

**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.

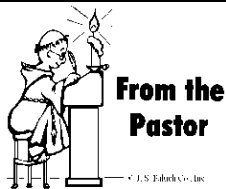
**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**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,  
 Today is Palm Sunday, or sometimes called Passion Sunday. We mark the triumphal entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into the Holy city of Jerusalem remembering that He was greeted with shouts of joy and adulation and

the waving of palm branches as people of that day greeted royalty. The name Passion Sunday refers to the reading of the extended Gospel of the Passion. It is the first time that those coming into our Church hear that particular Gospel at a Sunday Mass. It is also the beginning of the most sacred time of our Liturgical year, Holy Week. I invite all of you to make an extra effort to be present to Our Lord at this sacred time.

During Holy Week we will hear confessions on Tuesday, March 30 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 31 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (please note that there are no scheduled confessions during the Sacred Triduum, so this is the last opportunity to go to confession before Easter). The Sacred Triduum starts on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and the traditional Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper is a great opportunity to join as a family and celebrate the dual occasions when Jesus instituted both the Eucharist and the Priesthood. After Mass on Holy Thursday, there will be the procession with the Eucharist to the altar of reposition and church will be open for adoration until Midnight. Many people still keep the tradition of visiting three churches this evening as most of them have an extended period of adoration into the evening.

On Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion with a special service. These prayers are designed to recall the Gospel story of the Lords’ crucifixion, also to honor or venerate the wood of the cross as the altar on which Jesus offered His Supreme Sacrifice, and finally it provides the opportunity to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This is not a Mass. As a matter of fact, Good Friday is the only day of the year on which Mass is forbidden. We will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Finally, the Easter Vigil is celebrated on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. It is the ultimate celebration of the Lord’s resurrection. It marks the end of the waiting for the new dawn to come. Fire is blessed and the new light of Christ is symbolically brought into the Church. New Christians are baptized or received into the Church and our story, that is, the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection is retold and we are renewed. Please note that the Easter Vigil Mass is at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and there is no 5:00 Mass that day. Our Easter Sunday Masses are on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

Please help spread the Good News of Easter by welcoming those who may be visitors to our church. We want them to feel like they belong and are accepted. Also please be mindful of the parking lots. I know you get tired of the reminders, but efficient parking is really necessary to allow the most number of people the chance to park. The Valley Road lot is for single space parking. The lot closest to the church is for head in or “bumper to bumper” parking. (Continued on page 3....)

**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 27, 2021</b>	5:00pm	Kathy White
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 28, 2021</b>	7:30am	People of the Parish
		9:30am	Ted Gannon
		11:30am	Nancy Clinton
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Rachel & Fred Schenk
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	Phyllis & Jack Fox
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Annie McLucas
<b>Holy</b>		8:00am	Morning Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>		7:30pm	Mass of the Lord’s Supper
<b>Good Friday</b>		8:00am	Morning Prayer
		3:00pm	Commemoration of the Lord’s Death
<b>Holy Saturday</b>		8:00am	Morning Prayer

**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 29, 2021**

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

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

\*Confession – 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Church

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

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

**Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021**

\*Mass of the Lords’ Supper – 7:30 p.m. – Church

\*Adoration after Mass until Midnight - Church

**Good Friday, April 2, 2021**

\*Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion – 3:00 p.m.

\*Stations of the Cross & Benediction 7:30 pm Church

**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all requests are subject to Pastor’s approval and space availability.

## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;  
Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;  
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
**Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;  
Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,  
10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-  
22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5,  
8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d)  
Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is  
12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g)  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is  
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom  
6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-  
7 or (at afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 4:13-35

## A Note From The Pastor Continued

Please do not leave open spaces because that effectively boxes out others from entering. Thank you for your assistance.

Archbishop Perez has asked that the following letter be communicated to you this weekend.

God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

March 28, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 2, 2021, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 2, 2021. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

## St. Joseph Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on the **first Monday** of the month in the **Downstairs Church Hall** and via **Zoom** on the **third Monday** of the month. If you are interested in either meeting, please contact Tom Molz at 215-801-9158 for details. The next meeting is Monday, April 5 in the hall.

## Reflect on the Readings: HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

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## 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](http://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.

## Wedding Anniversary Mass:

The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 5:15 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will commemorate those couples celebrating their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Wedding vows will be renewed on this very special day. Please RSVP online or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500. For more details, visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org).

### CCD School Of Religion

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 or email [stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto: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

Although the procession with palms has an unforgettable grip on our imagination, the real emphasis of this day's liturgy is contained in its name: The Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Since 1955, the old custom of a blessing of palms with procession of the people has marked the entry of the Church into a time so rich that it is called "Holy Week." The center of today's liturgy, however, is the solemn reading of the Passion, this year taken from Mark's Gospel. Our community is to be transformed by its celebration of Easter, and so this week everything is made new. Soon, the bishop will celebrate the "Chrism Mass" when the holy oils for the sacraments will be completely replenished and blessed, and transported from the cathedral to every parish. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. Be on the lookout later this week for this "paschal" moon, rising in the east at the precise moment the sun sets in the west. Imagine: a day when there is not a single moment when the earth is not bathed in light from the heavens. We are on the threshold of the three great days (Triduum): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, beginning at sunset on Thursday when the parish gathers in response to the Lord's command: "Do this in memory of me."

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### 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](mailto: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.

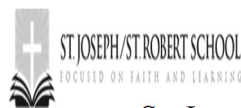
### Contributions/Donations to St. Joseph Church

If you would like a copy of your 2020 Contributions to St. Joseph Church, please call 215-672-3020 or email [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto: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. 215-672-3020 or [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net).

### St. Joseph/St. Robert School



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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.* Questions can be directed to Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org).

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