

MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

8:00 AM
5:00 PM
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.)



THIRD SUNDAY OF

MARCH 12, 2023

THIRST

There is thirst, as we feel when we need a glass of water, and then there is the sort of thirst about which Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well. The conversation started on the level of the sort of thirst that is guenched by a soothing drink. Yet, the conversation between Jesus and the woman quickly became about a deeper sort of thirst, the yearning for spiritual nourishment. The Israelites fussed about being thirsty, yet their thirst also had a spiritual dimension. Was the Lord with them or not, they wondered? On this Third Sunday of Lent, the elect participate in the first of three scrutinies as they prepare for the living waters of baptism. We share their thirst and open our hearts to the living water that Jesus offers, the water of life, hope, and peace.

ARE YOU THIRSTY?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention? Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief? The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting. We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and preoccupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts. We fail to see that only Christ can guench our thirst.

LET JESUS QUENCH YOUR THIRST

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, conso-

lation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-421

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:14

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March 12, 2023

A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

This week we will honor St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland on his Feast day, Friday March 17, 2023. Archbishop Nelson Perez, grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese

of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick this year. (Enjoy your corned beef and cabbage!) The following explanation was given by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announces that Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, in accord with the *Code of Canon Law* (canon 87), has granted a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick – Friday, March 17, 2023.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States prescribe as part of a *minimal penitential obligation* that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.

In certain circumstances, such as the coincidence of Saint Patrick's Day and a Friday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop may grant a dispensation from this obligation. However, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of our Lord on the cross.

Saint Patrick's Day, recalls the memory of this missionary Apostle to Ireland; his preaching of the Faith; and his encouragement to live authentic Christian lives. Faithful throughout the Archdiocese may observe March 17, 2023 by choosing a penitential act other than abstaining from meat.

Sunday, March 19th would normally be our parish patron St. Joseph's Feast day, but because it falls on a Sunday in Lent, the Feast of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, is transferred to Monday, March 20th for this year. We will celebrate our traditional Triduum of Prayers in honor of St. Joseph beginning on Monday, March 20th. All are invited to join us for the 8:00 Morning Mass followed by some special prayers to St. Joseph on Monday March 20th, Tuesday March 21st, and Wednesday March 22nd.

I apologize that I did not publish the letter for last week's Second Collection in the previous week's bulletin. Here is the letter from the Archbishop. If anyone still wishes to contribute to the collection for the Military Archdiocese, feel free to submit a donation, just mark it for the Military Archdiocese. God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

February 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, *(Continued on page 4)*

Masses For The Week							
Saturday	Mar 11, 2023						
	5:00 p.m.	Susan Denofa					
Sunday	<u>Mar 12, 2023</u>						
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish					
	9:30 a.m.	Melissa Sichler					
	11:30 a.m.	Mary Thangam &					
		Cruz Marian					
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & Fam.					
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	David Dziedzic					
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of					
		Hilda Marian					
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Colibraro					
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Beverly McPoyle					
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Tony Colibraro					
Saturday	<u>Mar 18, 2023</u>						
	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Vincelli					
Sunday	<u>Mar 19, 2023</u>						
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish					
	9:30 a.m.	Raymond Generale					
	11:30 a.m.	Michael Pasciullo					

<u>Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill</u>:



Sharlene Dziedzic, Andy Landmesser, Mary Costo, 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, March 13

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

*Men's Group – 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

*Confessions – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

*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 <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u> or call the Rectory @ 215-672-3020.

Readings For The Week

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thu: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. However, unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries and no weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Pope Francis has told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." (Pope Francis, Address to participants in the 8th Humanitarian Course, 26.X.15.) Your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese.

The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

> Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ, +Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D. Archbishop of Philadelphia

Warminster Food Bank Donation Dash 5K

Saturday, May 6 – 9:00 a.m. Rain or Shine at the Warminster Community Park – Hallowell Pavilion. Sign up at: <u>Warminster Food Bank 5k / Fun Run Donation Dash</u> (runsignup.com) or call Brian Foedisch at 267-307-0948. Please consider helping your neighbors in need.



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2023	Feb. 26	\$6,356	Mar. 5	\$7,708
2022	Feb. 27	\$6,632	Mar. 6	\$10,190

Reflect on the Reading GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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 <u>bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace</u>.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Feast Day

Annual Feast Day Mass Friday, April 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Novena and Rosary/7:00 p.m. Mass. Veneration of Relics and Reception immediately following mass. **Archdiocesan Shrine of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla** Located in Nativity of Our Lord Church 625 West Street Road Warminster, PA 18974 For additional information, please call 215-205-7353 or email <u>stgiannavp@gmail.com</u>. The Mass will also be Live Streamed at https://livestream.com/accounts/1914043

Living Stations of the Cross



Please join us for Living Stations on Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this beautiful spiritual meditation of Our Lord's Passion. Music provided by Bill Monaghan and the Contemporary Choir.

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Treasures from Our Tradition

Christians have always imagined initiation as a journey. Saul was on a journey on the Damascus road when he was knocked off his feet by an encounter with the Risen Lord. After stumbling, blind, to a Christian household, he emerged days later, baptized and clear-sighted, as Paul. Enlightened, he begins a life so disconnected with his former ways that it seems to require a new name. The custom of acquiring a new name at baptism is thus very old, and is a deeper question than "naming the baby"; it is, rather, one of a break with the past and a place in the community. The first Christians mostly kept their pagan names, and therefore blended in with their neighbors. Eventually, some people began to name their children after Christian virtues or feasts, like "Ephiphanus" for a child born on Epiphany, or "Fides" for faith. Later, the names of beloved martyrs or saints began to take hold, as older converts exchanged their birth names for the names of admired saints. Today, catechumens may still choose to assume a "Christian name" before baptism, and parents are still asked to be mindful of our tradition as they give a name

to a child.-Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our Fascinating Faith

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to "show off" that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid. The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved. -Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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.

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp



Young men in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians for B.B.V.C.! Held on **April 22, 2023** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, B.B.V.C. is

a day filled with faith, fun, fellowship, and food. For more information and to register, visit <u>*HeedtheCall.org/BBVC.*</u>

Archbishop Ryan HS – Class of 2013 Reunion



Archbishop Ryan High School, Class of 2013, is holding a 10-Year Reunion on Friday, May 12, 2023, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the FOP Lodge #5 located at 11630 Caroline Road, Philadelphia PA, 19154. Tickets are \$85 and include Buffet, Open Bar, DJ, Photo Booth and much more.

Tickets are available online only and tickets will not be available at the door. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.arhs.me/reunion2013.

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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.

<u>MARCH</u>

<u>Tuesday, March 14</u> – All grades in session. <u>Tuesday, March 21</u> – All grades in session. <u>Tuesday, March 28</u> – All grades in session. Lenten Penance Service for **all** students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person).

<u>APRIL</u>

<u>**Tuesday, April 4**</u> – All grades in session. Registration for 2023/2024 school year begins. <u>**Tuesday, April 11**</u> – All grades in session. Registration for 2023/2024 school year continues. <u>**Tuesday, April 18**</u> – All grades in session. Registration for 2023/2024 school year continues. <u>**Tuesday, April 25**</u> – All grades in session. Last Night for Registration for 2023/2024 school year.

<u>MAY</u>

<u>Tuesday, May 2</u> – All grades in session. Last evening of regularly scheduled classes. Progress reports distributed. <u>Wednesday, May 3</u> – First Holy Communion practice in Church – 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

<u>Saturday, May 6</u> – First Holy Communion Mass – 10:00 a.m.

<u>Monday, May 8</u> - May Procession -7:20 p.m. All children are requested to attend and participate. **Tuesday, May 9** – Teachers' meeting -6:30 p.m. in the

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Last week, SJR hosted an author/illustrator, Daniel Jude Miller, who spoke with the students about his background and career, as well as his books. He used a video game metaphor to share his journey from a Catholic school student who loved to draw, to an illustrator and, finally, to an author and illustrator. As in video games, where players must "level up" to get new abilities to complete the game successfully, Mr. Miller spoke to the students about times in his career when he needed to "level up" and learn additional skills. After becoming a professional illustrator, he honed his writing skills to become an author as well. After becoming an author, he needed to "level up" and develop the patience and persistence to see his first book to fruition.

Mr. Miller is the graduate of a Catholic elementary and Catholic high school in New York. He has a close prayerful association to St. Jude, his patron, and for every book that he sells, he donates one dollar to St. Jude's Children Hospital. To date, Daniel Jude Miller has donated over \$15,000.00 dollars to this worthy cause.



We are grateful to Mr. Miller for his visit and his message and we are grateful to our librarian, Mrs. Jacobsen, for arranging it. As always, we are also

grateful to those students who were recognized for the kind and helpful acts in school.

Our Apple of My Eye winners this week are: Miles, Colin, Maisie, Carson, and Ishana. Well done!



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.

Safe Environment Program

All people who <u>volunteer</u> for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations: **CLEARANCES:**

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck. Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

*ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS

FORMED

To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <u>https://signup.formed.org/</u>
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

American Sign Language Masses

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will have a Sign Language Interpreter on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (when applicable) Sundays of the Month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Stanislaus Church in Lansdale has a "Deaf Community Mass" at 11:45 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Reminder

Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to <u>St. Joseph Church</u>, not the individual charity. All donations received are then forwarded to the appropriate organization.

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

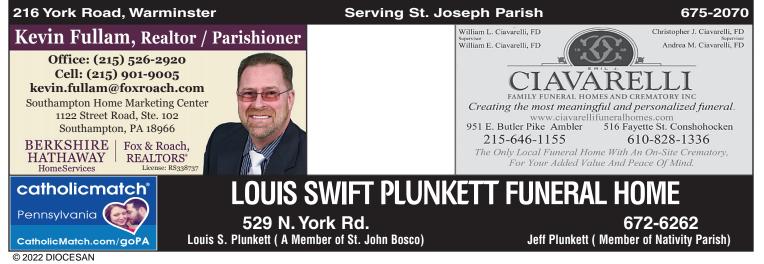
- 1. Visit the church website at <u>www.saintjosephchurch.us</u>
- 2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
- 3. Click on the Create Profile button

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