

November 19, 2023

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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.)

St. Joseph's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!!!!

Sunday December 3rd
Easton & County Line Roads
Warrington, PA 18976
9:00am till 2:00pm



Join us for some Christmas FUN on
December 3rd in the Church Hall. We'll
have lots of FOOD including Pancake
Breakfast! VENDORS, CRAFTERS,
MUSIC, GAMES FOR THE KIDS,
PICTURES WITH SANTA, PLENTY OF
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A Note From The Pastor



From the Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

This week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on all the blessings that God has given us and to make our response back to Him with praise and worship. I hope that you enjoy some time with family and loved ones during this special time. You are invited to join us for a special Mass on **Thanksgiving morning, November 23rd at 9:00 A.M.** At this Mass we will continue the tradition of blessing loaves of freshly baked bread and then handing them out after the Mass. It is a way to symbolically carry the blessing of the Mass home with you to your Thanksgiving tables. Please note that there will be **no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday.**

This weekend we are starting our Giving Tree program. This is the annual opportunity to provide gifts to the less fortunate. We ask you to take a “gift tag” off the tree in the sanctuary which identifies a specific need for the various charitable organizations that we help. Then you are asked to supply a gift card in the amount of \$25 - \$35 from a department store, or check to St. Joseph (for tuition) to help meet the particular need. The charities that we support tell us that the gift cards are the best way to donate. While all gifts are appreciated, the gift cards help them the most. We ask that you return the card(s) to the Giving Tree Box – placed at the base of the tree by Dec. 11th so they may be distributed to those in need, with enough time to get their shopping done. The people of this parish have always been very generous with this program and we are very grateful for your support.

The Seminary Appeal is fully underway at this time. While you consider a contribution to support the program and those considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life, it is also important to pray for vocations. The US Bishops have published a number of prayers for vocations. Please consider using one or more of these prayers to pray for our Archdiocese and for seminarians.

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

O God, Father of all Mercies, provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. (*Continued on page 4*)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Nov. 18</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Carol Peglow
Sunday	<u>Nov. 19</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Joan & Charlie Casey
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Ray Scalzo
Monday	8:00 a.m.	David Dziedzic
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Ita McErlean
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Ita McErlean
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Generale
	<u>Nov. 25</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	T. J. McCarthy
Sunday	<u>Nov. 26</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Joan & Charlie Casey
	9:30 a.m.	Ita McErlean
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



Steve Becker, Michelle Bird, Louis Cerritelli, Kristina Crawford, Peter Evans, Sr., Luke Gallo, Sr., Kevin Fullam, John Hesser, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hottinger, Wendy Jacobs, Joyce Kelly, Enoch Kroutch, Andy Landmesser, Irene Lennon, Mary Lishman, Annabelle Long, Dana Madden, James Martin, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, John Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Clifford Patton, Michael Pham, Ronan Power, Stephanie Radcliffe, James Ritsick, Gino Romaniello, Theresa Romaniello, Joanne Slouskey, Brian Stec, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, November 20

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Rosary - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21

*Mass at Christ Home – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23

*Thanksgiving – Office & Rectory **closed**

Friday, November 24

*Office & Rectory **closed**

Bulletin Submittals

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

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11d-12a, 12cd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Treasures From Our Tradition

Coming to the end of the Church year, we can wonder how we got “extreme unction” out of “anointing of the sick.” “Extreme” comes from a Latin phrase, in extremis, which in English refers to the last struggle of a dying person. “Last rites” is a phrase in common usage, and refers to the fact that years ago everyone waited until the last crisis of illness to summon the priest. The goal of anointing had always been healing and forgiveness, but in time it began to be seen as a preparation for death. In a hard world, almost anything from a hangnail to a sneeze could be life-threatening, so perhaps the change was inevitable. The emphasis on the penitential aspects was heightened, even to the odd practice of Rome in the twelfth century, when the sick person was sprinkled with ashes mixed with holy water and given a hair shirt as a sign of penance.

The reformers thankfully overlooked some of these oddities of history, and today the sacrament of the sick is much more generously applied to persons in a wide range of situations. Still, it is a sacrament of reconciliation, and for that reason is not celebrated for an infant or toddler, although there is a rite for a visit to a sick child not including anointing or Communion. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Director / Coordinator of Religious Education

Part-time employment – St. Joseph Church

The position of Director/Coordinator of Religious Education (DRE or CRE) is a part-time, 12 months a year position. The complete job description can be found at <https://phillyocf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/D-CRE-Part-Time-Job-Description.pdf>. Interested candidates should send their resume to: Rev. Joseph Bordonaro, St. Joseph Rectory, 1795 Columbia Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976; or Fr.bordonaro@verizon.net. Position available immediately. Call the Rectory Office with any questions. 215-672-3020.

Full-time Cook/Dining Assistant

Regina Coeli Residence for Retired Priests

685 York Road, Warminster PA

Tuesday-Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Responsibilities: Kitchen/Dining Prepare meals, set-up and clean up dining room for 8 -10 resident Priests, Cleaning and organizing of kitchen area, Stock pantry, as needed, Maintain list of pantry needs for supervisor, Ability to work flexible hours, if needed, Light Housekeeping and Laundry assistance as needed. Skills Required: Ability to work independently, Ability to lift, bend, and stand for long periods, Ability to lift 25 lbs., Experience with dining and serving multi-resident community, Knowledge and experience.

Regina Coeli is a private retirement home for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia located in Warminster, Pa. All resumes can be sent to Sharon Gibbs email address: SGibbs@chs-adphila.org. Villa Saint Joseph is an EOE, M/F/V/D

Weekly Collections

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	2023	2022
	November 5	November 6
Envelopes	\$ 7,851.00	\$ 8,124.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,786.37	\$ 4,017.42
Total	\$11,637.37	\$12,141.42

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Christmas Concert

The professional musical ensemble, GAUDEAMUS, is pleased to announce their upcoming Christmas concert series. The concerts will include sacred, classical and traditional music of the season. Their unique musical arrangements for piano, string quintet, harp and vocalists will truly set the stage for a beautiful and uplifting Christmas event! All concerts are free and open to the public, with a free-will donation benefiting various charities. The concert series includes:

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Buckingham- Sunday, November 26 at 4 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Church in Malvern- Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m.
- Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting- Sunday, December 10 at 7 p.m. (Joined by the Valley Forge Chorale) This concert will be live-streamed.
- St. Francis of Assisi Church in Norristown- Friday, December 15 at 7 p.m.

For more information, please visit the Gaudeamus website at www.letusrejoice.org.

Choir Schedule



Adult Choir

November 26 at 11:30
December 3 at 9:30

Children's Choir*

November 19 at 9:30

Contemporary Group

December 17 at 11:30
February 19 at 11:30

*The Children's Choir will sing at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. If any children would like to sing for Christmas, please call the rectory and leave a message for Mrs. Maria Lennon or email mariaalennon@gmail.com.

Weep with Those Who Weep

Monday, November 27, 2023 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

"There is no grief like the grief that does not speak." This is why Saint Paul calls us to share grief (Romans 12:15). Far too many have lost loved ones to addiction and grieve alone because of the stigma. Join us to remember and pray for those who have died from addictions. AFIRE board member Robin Rader Knaap (Heartfelt Praise with Robin) will provide comfort through song and reflections. There will be time for sharing, and the evening will conclude with a prayer service.

St. Mary's Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Doylestown. No cost to attend.

<https://www.apeopleafire.org/events>

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 3rd 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



We will have great food, fabulous raffle baskets, 50/50, vendors, crafters, music and of course Santa! Vendors and Crafters still needed. Contact

Rita Roley if interested in a table. 215-872-0499 or rroley2325@comcast.net.

****We are now accepting new, unused items for the Raffle Baskets. Items can be placed on the table outside of Room 14.**

Thanksgiving Dinner with All the Trimmings

Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.



Will you or someone you know be alone this Thanksgiving? Then join us or invite them to join us at Nativity of Our Lord Parish for Thanksgiving Dinner! Individuals, couples and families are welcome.

Please arrive at 1:45 to be seated. Give thanks with us and enjoy a delicious dinner. There will be a kid's craft table and door prizes! Please call the parish office to make your reservations at 215-675-1925. This is a free event sponsored by the Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community.

Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community Center
605 West Street Rd. Warminster, PA, 18974. For more info contact Ann Marie Gervino agervino@noolp.org

3rd Annual Women's Advent Breakfast

Saturday, December 2nd - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Normandy Farm, 1401 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA

The Women of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish would like to invite you to begin the Advent Season by gathering with family, neighbors and friends for a hot breakfast buffet and an inspiring talk by Sarah Christmyer. Join us for our 3rd Women's Advent Breakfast at the beautiful Normandy Farm in Blue Bell, PA. Our speaker, Sarah Christmyer, will take us on a journey through the Scriptures and share five important lessons we can learn from the shepherds and magi who journeyed to the manger in Bethlehem. **Registration is required for this event.** The cost is \$45.00 per person (plus fee, if paying by credit card). Don't miss this opportunity to find peace and inspiration during the holiday season! For more information, or to register for this event, visit: <https://mmredeemer.org/womens-advent-breakfast>





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CCD SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 21 No Classes. Thanksgiving break.



Tuesday, November 28 All grades in session.

Tuesday, December 5 All grades in session. Advent Penance Service for all students – both Family Home Schooling and In-Person.

Tuesday, December 12 Family Advent Gathering. More information to follow. Both Family Home Schooling and In-Person Families should attend. Last CCD class until January 2, 2024! Merry Christmas!



The SJR Walkathon was a joyful celebration of our school community! In addition, it was an opportunity to be missionary disciples. Our transformational encounters with Jesus impact all that we do and when we went into the neighborhood last Friday, we were visible reminders of the Catholic school tradition and God's invitation to follow Jesus. Last year we were postponed a week due to weather but this year, despite the threat of rain, it remained mostly dry and a perfect afternoon for walking. It was so much fun! We have raised just about half of our \$18,000 goal to date and we continue to accept donations until the end of the month.

Because we know you'll be doing plenty of cooking to get ready for Thanksgiving, we suggest that you plan to eat at Sopranos in the shopping center at Rte. 611 and Bristol Rd or get take out (pick up only, no deliveries) on Tuesday, November 21st. It will give you a little break and SJR will get 15% of all orders between 4:00-9:00p.m. Be sure to mention, "SJR Spirit Night" when you order!

In the words of St. Theresa of Calcutta, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." We're so grateful to God for His loving care for us through the continued kindness and generosity of two wonderful parishes!

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

CLEARANCES:

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us>

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

<https://uenroll.identogo.com>

**ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years*

Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS

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.

Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people with disabilities. A **"Sensory Friendly Mass"** is one way that a parish can assist in destigmatizing the experience of attending Mass for individuals and families with members with Autism and other disabilities. Across the Archdiocese there are a number of Sensory Friendly Masses that are taking place. To find a Sensory Friendly Mass near you, visit <https://opdarchphilly.org/sfm/>.

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.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- 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.

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
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