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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.)

# St. Joseph's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!!!!

Sunday December 4th 9:00am till 2:00pm







Join us for some Christmas FUN on
December 4th in the church hall. Stop
by after mass or come back later in the
day. We'll have lots of FOOD,
VENDORS, CRAFTERS,
MUSIC, GAMES FOR THE KIDS,
PICTURES WITH SANTA AND PLENTY
OF GREAT RAFFLE BASKETS!!







### A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

This week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. You are invited to join us for a Mass on Thanksgiving morning, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. Please note the time change. There will be no 8:00 Mass that

day. We will bless freshly baked bread at the Mass and then you can take it home to your Thanksgiving tables.

We have started our Giving Tree program. This is the annual opportunity to provide gifts to the less fortunate. We ask you to take a "gift tag" off the tree in the sanctuary, which identifies a specific need for the various charitable organizations that we help. Then you are asked to supply a gift card in the amount of \$25 - \$35 from a department store, or check to St. Joseph (for tuition) to help meet the particular need. We ask that you return the cards to the Giving Tree Box, placed at the base of the tree, by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> so they may be distributed to those in need, with enough time to get their shopping done. The people of this parish have always been very generous with this program and we are very grateful for your support.

I found the following Thanksgiving reflection online <a href="https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2020/11/25/a-grateful-heart-2/">https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2020/11/25/a-grateful-heart-2/</a> and I thought it was very appropriate.

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:17-18

Happy Thanksgiving! Though Thanksgiving Day is not specifically a Catholic holy day, it certainly goes hand in hand with our life of faith. Spiritually speaking, we all know that gratitude is central to the Gospel message. Thanksgiving Day presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at this particular aspect of our faith. We are called to be eternally and deeply grateful. How grateful to God are you?

Perhaps we all struggle in various ways with gratitude. It's fair to say that we will never be grateful enough until we are perfected in Heaven. But, for now, it's important to look at gratitude and to try to let it increase in our souls.

First, we will never be grateful unless we see clearly all that God has done for us. It's so easy in life to focus in on all the struggles we face and, as a result, to get down, depressed, frustrated and even angry at times. What's far more challenging is to look beyond the crosses and burdens we face each day to see the abundance of grace and mercy given to us by our Lord. Unless we see that mercy and grace, we will struggle greatly with authentic gratitude.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, reflect upon this simple question: Do I see all God has done for me? Do I see His abundance of mercy alive in my life? The Gospel passage above reveals that Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one of the ten returned in gratitude. Are you like one of the nine who failed in gratitude? If so, you most likely struggle with seeing all the true and abundant blessings from God.

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### **Masses For The Week**

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Saturday	Nov 19, 2022			
	5:00 p.m.	DiTore Family		
Sunday	Nov 20, 2022	·		
	7:30 a.m.	Joan & Charlie Casey		
	9:30 a.m.	Mary Vincelli		
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Catherine Bruno		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Robert Pfeifer		
Thursday	<b>9:00</b> a.m.	In Thanksgiving		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Egidio D'Onofrio &		
		Padula Family		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	T. J. McCarthy		
Saturday	Nov 26, 2022			
	5:00 p.m.	Alice and Bill		
		Hennessey		
Sunday	Nov 27, 2022			
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	9:30 a.m.	Dale Cain		
	11:30 a.m.	Jo and Chuck Thomas		

### **Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:**

Hugh Lynagh, Louis Cerritelli, Robert Sautner, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hand, Agnes Fagan, Brinda Robin, Steve Becker, John Hesser, James Ritsick, John Merritt, Anna Quartucci, Annabelle Long, Ita McErlean, Stanley Travis, III, James Martin, Theresa Romaniello, Gino Romaniello, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Kim Bell, Ralph Lawson, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Jack Wilhelm.

### This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, November 21

\*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.

\*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 24

\*Rectory and Office - *closed* **Friday, November 25** 

\*Rectory and Office - closed



### **Bulletin Submittals**

Requests may be emailed to <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

### **Parish Registration**

New parishioners are always welcome!

To register see Fr. Bordonaro after Mass.

Please help us keep our records updated by notifying the office if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.

### **Readings For The Week**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11 Tuesday: Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19 *Thursday:* Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; Ps 19:1-3,9a; Ps 100:1b-2,

3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a; Lk Friday:

21:29-33

Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36 Saturday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom Sunday:

13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

"Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you." His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

### A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

If you can humbly admit you struggle with total gratitude, you will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering the deeper gratitude you ought to have. Being grateful means you see the truth clearly. Be open to that truth and God will change your life as He fills you with joy!

Lord, please do fill my heart with an abundance of gratitude. Help me to turn my eyes to Your infinite grace and mercy. Help me to see beyond the struggles of life and the burdens that get me down. In place of these, help me to become increasingly aware of all You have done for me and all that You continue to do. Jesus, I trust in You.

God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

(See more pictures from the Holy Land trip on page 7)

### Reflect on the Reading

### THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us rejoicing!

### **American Sign Language Masses**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will have a Sign Language Interpreter on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (when applicable) Sundays of the Month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Stanislaus Church in Lansdale has a "Deaf Community Mass" at 11:45 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The mission of The Prayer Shawl Ministry is to provide shawls to members of the parish community who are in need of prayerful comfort and support. If you knit or crochet please consider volunteering your talents. For more information please call Nancy 215-491-2551 or Mary 215-674-4612

### The Mother Boniface Spirituality Center

Invites you to Advent Hope Advent Joy, an Advent morning filled with prayer, reflection, storytelling and engaging conversation on November 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is \$35 which includes morning muffins and beverages, lunch, and program resources. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.msbt.org or call us at 267-350-1830.

### **Thanksgiving Prayer**

And now, bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth; Who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb, and fashions them according to his will! May he grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you; May his goodness toward us endure in Israel to deliver us in our days. Sir 50:22-24



### **Envelope Collections**

2022	Nov. 6	\$8,124	Nov. 13	\$6,024
2021	Nov. 7	\$8,579	Nov. 14	\$6,815

### 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
- 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

### **Treasures from Our Tradition**

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### **HOPE Committee**

### **Diaper/Wipes Collection**

We are collecting diapers and wipes this weekend. Donations can be left on the table in the back hall. As always, the need is great and those that receive them are so appreciative of your generosity! **Thank you** for helping our little ones!

### **Christmas Bazaar**

Sunday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

We will have great food, fabulous raffle baskets, 50/50, vendors, crafters, music and of course Santa! We are now accepting new,



unused items for the raffle baskets. Please place any donations on table outside of Room 16. Contact Rita Roley for vendor tables or to volunteer at 215-872-0499 or email rroley2325@comcast.net.

### **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service**

St. Ignatius Church, 999 Reading Ave., Yardley Pa 19067 Friday, December 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.

ALL are invited to celebrate mass with the St. Ignatius of the Antioch Charismatic Prayer Group. Father or Prayer teams will pray over individuals for their needs. And the Anointing of the Sick will also be offered. Come and Enjoy the Praise and worship songs and the Power of the Holy Spirit and receive all that Jesus wants to give you and put on your heart. Bring a friend and a family member who also needs blessings. Father Chris Walsh will be our Celebrant! More Information/questions: Renee' Cereby 267-357-5008 ReneeCereby1012@gmail.com

### **Called to be Saints**

A Catholic faith community of young adults and young families, invites you to our upcoming event:

### • Disciples' Night

St. Catherine of Siena, Horsham, Thursday, December 1. Please join us for our Disciples' Night. We will have mass at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel followed by social hour, then presentation with discussion in the farmhouse.

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact us at <a href="mailto:scsyoungadults@gmail.com">scsyoungadults@gmail.com</a>. Walk-ins are always welcome. Please join our Facebook group "Called to be Saints" for additional information.

### **Multi-Cultural Benefit Concert**

### Friday, December 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Holy Innocents Church - 1337 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia. This free-will donation multi-cultural benefit concert will showcase the talents of our diverse parish while raising funds for the Young Adults attending World Youth Day. There will be praise and worship in different languages, raffles, and refreshments. Ample free parking available!

### **Music Concert**

The musical ensemble, Gaudeamus, will be presenting three Christmas concerts this year. Gaudeamus is a Catholic faith-based ensemble of professional musicians with a passion for sharing our God-given talent through concerts and recordings to help those in need.

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Buckingham
- Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
  - St. Patrick's Malvern

Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

• Epiphany of Our Lord – Plymouth Meeting

All concerts are free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be collected to benefit charities chosen by Gaudeamus. For more information, please visit their website at www.letusrejoice.org.

### **Sticky Bun Sale**



Sticky Buns will be sold after the masses today (*Sunday only*). Stock up now for Thanksgiving!



### **CCD School Of Religion**



215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com.

St. Joseph Church Religious Education 2022-2023

In Person Class Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

### Calendar of Events



Tuesday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Break- No Classes

Tuesday, November 29 – All grades in Session



<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 6</u> – All grades in Session. Advent Penance Service for **all** students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person)

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 13</u> — Family Advent Gathering (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) Last CCD class until January 3.

### Safe Environment Program

All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:

### **CLEARANCES:**

PA State Police Criminal Record Check PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck. Federal History Fingerprint Clearance\*

\*ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

**CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS** 

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- Go to <a href="https://signup.formed.org/">https://signup.formed.org/</a>
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.



### ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

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As I write this, I'm looking forward to our Walkathon which was postponed a week due to weather. In addition to being our major fall fundraiser which supports our Health and Wellness program, it is a joyful celebration of our school community. Each time I've heard the archbishop speak this year he has emphasized the importance of missionary discipleship — of bringing Christ out to the world in an effort to lead others to Him. When we step off our campus to walk together, I can't help but to feel that we will be doing just that. We have raised just about \$12,000 for our Walkathon to date. This is the same amount that we raised for the event last year. That means that every donation made from now until the end of the month will be matched dollar for dollar by our generous, and anonymous, donor!

For those of you who have traditionally supported the school through #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, our nation's Catholic day of giving! This year it will be Tuesday, November 29th from 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM. There is an *Advanced Giving* phase that is currently in progress! You can find that donation button on our website at <a href="www.stjstr.org">www.stjstr.org</a> or you can write a check with "iGiveCatholic" on the memo line.

Last weekend we hosted our Fall Open House for prospective students for next year. It was lovely to meet prospective families but even more wonderful to hear our Hawk Hosts, SJR parents who volunteer to lead tours, and our student ambassadors describe our school program to them. Their knowledge, enthusiasm, and positivity were a real testament to our community.

There is a quote by Blessed Solanus Casey that I meditate on quite frequently: "Thank God ahead of time." As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for all you do for SJR and to "thank God ahead of time" for being able to trust in His care for us through your continued kindness and generosity.

Congratulations to this week's Apple of My Eye winners:

Nikolas, Caterina, Robert, McKenna, and Hannah God bless you and have a wonderful week. Mrs. Durkin



A generous donor has stepped forward to support our Walkathon! They will match dollar for dollar any money raised above last year's total of \$12,000 up to \$25,000!





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