

#### MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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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.

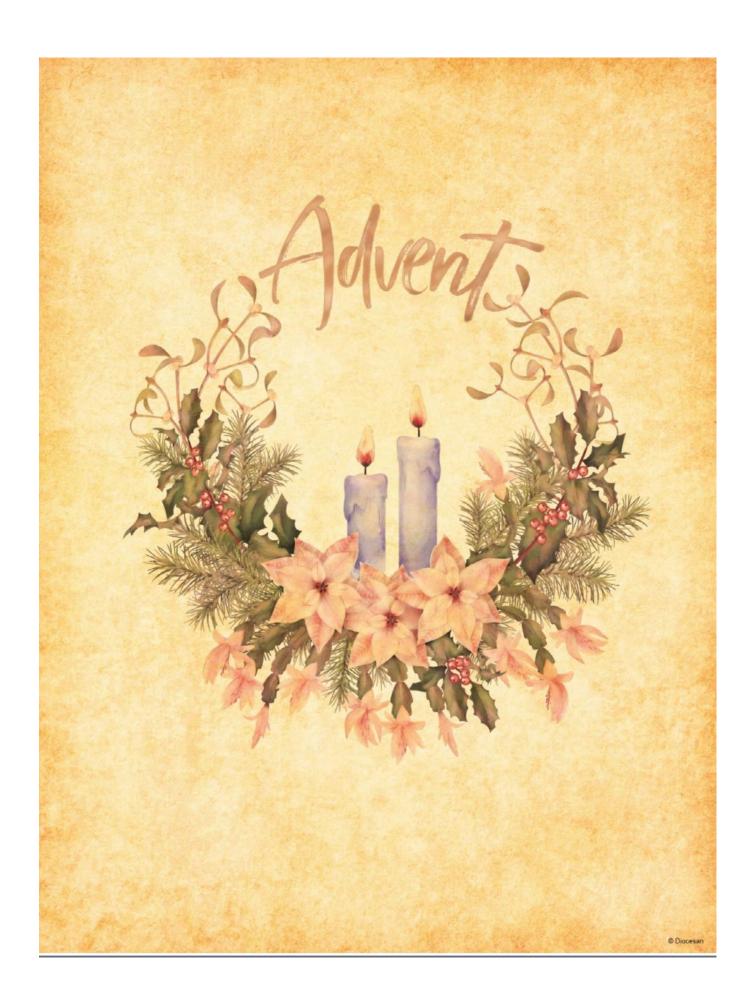
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

**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 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,

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success; thank you to all our vendors and volunteers. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Rita Roley, and her fantastic team of helpers.

They planned and executed a great event for the parish. A job well done! Christmas cards and St. Joseph 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary mugs can still be purchased at the rectory.

We are asking that the gift cards for the Advent Giving Tree be returned no later than Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> to the box at the base of the tree, or to the rectory. We want to be able to get them in the hands of those who need them as soon as possible so that they will be able to use them. Thank you for your generous support.

This year we are trying something different when it comes to our Advent preparations. We have been invited to join with St. John Bosco Parish for a communal Advent Penance Service. The invited celebrant will be Msgr. George Majoros, who was recently appointed as a Missionary of Mercy. Missionaries of Mercy are appointed priests worldwide and given a special mandate to lead missions or facilitate specific initiatives with particular attention to the sacrament of reconciliation. Please consider coming as a family to the Communal Advent Penance, on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Bosco parish. There will be additional priests available for confession.

The US Bishops have prepared a brief examination of conscience. I have copied it below from their website. The first reflection is based on the 10 Commandments.

#I - I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me: Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God? # II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people? #III Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday? #IV Honor your father and your mother. Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have? #V. You shall not kill. Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind? #VI. You shall not commit adultery. Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself? #VII. You shall not steal. Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another? #VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another? #IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse. Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love? #X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily? (Continued on page 4)

#### **Masses For The Week**

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Saturday	Dec. 9	
	5:00 p.m.	DiTore Family
Sunday	Dec. 10	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Ray & Clara Young
	11:30 a.m.	Miss Kitty Casey
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Higgins
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph P. Chapman,
		52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the
		Dziedzic & Dundas Fams
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Maryann McDermott
		Mitchell
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the
		Sansoni & DiTore Fams
	Dec. 16	
	5:00 p.m.	Ralph Lawson
Sunday	Dec. 17	
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale
	9:30 a.m.	Bill & Alice Hennessey
	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, Paul Malachowski, James Martin, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, John Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Clifford Patton, Michael Pham, Albinka Potocka, Ronan Power, 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, December 11

\*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

\*Mass at Pathways – 2:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 13

\*Rosary & Communion Serv. At Luther Woods – 1:30 pm

\*RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Room 18

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

#### **Thursday, December 14**

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

\*Communal Advent Penance Service - St. John Bosco – 6:30 p.m.

<sup>\*</sup>Rosary - 7:30 p.m.

<sup>\*</sup>Men's Group – 7:45 p.m. – Room 18

<sup>\*</sup>Rosary & Communion Serv. at Christ Home – 2:00 p.m.

#### **Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26 **Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk

1:39-47

**Wednesday:** Is 40-25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-

30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt

11:11-15

*Friday:* Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt

17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes

5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

This second examination comes from Jesus' identification of the two greatest commandments.

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quicktempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8). Copyright © 2013, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC.

It is time to put the yearly reminder in the bulletin about parking in the near lot and leaving large gaps in the middle. I ask your assistance once again with this issue especially during the Christmas Masses. When parking in the lot closest to the Church, please pull all the way up to the preceding car. If everyone parks in an end spot, we prevent others from getting a space. Also some of our guests may not be familiar with our parking routines and so

I ask your help and patience in keeping it as orderly as possible.



May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

## Parish Operating Expenses November 2023

E-Giving:	\$12,052.57
<b>Sunday Collections:</b>	\$ <u>25,559.00</u>
Total:	\$37,611.57

School Subsidy	\$ 5,125.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,108.33
Disability Insurance	\$ 89.50
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,738.08
Property Insurance	\$ 1,241.75
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 148.33
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 246.92
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 2,116.54
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 2,122.92
Priest Retirement Debt Service	\$ 233.33
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 940.00
Employee Pay	\$ 19,029.05
Music Ministry	\$ 340.00
Payroll Service	\$ 92.80
PECO	\$ 2,724.53
Verizon	\$ 701.31
Church Cleaning	\$ 465.00
Trash Removal	\$ 300.00
Comcast Cable	\$ 173.20
Computer Support	\$ 274.10
Supplies	\$ 4,226.17
Repairs	\$ 175.00
Services	\$ 686.23
Water & Sewer	\$ 108.10
Copier Maintenance	\$ 137.55
Heating Oil	\$ 4,852.27
Total	\$ 64,877.50



	2023	2022
	November 26	November 27
Envelopes	\$ 5,297.00	\$ 7,160.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,109.02	\$ 2,039.85
Total	\$ 7,406.02	\$ 9,199.86



#### Reminder

Please do not park in the Jewelry Store parking lot next door during the month of December. The store has extended hours for Christmas.

#### **Choir News**



We are looking for more singers and instrumentalists for Christmas!!! If anyone - adults, teens or children would like to sing or play an instrument for one of the Christmas masses, please email Maria Lennon at mariaalennon@gmail.com or call the rectory and leave a message for Mrs. Maria

Lennon. Practices will start the first week in December.

#### **Adult Choir**

• December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. mass (Christmas carols begin at 9:00 am)

#### **Youth Choir**

• December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. mass (Christmas music begins at 4:00)

#### **Contemporary Group**

- December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. mass
- February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. mass

#### **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:

- 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 <a href="https://www.letusrejoice.org">www.letusrejoice.org</a>.

#### **Living Drive-thru Nativity**

Saturday, December 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Come experience the miracle of the Christmas story presented with live characters and animals. Plus receive a bag of home-baked Christmas cookies! This is a free event. Grounds of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 605 West Street Rd., Warminster, PA 18974.

#### **Children's Advent Celebration**

#### Sunday, December 17, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA Celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent with some fun and faith-filled activities at the National Centre for Padre Pio. Invite your young children, grandchildren, Godchildren, or nieces and nephews. Older siblings are welcome to join their younger siblings to act as their *Guardian Angel*. We'll view a movie on the big screen, read a story, enjoy a "Meet and Greet" with Saint Nicholas, complete a simple Advent craft project, and eat a sweet treat! There is no cost to attend this Advent Celebration for Children; however, it is a ticketed event. Register at <a href="https://www.padrepio.org">www.padrepio.org</a> by clicking on the event calendar for December 17th.

#### **Advent Lessons & Carols at Martin Saints**

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Each year, the Martin Saints community joins together for an evening of scripture, prayer, and music. This beautiful, time-honored tradition is the perfect way to celebrate Advent well and prepare for the Christmas season. This year's event will be held at our new school location on the campus of St. Titus parish in East Norriton. Your family is cordially invited.

Location: 3006 Keenwood Road, East Norriton, PA 19403

#### **Job Opportunity**

#### **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

#### **Bulletin Submittals**

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

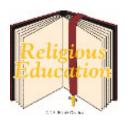
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St. Joseph Church Religious Education In Person Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.



<u>Tuesday, December 12</u> Family Advent Gathering. All families should gather in the Church Hall at 6:00 p.m. 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 11</u> 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, 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.



Our school is blessed by the support of so many. First and foremost, we're so grateful for your support. I'd also like to share a little bit about two people, Mr. John and Mrs. Josephine Connelly. In 1945, Mr. Connelly opened Connelly Containers and then in 1957 went on to take over leadership of Crown Cork and Seal Company, moving it to Philadelphia. He and his wife worked hard and used their blessings to bless countless others. The Connelly Family and now their foundation has supported Catholic students and Catholic education for many years. The foundation recently announced fifty Neumann Scholars who received full four-year scholarships to Archdiocesan high schools. The story of The Connelly Foundation makes me marvel at the impact two individuals can make. It is also a wonderful reminder of the blessings that a committed Catholic community provides. This past week, The Connelly Foundation sponsored our fifth through eighth grade students on a trip to The Constitution Center in Philadelphia. We are grateful to it for this wonderful opportunity and for all the ways it supports Catholic education in the Greater Philadelphia area.

God bless you and thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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:

#### **CLEARANCES:**

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https://epatch.pa.gov/home

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

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

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

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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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