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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.

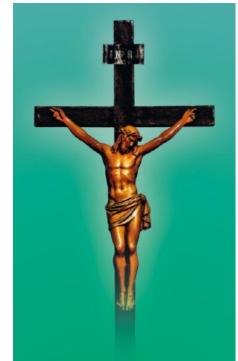
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

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



My Dear Parishioners,

Please keep our young 3rd graders in your prayers. This Saturday, May 6, 2023 they will be making their **First Holy Communion**. This is a special time in the

spiritual life of a Catholic. We ask that Jesus will stay close to these 11 young people as they take Him into their hearts and souls. Please pray for their families too, that they will facilitate these relationships by bringing them to Mass regularly. If you see one of them at Sunday Mass (they should be easy to spot because we ask them to wear their First Communion outfits), please be sure to congratulate them.

May is also the month of Mary and a time when we reflect on Our Blessed Mother's willingness to make a home for Jesus within her. We too are called to make a home for Jesus in our hearts and Mary will help us do that. We honor Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth in a special way with our May Procession on Monday, May 8th. The procession begins at 7:20 pm in the grassy area between the two back parking lots (weather permitting). We invite all members of the 2023 Confirmation class and 2023 First Communion class to take a place of honor in the procession. Please wear your First Communion attire or your Confirmation robes. We also ask parishioners to bring flowers from your gardens. The flowers are carried in procession along with a statue of Mary and then placed in front of the statue as a tribute to the Blessed Virgin. After the procession we will pray the Rosary. The night closes with Benediction. It is a beautiful devotion and I hope to see vou there.

If you are interested in joining us for a Marian Bible Study, please contact the rectory. We will meet on the Wednesdays of May in classroom 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Archbishop Pérez asked that the following letter be communicated to you this weekend.

> God Bless You! Fr. Bordonaro

May 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Church in the United States needs to be strengthened through the pure love of Christ and the promise that His resurrection holds for everyone. While that goal is a simple one, there are obstacles to evangelization in many places due to a lack of resources.

Soon, our local Church will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). This annual collection is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and supports dioceses throughout the country where financial hardship and poverty are severe. Funding from this appeal provides for faith formation programs in communities where our brothers and sisters are struggling.

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Masses For The Week

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Saturday	April 29	
	5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale
Sunday	April 30	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Matthew MacKenzie
	11:30 a.m.	Paul Babcock
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Paul Babcock, 6 th Anniv.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Dominic Higgins
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	James Carson
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Lisa Silverman
	<u>May 6</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Daniel Hartey
Easter	<u>May 7</u>	
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley
		Kowalski
	11:30 a.m.	Iside Maieron, 2 nd Anniv.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



Hesser. Patricia 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, May 1

*Adoration -8:30 a.m.

* Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m.



Wednesday, May 3

*Bible Study Group – 7:00 p.m. – Room 18

Saturday, May 6

*First Holy Communion-10:00 a.m.

Bulletin Submittals

First Communion Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings For The Week

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tue: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30 *Wed:* 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thu: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 *Sat*: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sun: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

A Note From The Pastor (Continued...)

Home mission dioceses are found in every section of the United States and its territories. Often, their Catholic populations are a minority and spread over large areas with very few priests to serve them. The situation in the Diocese of Owensboro, located in Western Kentucky, represents many others. There, Catholics make up only 6% of the population in a rural region spanning 12,500 square miles. In an effort to serve the faithful, priests are assigned to multiple parishes at the same time that are over 25 miles apart. Owensboro also has a large and growing Hispanic Catholic population with unique liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral needs.

Thanks to you, CHMA is making a positive impact. In Owensboro alone, the Hispanic Ministry Program now has 31 bilingual priests who celebrate more than 900 Masses in Spanish each year, along with baptisms, weddings, and confirmations. Your continued support of CHMA will make a tremendous difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need here in the United States. To learn more about the appeal and its beneficiaries, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

I am grateful for your consideration and your generosity. Please be assured of a remembrance in my prayers and join me in praying for all those working to spread the Good News. May God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ, +Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D. Archbishop of Philadelphia

Reflect on the Reading OUR PROTECTOR

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Villa Joseph Marie High School Presents

The God Box, A Daughter's Story Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

This is the story of Mary Lou Quinlan's remarkable discovery of her mother's "God Boxes" filled with hundreds of private petitions on torn pages and Post-its written by the very hand that had slipped away. The show follows Quinlan on an emotional roller coaster, as she struggles to come to terms with the death of her mother, ricocheting from grief to laughter to the greatest human challenge: learning to let go. www.vjmhs.org/godbox

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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

FIRST HONORS: Patrick Gozdan'24, Maura Yoos '24,

Alexa Corey '25, Emma Jacobsen '25 SECOND HONORS: Ean Waltrich '24, Benjamin Bargerhuff '25, Jacob Bargerhuff '26

Monthly Food Drive



Our monthly Food Drive will be held next weekend, May 5th and 6th. Items will be collected through May 9th. Non-perishables only. Items currently needed: Ramen Noodle packages (*not cups*), Knorr Rice Selects or Rice-a-Roni, Baked Beans, Egg Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Stove Top,

Mayonnaise, Chicken Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Taco Shells, Saltines/Crackers, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Coffee/Tea, Supermarket Gift Cards. Non Food items: Laundry Detergent (Bottle or Pods), Bar Soap/Body Wash, Liquid Hand Soap, Personal Care Items. The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for the generous donation of <u>730 pounds</u> collected in the month of April.

The second annual **Donation Dash 5K** will be held Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. (rain or shine) at Warminster Community Park Hallowell Pavilion. <u>Donation Dash 5k - 2nd Annual (May 6th 2023) - Warminster Food Bank</u>

The Health and Help Ministry will conduct free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May</u> <u>21</u> in Room 18.

IHM Nun Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2023, for the 10th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run / 3K walk. Start time is 8:30 a.m. Register by May 21. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the IHM Sisters. For more information on how to participate visit: www.ihmnunrun.org.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Especially during the Easter season, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance in to the Body of Christ, the Church. In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointings, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar. Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our Fascinating Faith Vocations

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells us that he calls his own sheep by name and those sheep respond by following him. Unlike the early disciples, we do not have the benefit of hearing the Lord Jesus call us by name. Or do we? Through the centuries countless men, women, and children have responded to the call of the Lord and dedicated their lives to ministering to God's people. How often have we heard the phrase, "he or she 'has the calling' "? We need look no further than our own parish to find ways that the call of the Lord is manifested. The Lord Jesus is constantly calling out to us through the celebration of the sacramental life, through the proclamation of the living word, and through the example of those who have put on Christ in Baptism. Today the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, speaks to each one of us, the sheep of his flock. Let us listen for the call to follow him as his disciples. And on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray for others, as well, to hear and heed whatever God is calling them to do with their life as a baptized Christian. Copyright @ J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Hope Committee Diaper/Wipes Collection



Baby Diapers and Wipes Collection is this weekend, April 29/30. Donations may be put on the table in the back hall. As always, the need is great and those who receive your donations are so grateful for your generosity! Thank you for helping our little ones in need.



St. Joseph Parish Marian Bible Study Group continues...

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 18 for *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, which beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. Please call the Rectory at 215-672-3020 to register for this six-week series that unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture.

Wednesday, May 3 - 7:00 p.m. Room 18

Lesson 3 – Wedding At Cana, Garden in Eden

Lesson 4 – The New Eve

Wednesday, May 10 - 7:00 p.m. Room 18

Lesson 5 – The Ark Of The New Covenant

Lesson 6 – **Born Of A Virgin**

Wednesday, May 17 - 7:00 p.m. Room 18

Lesson 7 – The Promised Mother

Lesson 8 – Mother Crowned In Glory

Wednesday, May 24 - 7:00 p.m. Room 18

Lesson 9 – Full Of Grace

Lesson 10 – All Holy

Wednesday, May 31 - 7:00 p.m. Room 18

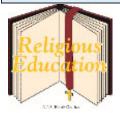
Lesson 11 – **The Assumption**

Lesson 12 – Always A Mother



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St. Joseph Church Religious Education In Person Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.



<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.

Saturday, May 6 – First Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.



Monday, May 8 - May Procession – 7:20 p.m. All children are requested to attend and participate.



Oh Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today

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



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Congratulations to our students and all of the children who made their First Communion last weekend and this weekend at St. Robert's. What a joyful time for our school and Church family! Spring is such a beautiful time – and very busy at school. We are so happy that our 6th and 7th graders were able to attend a field trip to the aquarium as part of their study of science. The 8th graders went to our nation's capital, which was aligned with their social studies and civics curriculum. The entire school participated in an "in school field trip" when The Barnhill Animal Preserve came to school last month to teach us about different animals. Field trips are wonderful opportunities and we are grateful to The Connelly Foundation which provided some of the funds for our field trips this year. As busy a time as spring is, we are also busy preparing for fall! Please join us for our



special open house for families in St. Joseph & Robert parishes who have children who will be entering Pre-K Kindergarten next year. They being held on

Wednesday, May 3rd or Monday, May 8th from 5:30–6:30p.m. Feel free to come and meet some faculty, administrators, and parents of students who are currently in our school. We look forward to meeting you. God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Durkin

SJR R.A.C.E. Night



Come and join us for a fun evening on Friday, May 12th at St. Robert's Church. The SJR 5K Race, Kids' Run, and 2 Mile Walk is a family-friendly event that benefits the students and programs at St. Joseph/St. Robert School. Please see the

school website: www.stjstr.org/5k for details and to register.

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.

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

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*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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