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MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass

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 GREAT RAFFLE BASKETS & 50/50!!







A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

This week marks the end of the current liturgical year. Next year we will begin a new liturgical year and season with the start of Advent.

Liturgical Year 2024 is designated as <u>A Year of Grace</u> and Pope Francis has asked that we should focus this year on prayer both individual and communal.

We have started 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. We ask that you return the card 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.

Next week we will have the special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is the collection that helps to support the retired Religious Sisters and Brothers who taught so many of us. Archbishop Pérez has asked us to communicate this letter in advance of the collection.

God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

December 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

For many generations, the Catholic Church has been richly blessed by the ministries of consecrated men and women in religious congregations.

They have tirelessly dedicated their lives to helping others in the fields of education, health care, social services, and more. The number of those in need has grown in our city and nation over the years and our religious have been there at every turn to provide comfort and care while sharing the pure love of Jesus Christ. Our local Church has been emphasizing the importance of Missionary Discipleship over the past few years. I ask that you join me in commending these men and women religious as shining examples of that ideal.

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our Parishes during the weekend of December 2-3, 2023. This special collection is taken up in all parishes nationally. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and organizations — often for a small stipend. (*Continued on page 4*)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	Nov. 25	
•	5:00 p.m.	T. J. McCarthy
Sunday	Nov. 26	
	7:30 a.m.	Joan & Charlie Casey
	9:30 a.m.	Ita McErlean
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	William J. Holman
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Megan Soria (Birthday)
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Assunta Valente
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Grace Mattera
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Joe Pugnetti
	Dec. 2	
	5:00 p.m.	Angelo Ballerino
Sunday	Dec. 3	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Peggy Thomas
	11:30 a.m.	Mary Kanta Gomes

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, Albinka Potocka, 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 27

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Rosary - 7:30 p.m.

*Men's Group – 7:45 p.m. – Room 18

Tuesday, November 28

*Rosary & Communion Serv. at Christ Home – 2:00 p.m.

*Mass at Luther Woods – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

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

*RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Room 18

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

Readings For The Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4 *Tuesday:* Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11 *Wednesday:* Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64,

65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22 *Friday:* Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33 *Saturday:* Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36 *Sunday:* Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1

Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate funds for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and health related assistance in these later years.

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection scheduled in our parishes December 2-3, 2023. It is an opportunity for us to give back to those who have selflessly given so much. Every gift helps no matter the size.

I also ask that you please continue to keep our men and women religious in your prayers. Thank you in advance for your kind contributions and continued support of our elder religious. Be assured of remembrance in my prayers. May God bless you abundantly.

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

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Director / Coordinator of Religious Education</u> 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: <u>SGibbs@chs-adphila.org</u>. Villa Saint Joseph is an EOE, M/F/V/D



	2023	2022
	November 12	November 13
Envelopes	\$ 7,386.00	\$ 6,024.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,691.42	\$ 2,107.45
Total	\$10,077.42	\$ 8,131.45



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 freewill 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
- 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

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, Christmas Bazaar 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.

Monthly Food Drive



Our monthly Food Drive will be held next weekend, December 2nd and 3rd. Non-perishables only. *No expired food please* Items currently needed: Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, Canned Pasta, Chili, Instant Oatmeal, Pancake Mix & Svrup, Instant Mashed Potatoes,

Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Salsa, Taco Shells. Non Food items: Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (Liquid or Pods), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels. In November we donated 815 pounds of food. Thank you for your support.

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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St. Joseph Church Religious Education In Person Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 <u>www.stjstr.org</u>

CCD SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 28 All grades in session.

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

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 12</u> 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!

Tuesday, January 2 All grades in session.

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 4</u> CCD Volunteer meeting, Valley Road School Building, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in session. 3rd grade students report directly to Church for Reconciliation practice. Pick up at church for SJR and Family Home Schooling students at 6:45 p.m. CCD students will be walked back to classrooms for regular pick up at 7:15 p.m. Family Home Schooling drop off and pick up assignments in the CCD office.

Thursday, January 11 Sacrament of First Penance for 3^{rd} Grade students in Church -7:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 16</u> All grades in session. "Kids Talk" classes presented to all grades.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 23</u> All grades in session. (Snow date for "Kids Talk" classes)

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 30</u> All grades in session. End of First Semester.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I continue to marvel at all we have to be thankful for as a school community! Recently SJR had the opportunity to host a gathering of local school administrators, state Political Representatives, and representatives from Waste Management Company. We gathered to celebrate the impact of The Bridge Educational Foundation on our Bucks County schools.

The Bridge Educational Foundation, through the support of Waste Management, announced that they had donated \$157,500.00 of scholarship money to the families of Bucks County. A portion of these scholarship funds go directly to help support our SJR families. These scholarship funds are made possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. A huge thank you to the support of Waste Management for making these scholarship funds available through the Bridge Educational Foundation.

To learn more about how individuals and businesses can benefit from redirecting their PA Tax Dollars to support qualified SJR families with tuition scholarships, please contact the Director of Advancement, Kathleen Williamson at: kwilliamson@stjstr.org.

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 sic18976@verizon.net.

Safe Environment Program

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

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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.

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.

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
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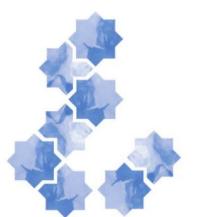
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