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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,
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A Note From The Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration. We have a lot to be grateful for, and it is good to pause and give thanks to God. As one Liturgical Year comes to an end, another one begins. This week we begin a new liturgical year and the holy season of Advent. Advent is about preparing for the birth of Jesus, but it is also about actively waiting on the Lord. But waiting can be good. It helps to strengthen us and teaches us discipline. Waiting also helps our celebration of Christmas by building up a longing and yearning for Jesus. Not every need has to be met immediately.

We are currently running our Giving Tree program for the parish. This is the annual opportunity to provide gifts to the less fortunate. We ask you to take a “gift tag” off the tree 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 to help meet that need. (Our scrip sellers will have extra cards on hand). We ask that you return the cards to the Giving Tree Box, placed at the base of the tree, by Dec. 12th so they may be distributed to those in need, with enough time to get their shopping done. The cards will then be distributed to the various charities and also used to help those who contact St. Joseph for help. The people of this parish have always been very generous with this program and we are very grateful for your support.

Next week we will have the special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is the collection that helps to support the retired Religious Sisters and Brothers who taught so many of us. Archbishop Pérez has asked us to communicate this letter in advance of the collection. May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our parishes during the weekend of December 3-4, 2022. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) coordinates the annual appeal on a national basis and distributes financial assistance for retirement needs to eligible religious institutes within the United States.

As Pope Francis stated in his General Audience of June 15, 2022, “It is precisely the Christian community that must take care of the elderly; the elderly have much to give us: there is the wisdom of life. They have much to teach us. When we are old, we cannot do the same things we did when we were young...” The care for our elder men and women religious is our responsibility. They have sacrificed greatly in their years of service and remain faithful. In retirement, they remain witnesses for the Church and the world and are

valuable examples of a Christian life lived well. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Nov 26, 2022</u>	5:00 p.m. Alice and Bill Hennessey
Sunday	<u>Nov 27, 2022</u>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish 9:30 a.m. Dale Cain 11:30 a.m. Jo and Chuck Thomas
Monday		8:00 a.m. William J. Holman
Tuesday		8:00 a.m. Helene Burns
Wednesday		8:00 a.m. Megan Soria (Birthday)
Thursday		8:00 a.m. Grace Mattera
Friday		8:00 a.m. Edward Buchanan
Saturday		8:00 a.m. Joseph Pugnetti
Saturday	<u>Dec 3, 2022</u>	5:00 p.m. Raymond Generale
Sunday	<u>Dec 4, 2022</u>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish 9:30 a.m. John Montgomery 11:30 a.m. Mary Ann Dowzicky

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 28**

- *Adoration – 8:30 a.m.
- *Rosary – 7:30 p.m.
- *Men’s Group – 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

- *Adult Choir – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

- *Children’s Choir – 5:30 p.m.

Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. 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: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

As you consider this year's appeal, I ask you to reflect on the role of religious in your own life. Perhaps a woman or man religious nurtured your faith as a young student or your vocation to the priesthood or to sacramental marriage. Or you may have witnessed the dedication of religious serving in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, or social services. Many of these women and men religious are now elderly, and too often their religious congregations do not have adequate funding for their care.

The appeal is to give what you can. Most importantly, is that we join together in prayer for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Please support our consecrated religious in this national collection scheduled for December 3-4, 2022 in our local parishes and be assured of a remembrance in my prayers.

Thank you.

In the peace of Christ,

*+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

Reflect on the Reading **PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT**

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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.

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.

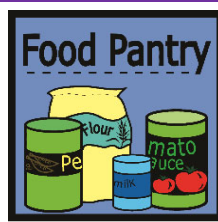
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Online Giving

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.

Monthly Food Drive



Our next Food Drive is scheduled for **December 3rd and 4th**. Items will be collected through December 6th. Non-perishables only. Items currently needed at this time include: Coffee (instant or brew), Stuffing Mix, Salsa, Cream Soups (Chicken, Mushroom, etc.) Beef Stew, Tuna Helper, Ketchup/Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Egg Noodles, Supermarket Gift Cards. Non-food items needed: Laundry Detergent (Bottle or Pods), Paper Towels, Shampoo/Conditioner, Bar/Bath Soap, and Toothpaste. The Warminster Food Bank would like to thank you for your donation of **808 pounds** of food collected in the month of November.

Exposition of Sacred Relics

Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Rd, Oreland, PA
Next viewing: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. Exposition open following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. Mass. Pray in the presence of more than 150 Sacred Relics. *The True Cross of our Lord, the Cloak of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Philomena, St. John Vianney, St. Anthony of Padua, St. John Neumann, St. Katharine Drexel, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II, St. Damian of Molokai, St. Therese, Ven. Fulton J. Sheen.*

Treasures from Our Tradition

“People in love make signs of love,” wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love’s vitality. A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ’s love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

For the next year of “Treasure” essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 roley2325@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

Be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

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 scsyoungadults@gmail.com. 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 27th at 7:00 p.m.

- *Our Lady of Guadalupe – Buckingham*


Sunday, December 4th 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.




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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!

What can we do?

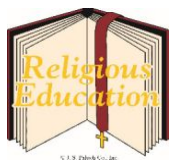
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- Ask for sponsors on the sheet sent home.
- Spread the word!

All money donated to the Walkathon will support the SJR Health and Wellness Program. The Generous Match will support other school programs.



DONATIONS ACCEPTED THRU THE ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!

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St. Joseph Church Religious Education
2022-2023

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

Calendar of Events

November



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Tuesday, November 29 – All grades in Session

DECEMBER

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

Tuesday, December 13 – 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:

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

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Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal

Happy Thanksgiving! There is so much happening at SJR that we have to be thankful for! Our vibrant Home and School Association planned and implemented a wonderful Walkathon – our fall fundraiser. While the final donations are still coming in and we don't have a grand total yet, we know it has exceeded last year's total – and it was so much fun! We're grateful to them, the generous donor who provided matching funds, and to all of you who supported our Walkathon this year – thank you! We're also thankful for the escort provided by the Warrington Police Department.

Last week, SJR hosted group of about 40 advancement directors who have joined together in a group called ACE (Advancing Catholic Education) along with some principals and representatives from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They met to share information and ideas as we begin accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. We are grateful for their work supporting the enrollment of Catholic elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese. It was such a pleasure to host them on the campus of the school in St. Robert's meeting space.

Our Thespian Club, under the direction of Mrs. Lauren Kulp and Ms. Lindsay Keegan, has been hard at work preparing this year's production – Frozen, Jr. You are welcome to attend their performance on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. on the stage at Archbishop Wood High School. Tickets can be purchased through the website of our school www.stjstr.org. Hope to see you there!

You were in my prayers on Thanksgiving. I'm so grateful to be principal at a wonderful school that has the support of two wonderful parishes. "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." James 1:17. God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Durkin



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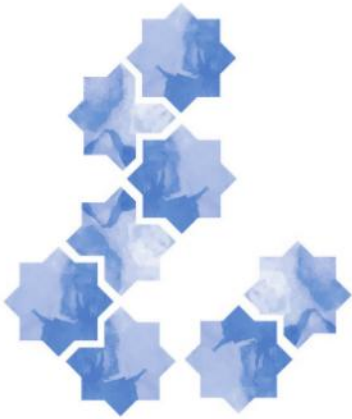
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