December 18. 2022



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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.)

MATTHEW 1:23

TRUE GRATITUDE

Advent's four Sundays each have their own focus: "Stay awake!" (First); John the Baptist (Second); Rejoice! (Third); Joseph/Mary (Fourth). We might need to have a little pity on the Fourth Sunday, however, since the hectic realities of the secular calendar can overwhelm it, particularly in those years when there are only one or two (or zero!) days before Christmas. This year we have the luxury of a whole week! What shall we do with this gift from God? Perhaps a bit more charity or social action on behalf of God's poorest. Maybe take some time to listen for the voice of God in our dreams, as Joseph did. Attend daily Mass, Advent reconciliation, or pray the "O" antiphons (which began this Saturday evening). As with every gift, we show true gratitude by using it. Let us do so, as Paul tells us in Romans, for the sake of the name of Jesus, whose coming we await.

WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step-approved by an angel-would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young

woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and — more importantly — a home.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, which means "God is with us

A Note From The Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

I am sorry to have to tell you that there seem to be a lot of fraudulent email scams going around this time of year and it has been reported to me that my name is being used by some of them as a means to ask for money or gift cards. This is similar to what happened in the past. Please be advised that I am not soliciting any donations over the internet. If you have any doubt, please call the rectory to check.

I am happy to report that our Casino Night realized a net profit to the church of \$5,057.64 and our recent Christmas Bazaar brought us a net profit of \$2,006.00. The 100th Anniversary Banquet was not run as a fundraiser and we were able to break even on it.

I take the opportunity on behalf of Msgr. McCoy, Msgr. Bolger, Fr. Connors, and myself, and all those who minister here at St. Joseph to wish you all a very Blessed and joyous Christmas. We celebrate Jesus' dwelling among us as a human being, but Christmas is also about anticipating Jesus' return at the end of the world when we will be given the opportunity to live with Him in eternal happiness. We are grateful for the extreme love God shows us in wanting to save us, but also in wanting to be with us forever. Please accept my prayers for you and your family to experience a sacred renewal of the life that the Christ child brings at this time of year. I also pray that your New Year is filled with God's many blessings. I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your pastor and also for the witness and inspiration you provide me.

I also want to thank you for your extremely generous support of our Advent Giving Tree. We were able to help many families in our local area directly with their Christmas celebrations. In addition, we were able to help the following charities: Guiding Star ministries in Philadelphia, which helps pregnant women and children; Gift of Mary, which provides a similar ministry in Chester; Blessed Margaret of Castello Home, which is a crisis pregnancy center in Bensalem; St. Ignatius/Our Mother of Sorrows Church, which is a merged church in West Philadelphia and provides outreach to many families in need; and Mother of Mercy House which provides outreach to those in North Philadelphia. We are also able to help many more families in the future through our own Hope Committee and also through the tuition assistance provided. The majority of the remaining gifts and cards were given to Catholic Social Services located in Levittown, PA.

I also take this opportunity to offer my annual reminder to our "regulars" that we will probably have a number of visitors for Christmas. I certainly know that this can try our patience but I ask your help in making all our worshipers feel welcome. Please do your best to follow our parking procedures to allow us to accommodate as many cars as possible. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week			
Saturday	Dec 17, 2022		
	5:00 p.m.	Clara & Raymond	
		Young	
Sunday	Dec 18, 2022		
	7:30 a.m.	Robert Werthman	
	9:30 a.m.	John Montgomery	
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Ronald Santos	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Missy Sichler	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Generale	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Smedley	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Harry Cappa	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Robert J. Smith, Sr.	
Saturday	Dec 24, 2022		
	4:30 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions	
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions	
	12:00 MN	Celebrant's Intentions	
Sunday	Dec 25, 2022		
	7:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions	
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions	
	11:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions	

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Peter Evans, Kristina Crawford, Mary Ellen Flood, Louis Cerritelli, Robert Sautner, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hand, 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 19

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21

*Confessions -7:00 p.m.

*Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, December 22

*Children's Choir – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 23

*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.

^{*}Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

Readings For The Week

Monday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday

<u>Vigil</u>: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17,

22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

<u>Day</u>: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18[1-5, 9-14]

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

If you are parking in the lot nearest the church, the design is that you would enter from 611 and pull all the way up to County Line Road leaving the fire lane and also the walking path (yellow crosswalk) clear of cars, so that people may safely travel to the further back parking lot. A little bit of cooperation will go a long way in helping us all celebrate the Birth of our Savior in a calm and peaceful state of mind. Thank you for your understanding. If anyone is willing and available to assist people with parking, especially for the vigil Masses, please contact me. Saturday, our Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:30, 6:30 p.m. and 12 Midnight. Sunday, Christmas Day the Masses will be at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Please note that there will be no evening confessions on Saturday. January 1, 2023 is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and we will follow our usual Sunday schedule.

May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

HOPE Committee

We would like to thank everyone who brought in diapers/wipes for the babies in need. They were donated to St. Margaret of Castello Home, Catholic Social Services, and Bucks County Housing Group. Your generosity was very much appreciated!

Reflect on the Reading

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Virtual World Mission Rosary

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Monday Evenings, 8 p.m.

Join hundreds of people throughout the Archdiocese who have regularly been praying the ROSARY LIVE! United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to hear our intentions and renew our Catholic

faith as we pray in unity for our brothers and sisters in mission lands world-wide. On Mission Mondays, we pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen, in which we offer each decade for one of five Mission areas, including the US. Use this Zoom link to join each Monday: https://zoom.us/s/494480541

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Health and Help Ministry:



The **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Thursday, January 5, in the Church Hall. Please consider donating. For information and to schedule a donation time call Mary (215-674-4612).

A Transport Wheelchair and a First Aid Kit have been provided by the Health and Help Ministry. Hopefully these will never be needed BUT, IF a need arises while in Church, these supplies can be found in the closet in the back of church on The Blessed Mother's side.

Treasures from Our Tradition

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Hiring: PRE-K LEAD TEACHER



St. Joseph/St. Robert School is interviewing candidates for a Pre-K (4) position. The candidate, if hired, will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a warm, welcoming classroom environment that facilitates the spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development of the children.

Qualifications: Degree in education

Pennsylvania required clearances

Safe Environment Clearances required by the Archdiocese

Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal at jourkinestistr.org or 215-343-5100.

Christmas Children

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas. —Charles Dickens

Parish Operating Expenses NOVEMBER 2022

E-Giving:	\$11,681.98
Sunday Collections:	\$ 28,931.00
Total:	\$40,612.98

Monthly Report	November, 2022
School Subsidy	\$ 5,125.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,016.67
Disability Insurance	\$ 92.42
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,744.25
Property Insurance	\$ 921.58
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 150.17
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 229.67
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 1,475.00
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 1,586.20
Priest Retirement Debt Service	\$ 225.00
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 2,215.00
Employee Pay	\$ 19,473.60
Music Ministry	\$ 550.00
Payroll Service	\$ 99.20
PECO	\$ 1,590.02
Verizon	\$ 677.18
Church Cleaning	\$ 465.00
Trash Removal	\$ 457.69
Comcast Cable	\$ 164.52
Computer Support	\$ 262.09
Supplies	\$ 2,722.21
Services	\$ 1,099.21
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Copier Maintenance	\$ 113.21
Heating Oil	\$ 9,418.89
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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

JANUARY

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 3</u> – All grades in session.

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>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 3rd Grade students – Church Family Home School Drop Off/Pick Up Assignments – CCD office.

Wednesday, January 11 – First Penance – 7:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, January 17</u> – All grades in session.

"Kids Talk" presentation.

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

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

FEBRUARY

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 7</u> – All grades in session. First semester Progress Reports distributed.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 14</u> – All grades in session. Signed Progress Reports due.

Monday, February 20 – Confirmation Retreat for Confirmation students – 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21 – 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.

MARCH

<u>Tuesday, March 7</u> – All grades in session. Family Home Schooling Drop Off/Pick Up assignments in CCD office.

<u>Wednesday, March 8</u> – Confirmation practice in church – 6:00 p.m. – 7:25 p.m. **All students receiving**

confirmation must attend.

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>March 9</u> – Confirmation Mass – 4:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 14</u> – All grades in session.

Tuesday, March 21 - All grades in session.

Tuesday, March 28 – All grades in session. Lenten

Penance Service for **all** students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person).



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Our first ever SJR Tree Lighting event was full of the sounds of Christmas! Thank you so much to our school choir members who were there to lead the crowd in some traditional Christmas hymns. They didn't even mind being interrupted by Santa's arrival on a fire truck as he came to flip the switch and light the tree outside of school. Thank you to Santa and his friends in the Warrington Fire Company and thank you to our wonderful Home and School Association! I'm still smiling! There's nothing like some cocoa, children singing, and even some "snow" to get you into the Christmas spirit.

The Christmas holidays will bring a change to one of our Pre-K classrooms. Mrs. Katie McGettigan will be stepping down as the lead teacher to attend to some personal matters. We are so grateful to her for all she has meant to the faculty, staff, and students over the past several years. Though we will miss her daily on faculty, we'll see Mrs. McGettigan as she and her children will remain part of our SJR community. Best wishes, Mrs. McGettigan! You will remain in our prayers. We have begun the hiring process for the next teacher and are now considering resumes and setting up interviews. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our early childhood faculty, please contact me at jdurkin@stjstr.org or 215-343-5100.

As always, "Thank you!" to the Apple of My Eye winners this week, Jake W., Sean P., Ben W., Sammy P., and Colin P. for making our school such a wonderful place to be!



God bless you and have a wonderful week! Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin

Reminder

individual charity.

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 sic18976@verizon.net.

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.

Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to St. Joseph Church, not the

All donations received are then

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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- 3. Click on the Create Profile button
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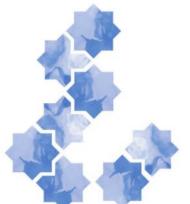
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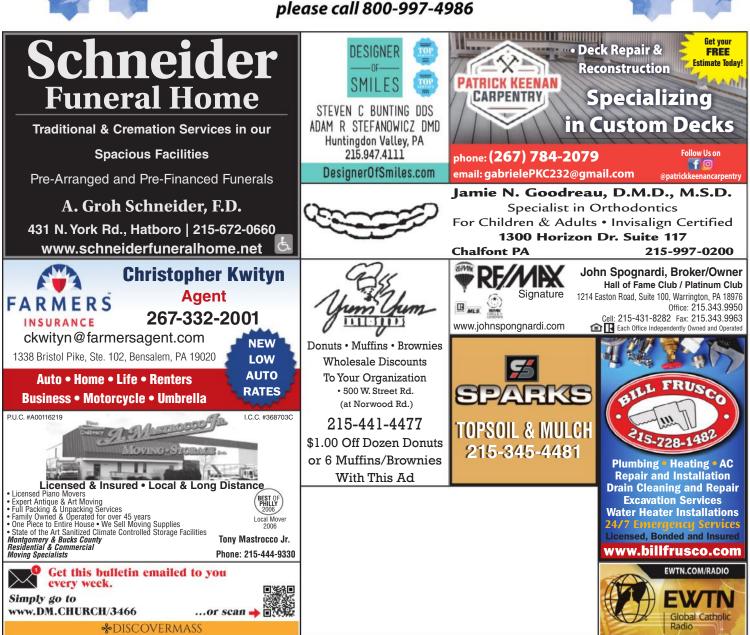
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