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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.

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SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
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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.)



"But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44

NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE

Our readings from Leviticus and from Matthew today explore an especially difficult challenge: how to respond to injury and humiliation. Leviticus teaches that, in order to be holy, God's people must refrain from grudges or revenge. In Matthew, Jesus teaches that we must first avoid actions that continue an escalating cycle of retribution. Jesus advocated a creative non-violent resistance, a response that both refuses to accept being humiliated and keeps open the possibility of reconciliation. For his listeners, turning the other cheek or walking the second mile were ways to throw the oppressor off-balance. They expose the harm being done, and sustain one's personal dignity. When Jesus follows with his next teaching, "love your enemies," he points to what might be a long journey of forgiveness toward those who hurt us. At these times, we might remember that Jesus, in his suffering and death, followed a similar path.

TEMPLE OF GOD

When Paul writes "you are the temple of God," note that he uses the plural form of "you." He was speaking about the community at Corinth as a temple. For Paul, a temple is where God dwells. God abides, and is active within, the shared life of the community. Paul speaks at length about the divisions within the Corinthian community. These divisions were seen as a defilement of God's temple.

We encounter divisions in our own Church today, sometimes accompanied by a troubling lack of humility and charity. Often the conflicts revolve around establishing markers of true discipleship, with some emphasizing personal faith and morality, and others emphasizing justice and the Church's social teachings. Perhaps the Spirit, active in the temple of our shared life, points toward Jesus' command "love your enemies." Perhaps we best exhibit discipleship in the charity we extend, and our capacity for dialogue, with those who disagree with us or who are unkind to us.

THE SERMON

Today we conclude the series of Sunday Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew's chapters 5–7. Having proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus extensively described to his new community what life is like in this new realm, and the inner dispositions needed to enter into it. He exposed hidden places of the heart, especially those places that needed to be healed.

The Sermon is a huge challenge for us today. The Sermon pushes against our attempts to compromise what God summons us to be and to do. It challenges our deep desires to see ourselves as virtuous, and to resist God's desire to transform us. It reminds us that we are both loved by God and in need of God's help. As we anticipate the season of Lent, consider prayerfully reading the Sermon as a whole. We are invited to carefully explore our deeper motivations, to allow God to uncover and to heal our fears and our wounds.

TODAY'S READINGS

Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18
Psalm 1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13
1 Corinthians 3:16–23
Matthew 5:38–48

A Note From The Pastor



From the Pastor

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My Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you have a spiritually satisfying and beneficial Lent. The experience of giving something up for Lent is an experience of penance and it is one type of fasting, but the goal is not to punish us, but rather to make us more aware. It should help us experience our tremendous need for God. While some amount of suffering does tend to bring our minds to what Jesus himself endured, we also know that His suffering has brought about a monumental transformation; so we do not endure any suffering in vain, or alone. Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at our Masses which will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and also at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Lent is also a good time to add something to our spiritual life. For example you might consider coming to our daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. If not every weekday how about 2 or 3 days a week? Or perhaps you might pray the rosary or the prayer to St. Joseph. In addition to our regular Saturday Confessions from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., we will have opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession every Wednesday in Lent from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Church is open during the day, so you can just stop in and make a Holy Hour (by the way, the Sanctuary of the Altar is still alarmed with motion detectors so please do not approach the altar or the statues unless you know for certain that the alarm is deactivated), or come on Mondays when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar (after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until the Monday night rosary at 7:30 p.m.). We also pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7:30 p.m. and then conclude with Benediction (which is a blessing from Jesus himself in the Consecrated Eucharist). It is a moving way to help the entire family prepare for our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. We also have put out our Rice Bowls at the church exits. Please take one home for your family (some assembly required). The idea behind the rice bowl is that you forgo a larger meal on one or more days of the week, opting to have a simpler meal like soup and/or sandwich, or fast altogether, and then the money that you saved on that meal goes into the Rice Bowl. At the end of Lent you then bring in the bowl and make a donation which goes to Catholic Relief Services to help provide for those most seriously in need.

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	Feb. 18, 2023	5:00 p.m. Pete & MaryEllen Pasko
Sunday	Feb 19, 2023	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m. Melissa Sichler
		11:30 a.m. Ted Marchese
Monday		8:00 a.m. Angela Jennings
Tuesday		8:00 a.m. Peter & Theresa Piroso
Wednesday		8:00 a.m. Baby Charlotte Covalleski
Wednesday		5:00 p.m. Roy Smedley
Wednesday		7:00 p.m. Anthony Colibraro
Thursday		8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Matilda & Thomas Correa
Friday		8:00 a.m. Tony Colibraro
Saturday		8:00 a.m. James Barry
Saturday	Feb. 25, 2023	5:00 p.m. Catherine & John Dudas
Sunday	Feb. 26, 2023	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m. Raymond Generale
		11:30 a.m. Missy Sichler

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, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Jack Wilhelm.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, February 20

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 22

*Ashes distributed at Masses 8 a.m., 5 p.m., & 7 p.m.

*Adult Choir Practice – 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 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: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tue: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

Here are some FAQ's about Lent from the US Bishops: They can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/questions-and-answers-about-lent.cfm>

Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

A. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

May God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Reading *DISCIPLES TOGETHER*

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Go Forth: Deepen Your Discipleship, Grow in Mission - Archbishop Pérez wants to text you!

Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the Go Forth initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to text **goforth** to the number **84576** or (2) visit the website phillydisciples.org/goforth. Texts begin Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023 and will continue weekly for one year.



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MARCH 10 & 11

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Treasures from Our Tradition

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk! *Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

Our Fascinating Faith Ashes

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life. We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent? - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.
—Anonymous

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****

We welcome your donations. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Archbishop Wood High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the Second Quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

FIRST HONORS: Patrick Gozdan '24, Maura Yoos '24, Alexa Corey '25, Emma Jacobsen '25

SECOND HONORS:

Luke Shaeffer '23, Kate Panepresso '24, Ean Waltrich '24, Benjamin Bargerhuff '25, Jacob Bargerhuff '26



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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. – 7:15 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.

This past week, the younger students celebrated their one-hundredth day of school. There were special activities in math class, of course, but there were also students dressed as if they were one-hundred years old, and others who wrote about what they would do with one hundred dollars. To our youngest students, one hundred is such a large number that it's quite a source of pride to be able to count to it! It's hard to believe that we've been in school long enough to recognize this milestone. It was nice to reminisce with them about what it was like on the first day of school and how much they've grown!

Our Home and School has stepped up once again! There is a lovely tradition at SJR – candy grams. They were ordered by families and friends for students and then were delivered to classrooms on Valentine's Day. We are blessed that so many people volunteer their time and talent for the benefit of our school! In addition to our Home and School, there are a host of parent volunteers and community volunteers who do such important work as assist with lunch and recess supervision, assist in art class with the younger students, host the Science Club, work with our Yearbook Club to assemble our yearbook, and assist with work in the office. We have an education major from Delaware Valley College who volunteers during Math class in 6th grade, allowing the teacher more time to work with individual students. We are so grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers!

Next week Mr. Kevin Kelly from the Catholic Foundation for Education, will be making an announcement before the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses about a program which supports our school through tuition assistance. The Foundation is a real blessing to all Archdiocesan schools and to our Church. I look forward to you meeting him.

We keep all the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Robert parishes in our daily prayers at school. 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:

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

Reminder

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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
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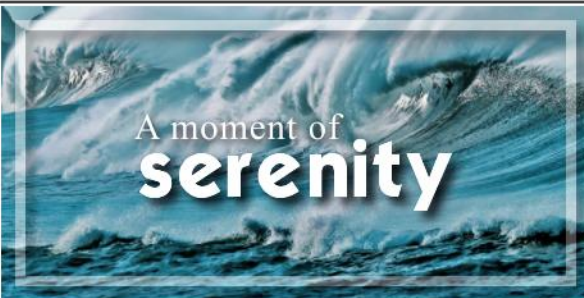
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