

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.

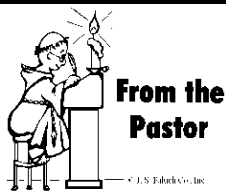
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,
 We welcome Archbishop Nelson Perez for the very first time to St. Joseph Parish this week as he confers the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people. We are very grateful that he is able to be with us and call

down the Holy Spirit upon these 29 people (28 parishioners and 1 student from St. Cyril Parish). This sacrament is essential to living life fully as a Catholic. Please pray for these young people that they will remain open to the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey and that they will receive the support of their family and community to live out that faith.

Later this week we will be celebrating our annual Triduum to St. Joseph. We take this time to offer our special prayers and intentions through the intercession of St. Joseph. These three days are called a Triduum. The word Triduum simply refers to three special days set aside for a particular purpose. Usually the word is used when speaking of Easter, for example, the Paschal Triduum refers to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our St. Joseph Triduum sets aside some extra time to pray to our patron. In honor of the Year of St. Joseph, we have a small shrine set up in our sanctuary with an image of our patron and some prayer cards with various prayers and a litany to St. Joseph. Please feel free to make use of these prayers throughout the year. St. Joseph is a great model for all people of faith, but especially for men, husbands, and fathers. While we all know that Joseph was married to the Blessed Mother and the foster father of Jesus, he is venerated for multiple reasons. The following are some of the titles attributed to St. Joseph: Light of the patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster-father of the Son of God, Watchful defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Joseph most just, Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent, Joseph most valiant, Joseph most obedient, Joseph most faithful, Mirror of patience, Lover of poverty, Model of workmen, Glory of domestic life, Guardian of virgins, Pillar of families, Solace of the afflicted, Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, and Protector of Holy Church. We turn to St. Joseph and ask him to intercede on our behalf. The triduum envelopes which represent your intentions for St. Joseph will remain on the reredos (back altar) for the entire Triduum. We invite all to join us for the 8:00 Morning Mass followed by some special prayers to St. Joseph on Wednesday, March 17th, Thursday March 18th, and Friday March 19th.

We are hoping to restart our Monday evening rosary devotions as soon as possible. We are in need of some people willing to take over some responsibilities. We are looking for readers (people willing to lead the congregation in the Monday night rosary), Extraordinary Ministers (those willing to repose the Blessed Sacrament after the rosary, and then lock up the church and set the alarm), and finally someone willing to take over the organizational responsibilities like scheduling and communication. If willing to assume any of these responsibilities please contact me at 215-672-3020. We will also be in need of more adult altar servers for daily Mass and funerals, and someone willing to organize and schedule them as well. Please contact me if you can help.

God Bless You,
 Fr. Bordonaro

Masses For The Week

Saturday	Mar 13, 2021	
	5:00pm	Linda Generale
Sunday	Mar 14, 2021	
	7:30am	George & Chris McConeghy
	9:30am	James Papiano
	11:30am	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Charlene Boland
Tuesday	8:00am	Bill Weychert, 9 th Anniversary
Wednesday	8:00am	David Dziedzic
Thursday	8:00am	Beverly McPoyle
Friday	8:00am	Joseph S. Hatos
Saturday	8:00am	Frances Corson

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Margie Conway, Brian Stec, James Cunningham, Jacqueline De Blasi, Jean Keenan, 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, March 15, 2021

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

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

- *Confirmation – 4:00 p.m. - Church

Thursday, March 18, 2021

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

Friday, March 19, 2021

- *Stations of the Cross & Benediction 7:30 pm 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.

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

Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez :12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Fourth Sunday of Lent

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

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.

Reflect on the Readings: GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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Financial Report

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FEBRUARY 2021

E-Giving:	\$ 11,983.87
Sunday Collections:	\$ 30,408.00
Total:	\$ 42,391.00

Monthly Report February, 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	\$ 19,005.83
Payroll Service	\$ 100.80
Music Ministry	\$ 43.90
PECO	\$ 2,552.19
Verizon	\$ 666.94
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 447.77
Comcast Cable	\$ 156.43
Computer Support	\$ 260.75
Supplies	\$ 2,755.61
Repairs (heating system)	\$ 3,952.65
Water & Sewer	\$ 283.46
Alarm System	\$ 342.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 105.60
Heating Oil	\$ 3,916.33
Snow Removal	\$ 10,317.25
Total	\$ 65,207.75

Villa Joseph Marie High School

Congratulations to Hannah Buckleman (10th Grade) who received High Honors for the First Semester 2020-2021 school year.



Saint Patrick

GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me. —St. Patrick

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, March 30, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.** in the church hall. March 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

Over the years, our tradition has come to see this Sunday as a transition, a midpoint, an oasis in the middle of six long weeks of preparation for Easter. The key is the Latin word *Laetare*, or "Rejoice," which was for centuries the first word sung in the Mass for this Sunday. In southern Europe, the first roses of springtime are appearing now, and there used to be a custom of honoring those to be baptized at Easter with roses on this Sunday. Long ago, this was also seen as a day for celebrating the ordination of priests. Many parishes retain the custom of using rose-colored vestments on this day. Normally flowers are banned from worship in the restrained season of Lent, but here, midway, these signposts of festivity pointing to the renewal of Easter springtime sometimes make a quiet appearance. A project for today would be to plant a few paperwhite or narcissus bulbs in a water bowl filled with river rocks. Like those elect who will soon be bathed in baptismal waters, they will come to full stature in the Easter season.

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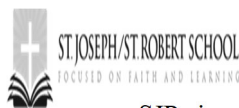


SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY -

March 19 - Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

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St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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SJR is recognized for academic excellence, the strength of small class sizes, and individualized instruction to meet your child's unique needs. Since we began the 2020 - 2021 academic school year in September, our spacious classrooms and social distance learning has allowed us to safely offer 5 days of continuous in-person instruction from Pre-K to 8th grade. Call 215.343.5100 to schedule your private tour for Sunday, March 21, 2021 or for a future date to visit the school.

Exciting EITC News - Springtime Tax Credits Available to Businesses and Individuals

EITC is an amazing program that provides significant tax credits to businesses and individuals that redirect a portion of their tax dollars to qualified SJR students for tuition scholarships. The Foundation for Catholic Education has announced that they have received \$500,000 for tax credits to be filled by March 29, 2021. The commitment form and check would need to be written by March 29th and the 90% tax credit would be used for your 2021 taxes. **The great news for our school is that the funding from donors for tuition scholarships would be allocated to our students in September 2021.**

Please register for an upcoming 30 minute EITC Webinar to learn about the rewards of the program. Below are the dates for the March EITC Webinars. Contact Joe McGinn 610.793.8613 or jmccinn@foundationforcatholiceducation.org for the webinar link. Questions can also be directed to Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

