’s letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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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.



Envelope Collections

2021	Jan. 31	\$5,560	Feb. 7	\$8,477
2020	Feb. 2	\$9,561	Feb. 9	\$8,452

ROMAN CATHOLIC H.S. SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Attention all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys! Roman Catholic High School will be holding an in-person **Open House on Sunday, March 21** from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM. Come join us to discover all that Roman has to offer in academics, athletics and other extracurricular activities. Because of COVID precautions, **PRE-Registration is REQUIRED**--we are not able to accommodate walk-ins for this event. <https://romancatholicshs.com/finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>. If you have any questions please contact our Director of Admissions and Communication - Tom Bottoms '10. tbottoms@romancatholicshs.com

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

By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion.

Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.

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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.

Man Up Philly 2021 Saturday, March 6th

Man Up Philly 2021 will take place **virtually** this year. The surge in cases since December has made us proceed in deference to the health and well-being of the attendees with a **virtual conference**. The conference will be streamed via Zoom to all registrants. This year's lineup of speakers is tremendous and will be an inspiration to all participants – **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, whose Bible in a Year podcast is #1 in the nation. He appeals to all Catholics, but has a special gift in reaching young adults. **Bishop Joseph Coffey**, originally a priest in the archdiocese, and now auxiliary bishop to the Military will also speak at the conference. We welcome **Col. Tom Manion**, chairman of the Travis Manion Foundation which supports military families in honor of his son, **Travis**, who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan. **Deacon Steve Javie**, former NBA ref. will provide our reconciliation talk.

Registration is \$10 online at manupphilly.com.

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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!

