



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.

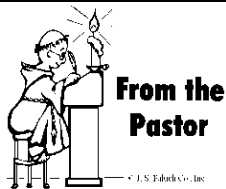
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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,
 This past week we celebrated our Triduum of prayers to St. Joseph, in which we remembered the intentions written on your St. Joseph Triduum envelopes. We believe that St. Joseph is a powerful

intercessor and that he is close to Our Lord in Heaven. We pray for his continued protection and guidance. This year I am very grateful to some parishioners who donated and arranged our shrine to St. Joseph. It was made in honor of Pope Francis' designation of 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. You will notice the beautiful picture of St. Joseph in our sanctuary, just to the left of the Pulpit. The image is a reproduction of a work by Anton Raphael Mengs from 1773-74. It is entitled The Dream of St. Joseph. We are all familiar with images of St. Joseph with the child Jesus, or with a lily (the sign of purity), or with his carpenter tools (hammer, square, plane, or saw), but we don't often see an image of him asleep. The interesting fact is that when God communicates to St. Joseph in the scriptures, it is always in a dream. Joseph was receptive to God in those dreams including when he told him not to be afraid of taking Mary as his wife, and also to flee into Egypt to protect the child and his mother from King Herod (the scene depicted in our image). The angel is telling Joseph rather forcefully to go – flee into Egypt, and he did just that. Alongside the picture you will see a basket with a couple of prayer cards with prayers to St. Joseph. Please feel free to take them and use them often.

I have left the reproductions of the Memorial Plaques in the back hallway for more than the originally stated time. I am asking now if there are any further changes to be made, to get them to me in writing (preferably email - Fr.Bordonaro@verizon.net) no later than March 26, 2021. Please take this **final opportunity** to review **the wording** and **the spelling** of your inscriptions. If you need to make a change, it must be submitted in writing.

Because of COVID-19 concerns we will not have our regular scene sale. Instead I will send a donation from our Poorbox to St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia. We know them as a soup kitchen, but they are more than that. I went to their website and found this mission statement. "St. Francis Inn Ministries is a Franciscan, Eucharistic community called to minister with the poor and homeless of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Formed in the spirit of the Gospel and inspired by the life and compassion of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi, we try to meet the immediate daily needs of the people we serve with food, clothing and hospitality. Furthermore, we empower persons to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty and address structural injustices. We seek to build relationships with those that we serve by respecting their human dignity and by helping them to restore hope in their lives, and by living simply among them."

"In addition to the dine-in meals, we also provide food baskets for families and homebound seniors monthly.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	Mar 20, 2021	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mar 21, 2021	7:30am	Alicia DiBrino
		9:30am	Kathleen Kelly
		11:30am	Felix Maieron
Monday		8:00am	Joseph Vincelli
Tuesday		8:00am	Samuel Gangemi
Wednesday		8:00am	Samuel Gangemi
Thursday		8:00am	Robert & Christine Paul
Friday		8:00am	Al Ewert
Saturday		8:00am	Margaret Harkins, 2 nd Anniversary

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Peter Trotter, 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 22, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

*Confession – 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. – Church

Thursday, March 25, 2021

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

Friday, March 26, 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: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

A Note From The Pastor Continued

A mixture of fresh and non-perishable foods supply regular sustenance to those unable to come to our meals. Mail services, phone usage, and many intangible resources also support our guests.”

God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

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.

Reflect on the Readings: THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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Congratulations to St. Joseph Parish Confirmation Class of 2021

Bailey Balkir

Joseph Casabona

Kathleen Costello

Jack Cuiffitelli

Shane Farrell

Nathan Hartman

Andrew Heiman

Morgan Hughes

Carter Junod

Liam Moore

Grace Moritz

Brady Parsons

Erin Tuman

Mason Wadleigh

Jacob Bargerhuff

Ethan Colon

John Coughlin

Marissa DeFebo

Erin Finello

John Hassett

Owen Hendrickson

Tessa Hughes

Shane McCole

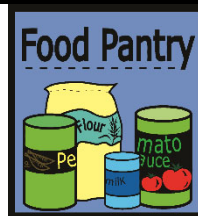
Caroline Moritz

Aiden Pagan

James Shaeffer

Madelynn Valentine

Monthly Food Drive



Our next Food Drive is the weekend of **April 3rd & 4th**. Items will be collected through April 6th. Non-perishables only. Items needed now include Breakfast cereals, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, canned beef or chicken stew, baked beans, pancake syrup/pancake mix, tuna helper, canned fruit. We collected and donated 860 pounds of food in March! Because of your generosity we were able to provide assistance to numerous families who are struggling to find support. As Jesus said in Matthew 26:40, **“he who has done to the least of these, has done it unto me”**.

SJR-HSA Spring Flower Sale

St. Joseph/St. Robert School is having a Spring Flower Sale. Different size Deck and Porch Planters, Hanging Baskets and various herbs are available. Please contact Suzanne Sorge at suzannesorge@verizon.net or 215-704-9708 for ordering information. All orders are due by April 16 and the flowers will be available May 6.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

— Jeremiah 31:33

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

Ask senior parishioners about this fifth Sunday, and they will share memories of this Sunday years ago, when it was known as "Passion Sunday." In those days, the statues and crucifixes were draped in purple cloth, and a deeply somber atmosphere infused worship. The structure is different today for good reason. The stunning changes in the appearance of the church building drew attention away from the twofold work of Lent: reconciliation and preparing for initiation. Today, this Sunday is given to reflection on the necessity to commit, like Jesus, to the Father's will. Wherever elect are present today, the "A" reading reveals Jesus' compassion in the face of human suffering, and his desire to call us from the tombs of sin, isolation, and even death itself.

As Lent draws to a close over the next ten days, and before the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday, we enter an ideal time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's old title of "Passion Sunday" has migrated to next Sunday, also called "Palm Sunday." In many places, people prepare their own bundles of branches for next week's liturgy: pussy willow, forsythia, dogwood. If your parish schedules a procession, you may want to prepare these branches at home and bring them along.

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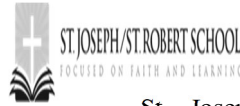
Envelope Collections

2021	Feb. 28	\$9,970	Mar. 7	\$8,807
2020	Mar. 1	\$9,984	Mar. 8	\$7,442

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.

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St. Joseph/St. Robert School has "succeeded" together in safely engaging our Pre-K to 8th grade students in continuous in-person learning since the school doors opened in September! We invite prospective families to explore our "success"! Call 215.343.5100 to schedule your private family tour!



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 jmccginn@foundationforcatholiceducation.org for the webinar link. Questions can also be directed to Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

Join the EITC Program Today!

Learn how to redirect your tax dollars to benefit students throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and receive a 90% Tax Credit!

Informational Webinars:

February 10, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

February 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

March 11, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

March 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

To sign up contact Joe McGinn
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