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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.

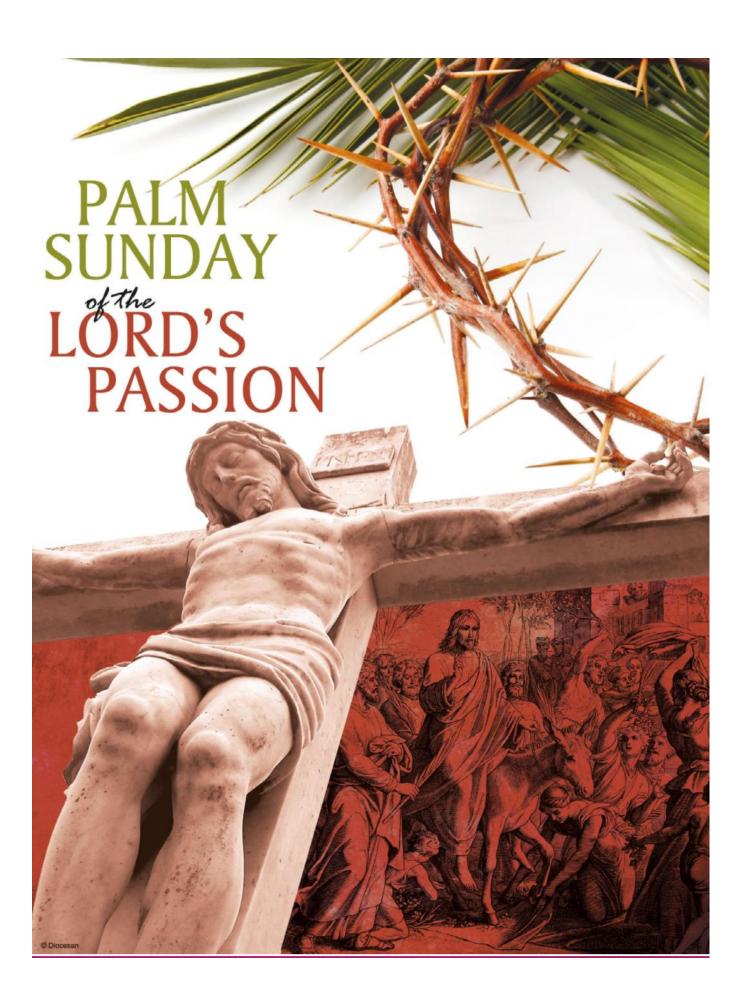
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

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.)



A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

You may have noticed that the statue of St. Joseph outside the rectory is missing its head. I believe that many years outside in various weather conditions have taken their

toll. I do not believe that it is the result of vandalism. Some parishioners have asked if we are going to get it fixed or replaced. I do have someone who can fix it but the cost will be around \$800. To replace it would cost over \$2,000. A parishioner has offered to contribute towards fixing it. If anyone else is interested, please contact the rectory or send a check in an envelope marked, St. Joseph Statue.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, or sometimes called Passion Sunday. We mark the triumphal entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into the Holy city of Jerusalem remembering that He was greeted with shouts of joy and adulation and the waving of palm branches as people of that day greeted royalty. The name Passion Sunday refers to the reading of the extended Gospel of the Passion. It is the first time that those coming into our Church hear that Gospel proclaimed at a Mass. It is also the beginning of the most sacred time of our Liturgical year, Holy Week. I invite all of you to make an extra effort to be present to Our Lord at this sacred time.

As Lent is drawing to a close, please take the opportunity to bring in your Rice Bowls. Operation Rice Bowl is a great way to help those in need and to make a small sacrifice at the same time. All donations received are given to the Catholic Relief Services to be used to help feed the hungry. You may leave your rice bowls in the bins at the church exits. If you wish to leave a check in your rice bowl, please make it out to St. Joseph Church. This Holy Week you are invited to join us in a number of ways. There will be Morning Prayer on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Thursday evening we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper where we especially give thanks for two sacraments – the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders. The Mass ends with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament and reservation in a side Tabernacle. Keeping Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in a side tabernacle represents the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane before His crucifixion. Many people still keep the tradition of visiting three churches this evening as most of them have an extended period of adoration into the evening. On Good Friday afternoon we will celebrate the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with a special service at 3:00 p.m. These prayers are designed to recall the Gospel story of the Lord's crucifixion, also to honor or venerate the wood of the cross as the altar on which Jesus offered His Supreme Sacrifice, and finally it provides the opportunity to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This is not a Mass. As a matter of fact, Good Friday is the only day of the year on which Mass is forbidden. Finally the Easter Vigil is the ultimate celebration of the Lord's resurrection. It marks the end of the waiting for the new dawn to come. Fire is blessed and the new light of Christ is symbolically brought into the Church. New Christians are baptized or received into the Church and our story that is the story of Jesus' death and resurrection is retold and we are renewed. (Continued on page 4)



Masses For The Week

WIASSES FOR THE WEEK						
Saturday	April 1					
	5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale				
Sunday	April 2					
	7:30 a.m.	Missy Sichler				
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish				
	11:30 a.m.	Bettina & Pete				
		DiGiuseppe				
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.				
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Helen Louise Algood				
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Glenn Green				
Holy	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer				
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper				
Good	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer				
Friday	3:00 p.m.	Commemoration of Our				
		Lords' Death				
Holy	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer				
Saturday	April 8					
	5:00 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions				
Easter	April 9					
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions				
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions				
	11:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions				

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, April 3

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Rosary & Benediction-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4

*Confessions -4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

*Confessions – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*CPR Class -7:00 p.m. - Church Hall

Holy Thursday, April 6

*Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 p.m.

*Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7

*Commemoration of the Lords' Passion – 3:00 p.m.

*Stations of the Cross -7:30 p.m.

*Rectory and Office - CLOSED

Readings For The Week

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tue: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thu: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor

11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb

4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Sat: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-

14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex

14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-

6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

A Note From The Pastor (Continued)

Please help spread the Good News of Easter by welcoming those who may be visitors to our church. 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.

The collection on Good Friday is designated for those in the Holy Land. Archbishop Pérez has asked that the following letter be published this week.

God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

April 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

On Good Friday, April 7, 2023, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by Good Friday collections support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 7, 2023. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

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

Reflect on the Reading ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy. 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 bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace.



Envelope Collections

2023	Mar. 12	\$6,235	Mar. 19	\$6,074
2022	Mar. 13	\$6,745	Mar. 20	\$7,586

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.

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. For additional information, please call 215-205-7353 or email stgiannavp@gmail.com. The Mass will also be Live Streamed at https://livestream.com/accounts/1914043

Treasures from Our Tradition

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast. Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life. The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our Fascinating Faith

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world. Did you know that the full moon rises just as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn't shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven's perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical "sixth day of the week," the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the "seventh day of the week," the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the "first day of the week," the day God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a "first day" to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a "first day" as well, the day of Pentecost. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Archbishop Ryan Spring Open House

For 7th Grade, 8th Grade and Transfer Students Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Tours begin at 5:45, 6:00 or 6:15. Register now @ arhs.me/open

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.

News from Archbishop Wood High School

Mark your calendars to learn what sets Archbishop Wood High School apart from the rest!

Financial Aid & Scholarship Information Night

Thursday, April 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Spring Open House

Sunday, April 16 - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. *RSVP at www.archwood.org

Let's Get to Know Wood

Thursday, April 27@ 11:00 a.m.

*Please email <u>mnolan@archwood.org</u> or call 215-672-5050 ext. 268 to learn more!

Corpus Christi Bingo

Saturday, April 15th - \$30.00 (includes lunch and bingo) 900Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Bingo starts at Noon. Call Laurie Ponticello for advanced sales and table reservations at 1 - 610-584-5694 or email geraldponticello@comcast.net

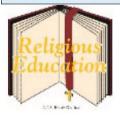
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Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

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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 in April 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.



APRIL

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 4</u> – 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.

MAY

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

Saturday, May 6 – 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.

Tuesday, May 9 – Teachers' meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the School Building





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The faculty and staff participated in our annual retreat last week. As important as all the work teachers, staff, and administrators do, nothing is more important than coming to the Lord in prayer and bringing the students we teach and their families before Him in prayer as well. We were very blessed to have Dr. Sr. Pat McCormack, IHM, lead the retreat. In honor of the Feast of the Annunciation, we focused on Mary as our mentor and model for ministry. It was an inspiring experience, and we are grateful to Sr. Pat for a wonderful opportunity.

You were in my prayers during our retreat day. I am so thankful for all that the parishioners of St. Joseph do for our school.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





Run About Catholic Education

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 sic18976@verizon.net.

American Sign Language Masses

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

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

Safe Environment Program

All people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:

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PA State Police Criminal Record Check

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

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

CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS

Reminder

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

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

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- 1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
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- 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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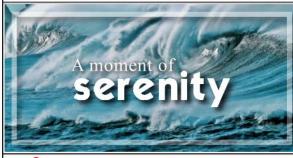
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