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MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (MonSat.)	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:

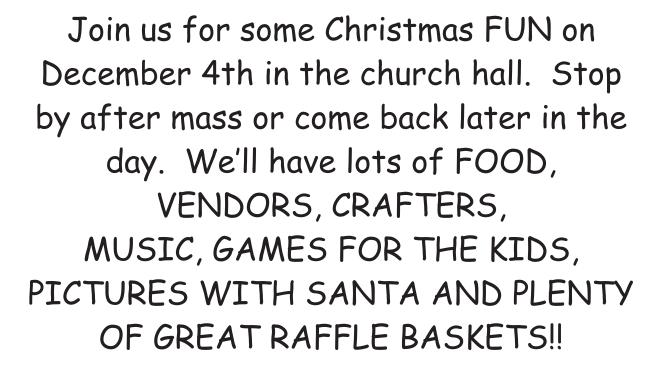
TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6, Radio – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

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















December 4, 2022

A Note From The Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas Bazaar is this Sunday, Dec. 4th in the Church Hall. Please come down after Mass and get a jump on your Christmas shopping. There will be a number of vendors selling their crafts, raffle baskets and food. Our St. Joseph Christmas cards and 100th Anniversary Coffee mugs will also be for sale. Children can have their picture taken with Santa too. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Rita Roley, and her team of helpers. If you are planning to visit the Christmas Bazaar, please park in the rear lot off of Valley Road.

Congratulations to our St. Joseph/St. Robert student thespians! They will be putting on the show, Frozen, Jr. at Archbishop Wood High School this Sunday, Dec. 4th at 2:00 p.m. We are fortunate that the students can take advantage of the professional stage that our local high school offers. You can come to Mass, shop at the Christmas Bazaar, and then relax and enjoy the show by our students all this Sunday.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Thursday, Dec. 8^{th.} It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Masses on the Holy Day will be at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and also at 7:00 p.m.

The schedule for the remaining days of Advent is as follows: Our **Parish Penance** opportunity will be **Thursday, Dec. 15th at 7:00 p.m.** Additional priests will be on hand to hear confessions. Remember, there will be no actual penance service, but rather confessions will start being heard at 7:00 p.m. In addition to our regular Saturday confessions from 3:30 to 4:30, we will hear them on Wednesday evening Dec. 21st at 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no confessions scheduled on Sat. Dec. 24th. The best opportunity will be December 15th with several additional confessors.

The US Bishops have prepared a brief examination of conscience. I have copied it below from their website. The first reflection is based on the 10 Commandments.

#I - I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me: Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God? **# II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain**. Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people? **#III Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day**. Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday? **#IV Honor your father and your mother**. Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have? *(Continued on page 4)*

Masses For The Week				
Saturday	Dec 3, 2022			
	5:00 p.m.	Raymond Generale		
Sunday	Dec 4, 2022			
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	9:30 a.m.	John Montgomery		
	11:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Dowzicky		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of		
		Bob McNulty		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Adeline McNulty		
	5:30 p.m.	Carolyn Ford,		
		1 st Anniversary		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	10:00 a.m.	Betty Kortz		
	7:00 p.m.	Gaetano Borghi		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Missy Sichler		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Dec'd. members of the		
		Sansoni Family		
Saturday	Dec 10, 2022			
	5:00 p.m.	Rose and Sam		
		Langetti		
Sunday	Dec 11, 2022			
	7:30 a.m.	Marilyn Higgins		
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	11:30 a.m.	Gaetano Borghi		

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Kristina Crawford, Mary Ellen Flood, Louis Cerritelli, Robert Sautner, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hand, Agnes Fagan, Brinda Robin, Steve Becker, John Hesser, James Ritsick, John Merritt, Anna Quartucci, Annabelle Long, 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, December 5

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. *Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

*Adult Choir – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

*Children's Choir – 5:30 p.m.

<u>Bulletin Submittals</u>

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

Readings For The Week

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

#V. You shall not kill. Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind? **#VI. You shall not commit adultery.** Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself? **#VII. You shall not steal.** Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another? **#VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another? **#IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.** Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love? **#X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.** Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

This second examination comes from Jesus' identification of the two greatest commandments.

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quicktempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8). Copyright © 2013, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC.

May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Reading HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Weekly Giving - Envelope Collections

2022	Nov. 20	\$7,623	Nov. 27	\$7,160
2021	Nov. 21	\$9,489	Nov. 28	\$7,186

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.

St. Joseph Music Ministry

It's not too late for you to offer your musical gifts for Christmas!!

Needed for Christmas Masses: *SINGERS, FLUTISTS, TRUMPETERS, VIOLINISTS, OBOISTS*

Children's Choir, Christmas Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Practices: Thursday, December 15th & 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir, Christmas Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Practices: Wednesday, December 7th & 14th 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Dec. 21st 8:00 to 9:30.p.m.

Groups for 6:30 p.m. & 11:30 a.m. Christmas masses

Practice times TBD based on availability of those interested. If you are interested or you would like to help out with the singing, but these practice times are inconvenient for you, please contact Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email her at <u>mariaalennon@comcast.net</u>. We can work out a flexible schedule convenient for you!

No prior singing experience is necessary to *sing praise to the Lord!*

December 4, 2022

Treasures from Our Tradition

"Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace" is the oftenmemorized definition of sacrament, but through more than five decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and individual. an Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God's grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms. Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than "meets the eye."-James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 faithbased ensemble of professional musicians with a passion for sharing our God-given talent through concerts and recordings to help those in need.

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 <u>www.letusrejoice.org</u>.

Exposition of Sacred Relics

Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Rd, Oreland, PA

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. 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.*

<u>Christmas Bazaar</u>



Sunday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall Great Food, Raffle Baskets, 50/50, Vendors, Crafters, Music and of course Santa!

Come and enjoy breakfast at the Bazaar after Mass. Pancakes and sausage available for purchase.

Volunteer Opportunities

Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN) is a



Bucks County interfaith nonprofit that serves the homeless and those in need by providing year-long access to emergency shelter, food and other life-sustaining services, with dignity and compassion. Are you looking for ways in which you can give back to the community? The following opportunities are available:

Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need

AHTN Volunteer Opportunities:

- Code Blue Driver & Attendant (evening & morning runs)
- Code Blue Overnight Staff (2 shifts: 10:30 p.m. 2:30 a.m. or 2:30 a.m. 7:00 a.m.)
- Meal delivery or pick up guests for houses of worship that are hosting a dine-in community meal
- Those in Need Drivers for those needing rides to Shower Mission, Drug Court (Thursdays) or any other day to go to food pantries, laundromat, grocery stores, appointments, etc. when requested.

Volunteer Information:

For individuals who are interested in becoming AHTN volunteers, visit <u>AHTN.org/</u>Get Involved/Volunteer with AHTN or <u>https://www.ahtn.org/volunteer-with-ahtn</u> to register in our Volunteer HUB and complete our online training. A background check is required once the training has been completed.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

St. John Neumann Cemetery is holding a ceremonial **Wreaths** Across America presentation, Saturday, December 17th at 12:00 Noon. Prayer service immediately following wreath ceremony. Please come join us during this very special time of year to embrace the precious memories of our loved ones and to honor our Veterans.

<u>CCD School Of Religion</u> <u>stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com</u> 215-672-9990 215-672-3020

St. Joseph Church Religious Education 2022-2023 In Person Class Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

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

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

JANUARY

<u>**Tuesday, January 3**</u> – All grades in session. <u>**Thursday, January 5**</u> – Teachers' Meeting, Valley Road School Building – 6:30 p.m.

<u>**Tuesday, January 10**</u> – Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in session Reconciliation Practice for 3^{rd} Grade students – Church Family Home School Drop Off/Pick Assignments – CCD office.

Wednesday, January 11 – First Penance – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 17 – All grades in session.

"Kids Talk" presentation.

<u>**Tuesday, January 24**</u> – All grades in session.

<u>Tuesday, January 31</u> – All grades in session.

FEBRUARY

<u>Tuesday, February 7</u> – All grades in session. First semester Progress Reports distributed.
<u>Tuesday, February 14</u> – All grades in session. Signed Progress Reports due.
<u>Monday, February 20</u> – Confirmation Retreat for Confirmation students – 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, February 21</u> – All grades in session
<u>Tuesday, February 28</u> – Stations of the Cross for all students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) - 6:15 p.m. in Church. Families are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 <u>www.stjstr.org</u>

Service is a vital part of the school experience at SJR. The students and families have already participated in two of our annual holiday giving projects. After learning about what the needs of some children throughout the world, our students brought home shoeboxes to fill with their families for "Operation Christmas Child." In addition to hygiene/grooming items and school supplies, each box had a "Wow!" gift – something that a child who received it would just love. In learning about the project and selecting gifts with their families, SJR students helped others while developing the skills to become more empathetic members of the church and global community. It's an awesome project.

The SJR Service Corp also ran our annual holiday food drive – it was generously supported by all of the families at SJR and the food will be distributed to those in need at the holidays.

We're very excited to present the SJR Thespian Club's production of *Frozen, Jr*. at Archbishop Wood this weekend – Sunday, December 4^{th} at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. It will be wonderful and a great opportunity for the children in your life to have a great experience with the theater. I hope to see you there!

In closing, I'd like to congratulate our "Apple of My Eye" winners for this past week: Keegan, Tyson, Luke, Jake, and Danny! Their kind and helpful acts are some of the things that make SJR such a special place!

Mrs. Durkin



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.

Safe Environment Program

All people who <u>volunteer</u> 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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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.

Reminder

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