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**MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:** 

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Daily Mass (MonSat.)	8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses	7:30 AM
-	9:30 AM
&	11:30 AM

5:30 PM (eve of Holy Day) Holy Day Masses 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 Children's), Home & School (Adult and 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.)

June



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF

#### MARCH 26, 2023

#### THE NEW LIFE TO COME

Death does not have the final say. This is the great mystery we ponder on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Martha and Mary were good friends of Jesus. They did not hide their confusion and grief from the Lord; they voiced their conviction that if Jesus had been with them during their brother's illness, he would not have died. Jesus entered into their grief and more—he overturned it. Lazarus' death became the occasion for Jesus to show all who had gathered the mercy of God who cries out, "Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them." In this moment, the world was given a sign of the new life to come through Christ, the Risen One.

#### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

There really is no way around it. Eventually, we will grapple with the death of a loved one, a parent, sibling, spouse, or dear friend. As we mature, we also begin to come to terms with our own mortality. Our Sunday readings this Lent have invited our reflection on the big questions of life and faith. We have resolved to turn away from sin and toward God, listening to the Lord and responding with open minds and hearts. We have acknowledged and perhaps heightened our thirst for the Lord and have committed ourselves to walk in the light of God's grace. Today, we journey from death to new life, reflecting on the mystery of Christ who is the resurrection and the life.

#### COME TO BELIEVE

Martha had a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. She spoke with him honestly, baring her heart to Jesus, openly expressing her confusion and sorrow at her brother's death. Jesus' response led Martha to a deep declaration of faith, "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." We, too, can have a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. We can speak honestly to the Lord, baring our hearts, expressing the truth of each moment of our lives, whether in joy or sorrow,

happiness, grief, confusion, or times of fulfillment. In such honesty and trust, we may find deeper faith as well, coming to believe that Christ is our all, our way, truth, and life.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Ezekiel 37:12–14 Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8 Romans 8:8–11 John 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" John 11:43

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#### A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

Easter is almost here. This week a group of young people are presenting the Living Stations of the Cross, accompanied by music from our Contemporary Music

Group, led by Mr. Bill Monaghan. The Living Stations help us to remember that Jesus truly suffered in his humanity. We have a tendency to treat the way of the cross as "a necessary evil on the way to our salvation." We take this opportunity to recall that Jesus was not acting out some part of a Divine Play, He was a real human being and He responded to His suffering and those around Him in a truly unique way, a way that has something to teach us. Our musicians and students worked hard on this presentation and I recommend making it a part of your Lenten spiritual preparation; it is a nice way to put yourself in the footsteps of Christ. The Living Stations will be on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten confessions are heard Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Our Saturday confessions are regularly from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. During Holy Week we will hear confessions on Tuesday, April 4 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 5 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (please note this is the last opportunity to go to confession before Easter).

The Sacred Triduum starts on Thursday, April 6th. We will have Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and the Traditional Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. At this Mass we usually remember when, as recounted in the Gospel of St. John, that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of our call to serve one another. This year we will not have the optional washing of feet because neither I nor the weekend assistants are able to get down on the ground to do so. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is a great opportunity to join as a family and celebrate the dual occasions when Jesus instituted both the Eucharist and the Priesthood. After Mass on Thursday, there will be the traditional procession with the Eucharist to the altar of reposition and church will be open for adoration until Midnight. Friday, April 7th is Good Friday, a day of Fast and Abstaining from meat. Morning Prayer will be at 8:00 a.m. and we will have the Solemn Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion (with Holy Communion) at 3:00 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> we have Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and the Vigil Mass will be at 7:30 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday follow the regular Sunday schedule: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Please help spread the Good News of Easter by welcoming those who may be visitors to our church and welcoming back any who may have stayed away due to COVID concerns. We want them to feel like they belong and are accepted. Also please be mindful of the parking lots. I know you get tired of the reminders, but efficient parking is really necessary to allow the most number of people the chance to park. The Valley Road lot is for single space parking. The lot closest to the church is for head in or "bumper to bumper" parking. Please do not leave open spaces because that effectively boxes out others from entering. Thank you for your assistance.

God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Masses For The Week		
Saturday	Mar 25, 2023	
·	5:00 p.m.	Claire Bleu
Sunday	<u>Mar 26, 2023</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Matthew MacKenzie
	11:30 a.m.	Sean Sharkey
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Colibraro
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Vincent Malandra
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	In Honor of All
		Vietnam Veterans
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Harry Walls
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Glenn Green
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Missy Sichler
Saturday	<u>Apr. 1, 2023</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale
Sunday	<u>Apr. 2, 2023</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Missy Sichler
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Bettina & Pete
		DiGiuseppe

#### Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



Patricia Hesser, 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 27

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

\*Men's Group -7:45 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 29

\*Confessions -7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\*Adult Choir Practice -7:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 30

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

#### Friday, March 31

\*Living Stations – 7:30 p.m.

#### **Bulletin Submittals**

Requests may be emailed to <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>. 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: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thu: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); s 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Reflect on the Reading LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

#### **Marriages of Grace Enrichment Day**



Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>.

#### APRIL 1



This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four. —Mark Twain

VILLA JOSEPH MARIE HIGH SCHOOL MARCH 30-APRIL 2, 2023 plus an extra special Brunch with the Characters on Sunday, April 2, 2023 WWW.VJMHS.ORG/MUSICAL

#### <u>Congratulations to St. Joseph Parish</u> Confirmation Class of 2023



Cl	hloe Crawford	Aiden Pfeiffenberger
Ei	nily Franklin	Jocelyn Schulingkamp
Sa	rah Gleason	Alexander Shields
M	ary Kate Langley	Daniel Shields
De	eclan McGettigan	Madeline Staffieri

#### **Monthly Food Drive**



Our next Food Drive is <u>April 1<sup>st</sup> and</u> <u> $2^{nd}$ </u>. Items will be collected through April 4<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Items currently needed include: Manwich/Sloppy Joe Mix, Instant Oatmeal, Shelf Stable Milk/Parmalat, Egg Noodles, Jelly, Canned Ravioli,

Taco Shells, Baked Beans, Ketchup/Mayonnaise/Mustard, Instant Mashed Potatoes Mix, Taco Shells, Tuna Helper, and Supermarket Gift Cards. Non-food items requested at this time include: Laundry Detergent (Bottle or Pods), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and Personal Care Items. The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for the generous donation of <u>976 pounds</u> collected in the month of March.

#### 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: Warminster Food Bank 5k / Fun Run Donation Dash (runsignup.com) or call Brian Foedisch at 267-307-0948. Please consider helping your neighbors in need.

#### <u>St. Gianna Beretta Molla Feast Day</u>

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 <u>https://livestream.com/accounts/1914043</u>

#### **Treasures from Our Tradition**

Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church's thinking and practice.

One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ's cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents' constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria's diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of "ecclesial amnesia," we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### **Our Fascinating Faith**

#### The Three Lenten Disciplines: Almsgiving

In addition to prayer and fasting, Lent gives us the chance to give alms to those who are most needy. By helping others, we practice charity and social justice. We look to carry our own cross and help others carry theirs as well. In other words, we practice the same generosity as God, who makes the rain to fall on the good and on the bad and loves people without distinction. To help others is to confront the poverty of this world with the hope of the kingdom of God. Charity is a Christian virtue because Jesus is the best example of what charity is. Charity is more than giving alms; it is love and justice. It is complying with the commandment to love one another in a world where most people are poor and abandoned. To be charitable is to give to the needy what they need from our time, talent, and treasure; it is to work for social changes that promote human dignity and the economic wellbeing of all. Charity is love and God is love. May we live in that love. -Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

#### **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.

#### **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.



#### CCD School Of Religion stiosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com 215-672-9990 215-672-3020



St. Joseph Church Religious Education 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 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.

Monday, May 8 - May Procession - 7:20 p.m.

All children are requested to attend and participate.

<u>**Tuesday, May 9**</u> – Teachers' meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the School Building

ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

#### Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 <u>www.stjstr.org</u>

Spring is such a wonderful time to be at SJR! In addition to the beautiful weather and the growing buds, we joyfully begin to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion with our students.

Our seventh graders were confirmed by Bishop Fitzgerald earlier this month. He prayed that God send the Holy Spirit to be their helper and guide and give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. It was lovely to see these young adults renew the baptismal promises that were made for them as infants. We are grateful to Bishop Fitzgerald.

Beginning in April, the third graders will begin to make their First Communion during Sunday Masses at St. Robert Church. First Holy Communion at St. Joseph Church is Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to celebrating those liturgies with you. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they make final preparations.

In addition to the celebration of the sacraments, we are also looking forward to some spring events. We would love to invite you to join in our 5K on Friday, May 12th – I like to say it's an event that really puts the "fun" into fundraising! The children LOVE the fun run that starts at 6:00 p.m. There is also a fitness walk for the family and a professionally timed 5K run through Palomino Farms for the runners in our community. There are awards and snacks and lots of fun! Please consider joining us and making it a family tradition! Please go to the school's website for all the details.

God bless you and have a wonderful week! Mrs. Durkin

May 12th, 2023



#### 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** 

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- 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

4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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