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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.)



FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was
led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

JESUS' MODEL OF FAITHFULNESS

Ashes and gardens, failings and faithfulness, death and life. As we enter into Lent, we are invited to turn our thoughts, hearts, and lives toward God and God's ways, to turn away from the death of sin, which separates us from God, and to embrace the gift of life offered in Christ, now and into eternity. Eve and Adam listened to the serpent rather than God who had given them a garden filled with beauty and abundance. On the contrary, Jesus stood firm in the face of temptation. This Lent, we ponder the choices we make in our daily lives, trust in God's mercy as we repent from sinfulness, and strengthen our commitment to discipleship, following Jesus' model of faithfulness.

TURN AWAY FROM SIN

Lent is a season in which we resolve to turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus. Turning away from sin requires us to admit that we miss the mark and fail to live as God desires. The first Sunday of Lent always includes a gospel account of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Notice that it is not generic temptation Jesus meets, nor do we. Our temptations are personal, areas of particular weakness, situations in which, like Eve and Adam, we may rationalize and give in to sin rather than holding firm to what we know is right and just. Jesus gives us a model for meeting temptation: draw on the wisdom and truth found in sacred scripture and the teaching tradition of the Church to know what we must do or not do. Be strong and know that the Lord is with you as you resolve to be faithful.

TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY

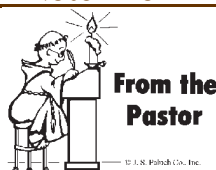
"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our conviction that God is good and reminds us that we can trust in God's mercy as we face our sin, seek forgiveness, and resolve to avoid sin in the future. The more deeply we grow in relationship with Christ, the more sure of God's love we become. Rooted in this love, we can admit our failings and trust that God always desires to be close to us, drawing us into abundant life. Lent is a good time to seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. We can take heart in the assurance that forgiveness awaits our repentant heart.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]
Matthew 4:1-11

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A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

As we are now in the season of Lent, I want to encourage all parishioners to reflect on their sinfulness, repent of their sins, and go to the Sacrament of Penance. When you

do, you might notice a slight change in the words of Absolution used by the priest. In the ongoing efforts to update the translations of the Scriptures and the texts used in the Church's various liturgies, the Church has recently updated the form for the Sacrament of Penance. The U.S. Bishops have published the following announcement. Since this was published, they have announced that the approved start date for the new form was Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023.

CDWDS Confirms Order of Penance for the United States

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the new English translation of the Order of Penance for liturgical use in the United States (Prot. n. 460/21, April 25, 2022). Having received the confirmed text from the Holy See, the Secretariat of Divine Worship is now working with interested publishers to determine a timetable for implementation, currently estimated for early 2023. A future issue of the Newsletter will carry the promulgation decree of the USCCB President.

While the essential words of the formula of absolution have not been changed, there are two minor modifications to the preliminary part of the prayer. The new translation, with changes underlined, will be as follows:

God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace. AND I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, ✠ AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. R. Amen.

The members of the Committee on Divine Worship expressed their hope that the publication of a new translation of this ritual could become the occasion for a renewed study of the prænотanda by priests and for an increased use of the rich options available in the text for the celebration of the sacrament.

Two minor U.S. adaptations to the Order of Penance were confirmed by the Holy See. First, the Latin typical edition provides long texts of entire Psalms among the many Biblical readings that can be used during the celebration of the sacrament. A new rubric has been inserted before this collection of Psalms (nos. 133-147) that reads: "In longer Psalms, a selection of stanzas which form a coherent whole may be chosen instead of the entire Psalm." This language, based on the principle given in no. 143 of the USCCB guidelines on liturgical music, Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, will allow ministers more latitude, especially when choosing Responsorial Psalms to use in communal penance services.

Second, in addition to the ten options already provided for the penitent's Act of Contrition, (*Continued on page 4*)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Feb. 25, 2023</u>	5:00 p.m. Catherine & John Dudas
Sunday	<u>Feb 26, 2023</u>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m. Melissa Sichler
		11:30 a.m. Missy Sichler
Monday		8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Young
Tuesday		8:00 a.m. Thomas Schivers
Wednesday		8:00 a.m. Catherine & John Dudas
Thursday		8:00 a.m. Lucy & Josef Kryzstofiak
Friday		8:00 a.m. Joseph P. Chapman
Saturday		8:00 a.m. Maria Tielman
Saturday	<u>Mar. 4, 2023</u>	5:00 p.m. Dec'd. members of the Di Tore Family
Sunday	<u>Mar. 5, 2023</u>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m. Harry Cappa
		11:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Peter DiGiuseppe

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



Dana Madden, Albina Potoczka, Peter Sippel, Peter Evans, Kristina Crawford, Louis Cerritelli, Rachel Higgins, 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, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Jack Wilhelm.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, February 27

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

*Men's Group – 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

*Confessions – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 3

*Stations of the Cross & Benediction – 7:30 p.m.

Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net.

All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Contributions/Donations to St. Joseph Church

2022 Contribution statements can be requested by email sjc18976@verizon.net or by calling the Rectory @ 215-672-3020.

Readings For The Week

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tue: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

the Holy See confirmed the addition of a traditional version of the prayer, well-known in the United States:

O my God,

I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

Of course, penitents are not limited to the options provided in the Order of Penance, and are free to express their sorrow with other prayers or even in their own words.

May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Reading

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

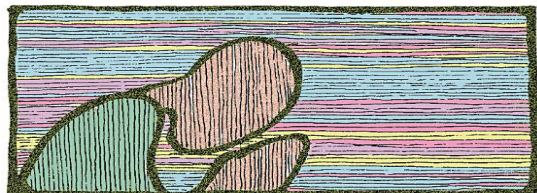
Lenten Retreat For Catholic Women

April 1 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Snug Hollow Farm, West Chester, PA \$68.00

A full day retreat for Catholic women with guest speaker, Anne DeSantis. Come relax, reflect and get revitalized in your faith in preparation for the Glory of Easter. This unique Lenten retreat blends the creative arts, health, and healing through the Catholic faith. Begins with Mass, and includes lunch.

Register at www.annedesantis.com/speakingevents



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MARCH 10 & 11

Confessions available across the greater Philly area.

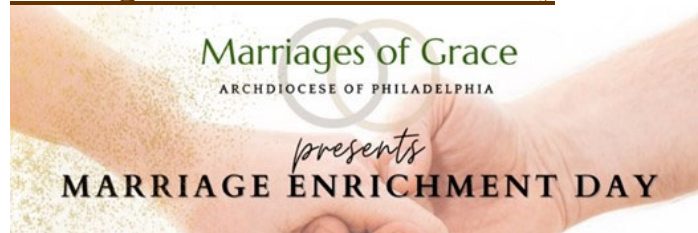
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Monthly Food Drive



Our next Food Drive is **March 4th and 5th**. Items will be collected through March 7th. Non-perishables only. Items currently needed include: Manwich/Sloppy Joe Mix, Instant Oatmeal Variety Pack, Shelf Stable Milk/Parmalat, Egg Noodles, Instant Mashed Potatoes Mix, Apple Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Coffee, Salsa, Taco Shells, Pancake Syrup, Ramen Noodles, Tuna Helper, Supermarket Gift Cards. Non-food items requested at this time include: Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste/Mouthwash, Soap/Body Wash, Paper Products and personal care items. The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for the generous donation of **641 pounds** collected in the month of February. *Food price increases have stretched our demand to the max. Thanks for your continued support, the need is greater than ever.*

Marriages of Grace Enrichment Day



Saturday, April 22nd 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., followed by Sunday Vigil Mass.

St. Helena's Church, 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell.

Come with your spouse or fiancé and listen to nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers who will inspire you to live out your marriage with greater fervor, love and joy.

Register at bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace

Treasures from Our Tradition

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores. *Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

Our Fascinating Faith *Lent*

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil. - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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Envelope Collections

2023	Feb. 12	\$9,035	Feb. 19	\$5,919
2022	Feb. 13	\$5,868	Feb. 20	\$5,901

Man Up Philly – Catholic Men’s Conference

The men of the parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 15th Annual Man Up Philly Men’s Conference on March 4th at Cardinal O’Hara HS. Speakers include Timothy Cardinal Dolan, acclaimed speaker, author, and Archbishop of New York City, Jim Wahlberg, writer and producer of Mother Teresa - No Greater Love, Deacon James Mahoney, instructor at St Charles Seminary. Mark Houck, pro-life champion, will offer our reconciliation talk. And back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

News from the Health and Help Ministry

CPR classes offered at St. Joseph Church

April 5, 2023- 7:00 p.m.in the Church Hall



The **Family & Friends CPR Course** teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the AHA’s research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible. Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life. All are welcome. ***Does not include certification card*** Donations accepted. Proceeds will be used towards a replacement AED and first aid supplies. Proceeds from the last CPR course were used for a transport wheelchair for the church.

Thank you to the volunteers who generously shared their time and talents to create Prayer Shawls.
Prayer Shawls are given to parishioners who are in need of prayerful comfort and support.

If you knit or crochet please consider joining The Prayer Shawl Ministry. Contact Elaine Ford at 215-582-0183.

Save the Date: Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses on **Sunday, February 26** in Room 18.

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow. —Anonymous



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St. Joseph Church Religious Education 2022/2023

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

Registration for the 2023-2024 CCD School Year will be held Tuesdays: April 4, 11, 18, and 25 in the CCD office during the regularly scheduled CCD classes. You must be registered in the parish before signing your child up for CCD and you must hand in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child is new to the program.

FEBRUARY

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. – 7:15 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).

APRIL

Tuesday, April 4 – All grades in session.

Registration for 2023/2024 school year begins.

Tuesday, April 11 – All grades in session.

Registration for 2023/2024 school year continues.

Tuesday, April 18 – All grades in session.

Registration for 2023/2024 school year continues.

Tuesday, April 25 – All grades in session.

Last Night for Registration for 2023/2024 school year.

Confirmation Retreat – February 20, 2023



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Invitation **PA EITC Tax Program Presentation**

Learn the Benefits of Redirecting Your PA Tax Dollars to Support Catholic Education

Sunday, February 26, 2023

12:15 - 12:45 PM (Lunch Included)

St. Robert Bellarmine Church Meeting Room

Presenter: Mr. Kevin Kelly, VP of Development

Foundation For Catholic Education

KKelly@FoundationFCE.org



RSVP: Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement, St. Joseph/St. Robert School
kwilliamson@stjstr.org



The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) allows individuals or companies to redirect their state tax dollars to help families with tuition assistance. An individual or business is eligible if they pay \$1,000 or more a year in income taxes to the State of Pennsylvania. These funds can, instead, be redirected for tuition assistance. **In return, the individual or business receives a 90% tax credit for a 2-year commitment.** We will be hosting an information session with Mr. Kevin Kelly, from The Foundation for Catholic Education, at 12:15 p.m. after Mass in a meeting space at St. Robert's. A light lunch will be served. You are welcome to join us to learn more about how you can support Catholic education in this way.

I want to extend a thank you to the Apple of My Eye winners



this week: Hannah O., MJ, Ben M., Drew S., and Sean P. We appreciate the kind and helpful things that you do that make SJR such a special place!

This past week, SJR's new online application and enrollment was released. We are so happy to be able to streamline this process for our families. The administration was engaged in creating the process and training to use it for several weeks before the release. Now that it's "live" I find myself both nervous and excited. Making changes, trying new things, and developing new processes and habits takes time and deliberate effort.

I pray that I will apply that same deliberate effort to develop new and lasting improvements to my prayer and spiritual life this Lent. I will keep you and your families in my prayers during this holy season.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

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.

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 Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.
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**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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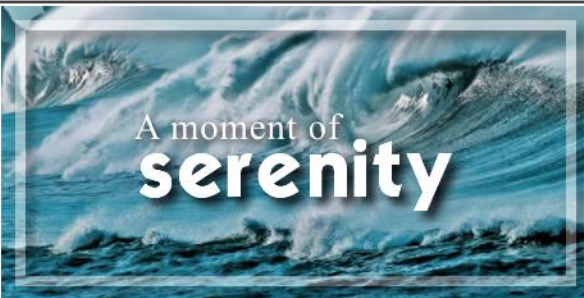
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