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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

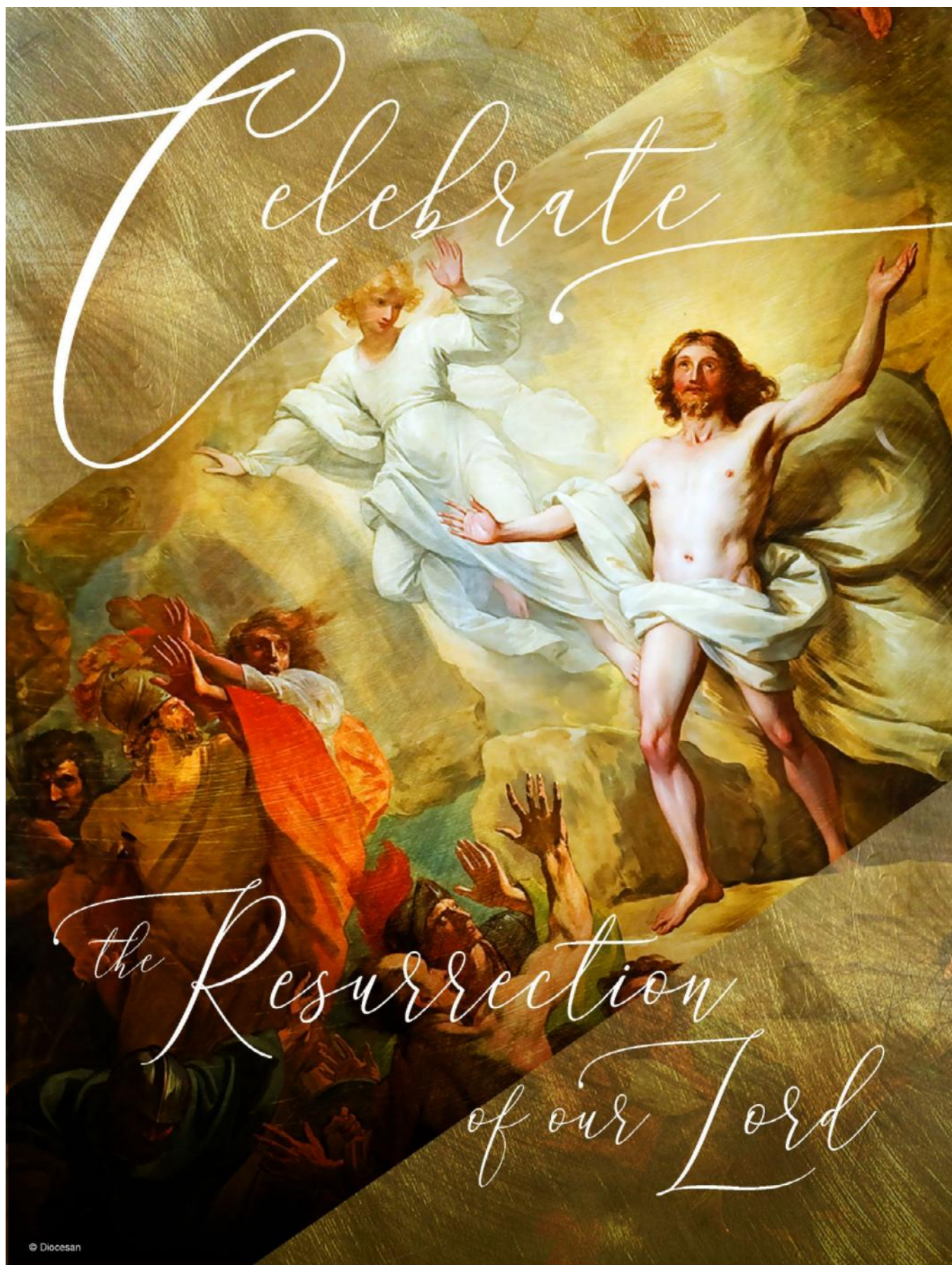
BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be 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.)



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A Note From The Pastor



**From the
Pastor**

My Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Msgr. Bolger, Fr. Connors, Msgr. McCoy, myself, and all those who minister and work here at St. Joseph parish I want to wish all of you and your loved ones a very Happy Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord! Jesus has risen from the dead! This announcement resounds in the Church throughout the world together with the singing of 'Alleluia, He is alive forever in our midst'. This Good News has been lit like a new flame in the Holy night of the Easter Vigil; in the night of a world that faces crucial challenges.

Today, we must be grateful because we are able to gather as a family to celebrate our Lord's resurrection, and that is the reason for our joy. We must understand that the resurrection of Christ is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "pass over" suffering and death, but goes beyond them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good, a distinctive sign of the power of God. (Pope Francis, Easter message 2020).

As a parish, in the midst of this Easter joy, I want to invite you so that this Easter celebration is reflected in our faith commitment, and in the increase of our love for the parish. That being said, many parishioners still have not returned to in-person masses, I imagine they are still afraid, and I pray to God for them, because I know it is difficult. Jesus has risen and it is time to return home, it is time to overcome fear. It is time to begin to enjoy the sacramental life and to begin to invigorate pastoral activities. I think it is important to reflect on our baptismal commitment, that commitment must be reflected in active participation in parish ministries. We need more lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers (adult and student), choir members and more ushers. We have to rise with the Lord and begin to strengthen our parish more and make our ministries flourish again.

If you have not yet returned your Rice Bowls, you can write a check to St. Joseph Church, noting in the memo Rice Bowl, or Catholic Relief Services and mail it to the rectory, or drop it in the secure mail slot of the rectory front door. We will be forwarding those donations to Catholic Relief Services.

I wish to express my gratitude to you, the people of St. Joseph parish. I am most grateful for your prayers and support. I hope that you and your families experience the renewal of grace offered in Jesus' saving sacrifice.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>April 8</u>	7:30 p.m. Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday	<u>April 9</u>	7:30 a.m. Celebrant's Intentions 9:30 a.m. Celebrant's Intentions 11:30 a.m. Celebrant's Intentions
Monday		8:00 a.m. John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00 a.m. Anthony Colibraro
Wednesday		8:00 a.m. Anthony Colibraro
Thursday		8:00 a.m. Anthony Colibraro
Friday		8:00 a.m. Anthony Colibraro
Saturday		8:00 a.m. Anthony Colibraro
	<u>April 15</u>	5:00 p.m. Raymond Generale
Easter Sunday	<u>April 16</u>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish 9:30 a.m. Melissa Sichler 11:30 a.m. Thomas H. Williams

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 10

*Rectory and Office - **CLOSED**
*No Adoration
*Men's Group—7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

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

Thursday, April 13

*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: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tue: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thu: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sun: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Reflect on the Reading *REJOICE AND BE GLAD*

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery. 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.

CYO Football & Cheerleading

Registration for the Saints CYO Football and Cheerleading squads is open. You must register online. Football: 4th grade is instructional, 5th and 6th grades are JV, and 7th and 8th grades are Varsity. There is no weight limit. Cheerleading is grades K thru 8. The registration fee for football is \$150 and the fee for cheerleading \$60. Late fees will apply after June 1st, July 1st, August 1st, and August 15th. Register at saintscyo.com. For more info please contact us at saintscyo@gmail.com or call Joe Meehan @ 267-250-3492 or Dave Armstrong @ 215-783-3587. For cheerleading email saintscyocheerleading@gmail.com or call Catie Messina @ 267-575-415.

Weekly Collections

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Envelope Collections

2023	Mar. 26	\$6,865	Apr. 2	\$8,946
2022	Mar. 27	\$4,839	Apr. 3	\$8,401

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 \(runsignup.com\)](http://WarminsterFoodBank5k/FunRunDonationDash/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>

St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls

ATTENTION 1973 Grads!

50th Reunion & Golden Girls Charter Bus

June 7, 2023, Details at: huberts.org; Support SH; Reunions. For information on the brunch at Maggie's and to reserve a seat on the charter bus to Cathedral (limited seats), contact Cindy Warner Brong @ 215-337-1765 or cbrong530@gmail.com. Hope to see you on June 7th!!! Deadline now: April 15th!

The **Golden Girls Ceremony** is where the 50-year grads are invited to process in gold robes prior to the 2023 Graduation at the Cathedral Basilica of St Peter and Paul, Phila. A **charter bus** has been reserved to get us there in comfort.

DANCING FOR JOY



The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior. —Alexander Carmichael

Treasures from Our Tradition

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our Fascinating Faith *Easter Season*

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence. —Peter Scagnelli, 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

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 mnolan@archwood.org or call 215-672-5050 ext. 268 to learn more!

Corpus Christi Bingo

Saturday, April 15th - \$30.00 (includes lunch and bingo)

900 Sumneytown 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

The Mother Boniface Spirituality Center invites you to A Discerning Heart, a morning filled with prayer, reflection, storytelling, and engaging conversation on April 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is \$35 which includes morning muffins and beverages, lunch and program resources. For more information and to register, visit our website at <http://msbt.org/mbsc>, or call us at 267-350-1830.

Cranaleith Spirituality Center

The time has come for us to pay attention to the stirrings in our hearts and souls, to the sights and sounds and hints of the Spirit's flame, burning within and around us, urging us to be Love, to think, act, pray and move in Love's Name.

Join us for a four-session journey from Easter morn to the great Feast of Pentecost. Using Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et exsultate*, Sacred Scripture, story, images and spiritual exercises, we will experience the "waking of our hearts" to the incredible power of the Holy Spirit in our lives so that we can become witnesses to the Holy Spirit in the most ordinary experiences of our daily lives...and to the ends of the earth and beyond!

Session 1, April 20: "Out of the Waters of Baptism: The Call to Holiness"

Session 2, April 27: "Going against the Flow: In the Light of the Master"

Session 3, May 4: "Signs of Holiness in Today's World, Signs of Holiness in YOU"

Session 4, May 11: "Seeing Everything in a New Way: Spiritual Combat, Vigilance and Discernment"

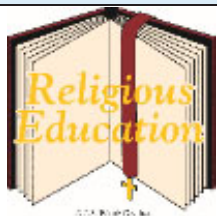
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>> <https://cranaleith.secure.retreat.guru/program/by-the-waking-of-our-hearts-the-power-of-pentecost-complete-series-online/?form=1&lang=en>

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Jesus is risen - Alleluia!

The students, faculty, and staff of St. Joseph/St. Robert School wish to extend a "Happy Easter!" to all of you. We are grateful for the parish support that allows us to incorporate our Catholic identity throughout our school day. We are especially grateful on this holy day!

Happy Easter! God bless you!

Mrs. Durkin

**APRIL**

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

Tuesday, May 2 – 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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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

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

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
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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