

January 1, 2023

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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

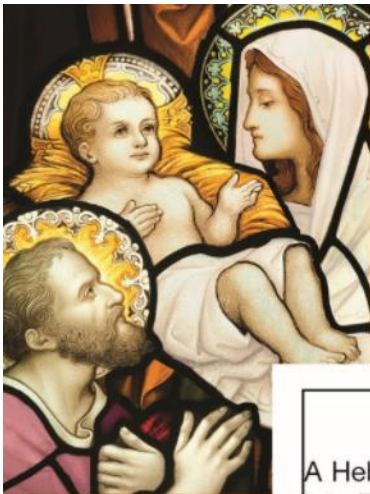
BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be 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.)



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found

MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER.

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

SHALOM

A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is *shalom*, commonly translated into English as “peace.” However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that. As a matter of fact, when the blessing in today’s first reading concludes with *shalom*, it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: *shalom* is God’s wholeness, well-being, longevity, harmony, as well as God’s peace. Perhaps Mary prayed this blessing while she found herself in the midst of angels, shepherds, and—quite likely, thanks to the shepherds—inquisitive neighbors who had been told of the wondrous birth. Perhaps she prayed for God’s *shalom* not only for herself, but also for her child as she reflected on his birth. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we can likewise pray this blessing, with Mary as our example, pondering the mysteries of Christ in our hearts, praying for the richness, depth, and breadth of God’s *shalom*.

MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

GOD THE CAREGIVER

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary’s face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God’s face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call “full of grace.” At the conclusion of the blessing in today’s first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God’s *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

TODAY’S READINGS

Numbers 6:22–27
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4–7
Luke 2:16–21

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A Note From The Pastor



From the Pastor

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My Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Today we honor Mary as the Mother of God and also our Mother. She holds a special place in heaven and in the Church. Her yes to God teaches all of us of our need to say

yes to God. Her perseverance in spite of difficulty and obstacles is a witness of strength to us all. She also loves us as a mother and wants to comfort her children. We should go to her often and she will lead us to her Son, Jesus.

I hope that you had a joyous celebration of Christmas and the New Year. I also want to thank all those who made our celebrations as beautiful as they were. I especially want to thank all our musicians, vocalists and all those in the Music Ministry for adding such splendor and solemnity to our celebrations. Maria Lennon, our Music Director has once again done a great job. I also want to thank our altar servers for assisting at the altar, our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for bringing such dignity to our worship. I also want to thank our Altar Society (all those who care for the altar by washing the linens also providing, caring for, and watering the plants and flowers). I especially want to thank those who regularly help to clean and decorate our church, especially Mrs. Carla Venditti, Mrs. Karen Baranowski and their team of helpers. Your work has truly beautified this sacred space. Thanks also to those who contributed to our "Christmas Flowers" collection. You and your loved ones are remembered in prayer throughout the season. Now is also a good time to thank those that operate "behind the scenes," by seeing to it that our weekend celebrations run smoothly. This list also includes our ushers, sacristans, collection counters, and the "Scrip Sellers" in support of our school.

The list of volunteers and those to thank extends beyond our Sunday celebration. I want to also thank all those who work in the formation and education of the people at St. Joseph. This includes the superb faculty, staff and volunteers at St. Joseph/St. Robert School, in the CCD program and Adult Faith Formation, those in Youth Ministry, and RCIA. I also appreciate the parish nurses and those associated with the Health and Help Ministry, VINE Group, and St. Joseph HOPE committee, Food for the Poor, and the rectory volunteers. Thank you for all you do to make St. Joseph a loving and hospitable place. I am grateful to all those who assist with the running of the parish facility including our rectory and maintenance staff. I ask all these volunteers to pick up a small token of our appreciation from classroom 18. You have the option of a pen and flashlight keychain set engraved for our 100th Anniversary, or you may have another Anniversary mug. If you are not sure if your "volunteering" qualifies, please presume positive, and take a gift with our gratitude. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Dec 31, 2022</u>	5:00 p.m.	Jimmy & Jane O'Malley
Sunday	<u>Jan 1, 2023</u>	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m.	Roy Smedley
		11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of the Gomes Family
Monday		8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.
Tuesday		8:00 a.m.	Betty Mumbauer
Wednesday		8:00 a.m.	Helene Burns
Thursday		8:00 a.m.	William Taylor
Friday		8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Melvin Soria, Jr.
Saturday		8:00 a.m.	Linda Generale
Saturday	<u>Jan 7, 2023</u>	5:00 p.m.	Rose & Sam Langetti
Sunday	<u>Jan. 8, 2023</u>	7:30 a.m.	Joseph Tholey
		9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
		11:30 a.m.	Missy Sichler

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Peter Sippel, 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, 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, January 2

*Rectory and Office – **CLOSED**

No Adoration

No Rosary

Wednesday, January 4

*Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 5

*Blood Drive – 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Church Hall

*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.

Happy New Year!

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Readings For The Week

Monday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

Finally I want to take the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge all of the kindnesses, gifts, and food sent to the parish and to me personally over the past few weeks. Your care and concern are truly the heart of this parish. I also want to thank you for your support of our Christmas collection. We do not have the final tallies yet, but that collection remains one of the most important ones in helping us meet our financial obligations throughout the year. Thank you for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish.


God Bless You!

Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Reading BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PRO-LIFE MARCH WASHINGTON, D.C.
"Next Steps: Marching Forward in a Post-Roe America!"



Preparations are underway for the 50th Annual March for Life – the first ever in a Post-Roe world! This year will be a celebration for all involved in the Pro-Life Movement. The fight is not over yet – pro-abortion advocates are still attempting to drown out the truth that children in the womb are equal in dignity and value and deserving of our protection.

The schedule for the day is:

6:30 AM – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
 7:15 AM – Bus leaves Holy Martyrs
 9:30 AM – Rest stop at Maryland House
 11:00 AM – Arrive in Washington, DC - March to US Capitol Building
 3:00 PM – Board bus to return to Oreland
 5:00 PM – Rest stop at Maryland House
 6:30 PM – Arrive at Holy Martyrs

The cost is \$50. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please mail the registration form to Holy Martyrs, Pro-Life March, 120 Allison Road, Oreland, PA 19075.

Any questions contact Chris Napiecek at 215-913-6410.

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email: _____
 Parish: _____
 # of tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Health and Help Ministry:



The **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held 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.



Envelope Collections

2022	Dec. 4	\$6,273	Dec. 11	\$6,743
2021	Dec. 5	\$7,615	Dec. 12	\$7,548

Treasures from Our Tradition

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Called to be Saints

A Catholic faith community of young adults and young families

Saint Catherine of Siena, Horsham - Thursday, January 5
7:00pm Mass in the Chapel, followed by presentation and discussion in the farmhouse. The celebration of the Eucharist at the Mass is the central act of worship in the Catholic Church: Christ's sacrifice made present, inviting us to participate in the redemptive power of the cross. This month, we'll consider the Mass with a critical lens: Why do we need the Mass? What is its purpose? What keeps us from perfect worship? Please join us for our January Disciples' Night, as we welcome Deacon Mario Mirabelli for an engaging discussion. Bring your faith, an open mind, and a desire to draw closer to God.

Contact scsyoungadults@gmail.com or see our Facebook group "Called to be Saints" for more info on this and other upcoming events.

Monthly Food Drive



Our next Food Drive is **January 7th and 8th**. Items will be collected through January 10th. Non-perishables only. Items currently needed: Jello, Pudding, Coffee (instant or brew), Salsa, Taco Shells, Refried Beans, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Supermarket Gift Cards. Non-food items needed: Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Shampoo/Conditioner, Bath Soap, Body Wash, Personal Care items. We collected and donated **726 pounds** of food to the Warminster Food Bank in the month of December.

Food price increases have stretched their demand to the max. Thanks for your continued support, the need is greater than ever.

Our Fascinating Faith

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace
Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Catholic Men's Conference

The 15th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday March 4, 2023, on the campus of Cardinal O'Hara in Springfield, PA at the St. John Vianney Hall Theater. We have a number of first-time speakers to celebrate our 15th event!

We welcome for the first time: His Eminence, **Timothy Cardinal Dolan** - Archbishop of New York. Cardinal Dolan is a writer and is often heard on the Catholic Channel in his Conversations with Cardinal Dolan Podcast series.

Deacon James Mahoney - Permanent Deacon of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assigned to St. Athanasius Parish. Deacon James is currently employed as the Associate Director of the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal and an instructor in Homiletics for the Permanent Diaconate Program.

Jim Wahlberg - Producer, Writer, and Film Director. Jim is the fifth oldest Wahlberg. Like his brothers Donnie and Mark, Jim recovered from his tough upbringing in the streets of Dorchester to become a producer, writer, and director of films. His recently published autobiography, *The Big Hustle*, tells how in prison he was befriended by a priest-chaplain, Fr. Jim Fratus, who had a major impact on his life.

We welcome back acclaimed Irish tenor, **Mark Forrest**, who will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration.

The Conference will conclude with Saturday Mass (not the Sunday Vigil) celebrated by **Archbishop Nelson J. Perez**.

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 3 – All grades in session.

Thursday, January 5 – Teachers' Meeting, Valley Road School Building – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10 – 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.

Tuesday, January 17 – All grades in session.
 “Kids Talk” presentation.

Tuesday, January 24 – All grades in session.

Tuesday, January 31 – All grades in session.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 7 – All grades in session. First semester Progress Reports distributed.

Tuesday, February 14 – 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

Tuesday, February 28 – Stations of the Cross for all students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) - 6:15 p.m. in Church. Families are welcome.

MARCH

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

Wednesday, March 8 – Confirmation practice in church – 6:00 p.m. – 7:25 p.m. All students receiving confirmation must attend.

Thursday, March 9 – Confirmation Mass – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14 – 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).

Happy New Year! I hope you had a blessed Christmas and feel uplifted by the joyful message of the season.

January is a busy time at SJR. In the spirit of new beginnings, we have some new clubs forming for the first time since COVID! I'd like to thank Mr. Tom Molz, a parishioner at St. Joseph, who will be running an after-school science club for our third, fourth, and fifth grade students. We're so grateful to him for sharing his love of science! I've formed an American Sign Language club for sixth through eighth grade students. I'm looking forward to these additional opportunities for our students.

January also brings a national celebration of Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools Week which is from Sunday, January 29th through Friday, February 3rd. There are several opportunities that we would love for you, the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Robert, to feel welcome to join in:

- **Sunday, 1/29:** Come see the school! We'll begin an open house at 10:00 a.m. There will be refreshments in the cafeteria and an opportunity to tour the school and see some of the work that students have done. There may even be some live performances and demonstrations! Students will be speaking at Masses that day.
- **Tuesday 1/31:** In the evening outside of the school there will be a luminary walk including prayer intentions of the school families with hot cocoa! Come pray with us!
- **Friday, 2/3:** We'll wrap up the week at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please consider joining us in prayer.

Thank you for your continued support of your parish school in this New Year! The students and faculty pray daily for you, the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Robert.

Happy New Year! Mrs. Durkin



8th Graders



Mom Helpers

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.

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.

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*

**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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1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
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4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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