

December 17, 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.)

Joy



Advent

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A Note From The Pastor



From the Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

I take the opportunity on behalf of Msgr. McCoy, Msgr. Bolger, Fr. Connors, and myself, and all those who minister here at St. Joseph to wish you all a very Blessed and joyous Christmas. We celebrate Jesus' incarnation as a human being, but Christmas is also about anticipating Jesus' return at the end of the world when we will be given the opportunity to live with Him in eternal happiness. We are grateful for the extreme love God shows us in wanting to save us, but also in wanting to be with us forever. Please accept my prayers for you and your family to experience a sacred renewal of the life that the Christ child brings at this time of year. I also pray that your New Year is filled with God's many blessings. I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your pastor and also for the witness and inspiration you provide me.

I also want to thank you for your extremely generous support of our Advent Giving Tree. We were able to help many families in our local area directly with their Christmas celebrations. In addition, we were able to help the following charities: Guiding Star ministries in Philadelphia, which helps pregnant women and children; Gift of Mary, which provides a similar ministry in Chester; Blessed Margaret of Castello Home, which is a crisis pregnancy center in Bensalem; St. Ignatius/Our Mother of Sorrows Church, which is a merged church in West Philadelphia and provides outreach to many families in need; and Mother of Mercy House which provides outreach to those in North Philadelphia. We are also able to help many more families in the future through our own Hope Committee and also through the tuition assistance provided. The majority of the remaining gifts and cards were given to Catholic Social Services located in Levittown, PA.

I also take this opportunity to offer my annual reminder to our "regulars" that we will probably have a number of visitors for Christmas. I certainly know that this can try our patience but I ask your help in making all our worshipers feel welcome. Please do your best to follow our parking procedures to allow us to accommodate as many cars as possible. If you are parking in the lot nearest the church, the design is that you would enter from 611 and pull all the way up to County Line Road leaving the fire lane and also the walking path (yellow crosswalk) clear of cars, so that people may safely travel to the further back parking lot. A little bit of cooperation will go a long way in helping us all celebrate the Birth of our Savior in a calm and peaceful state of mind. Thank you for your understanding. If anyone is willing and available to assist people with parking, especially for the vigil Masses, please contact me. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Dec. 16</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Ralph Lawson
Sunday	<u>Dec. 17</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale
	9:30 a.m.	Bill & Alice Hennessey
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 a.m.	William Krystopowicz
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Maryann McDermott Mitchell
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Generale
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Doris Pellegrino
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Intention for a Fallen Away Loved One
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Louis Cerritelli
	<u>Dec. 23</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Gerald Marucci
Sunday	<u>Dec. 24</u>	Deceased members of the
	7:30 a.m.	Coyle Family
	9:30 a.m.	Ray Scalzo
	11:30 a.m.	Joy Soria (Birthday)

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 18

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Rosary - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19

*Mass at Christ Home – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

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

*Confessions – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 22

*Office Closed

Bulletin Submittals

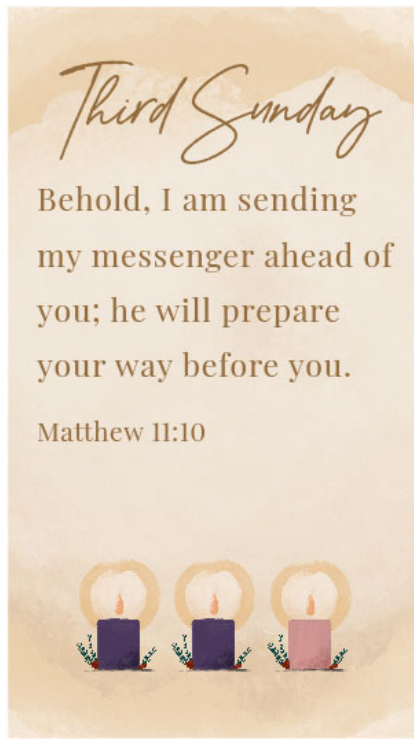
Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net.

All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings For The Week**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38**A Note From The Pastor (continued...)**

Sunday morning December 24th, is the 4th Sunday of Advent and we will have our usual Sunday Masses, our Christmas Eve Masses will be later that day at 4:30, 6:30 p.m. and 12 Midnight. Monday, Christmas Day the Masses will be at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 1, 2024 is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. It is not a Holy Day of obligation this year, so we will not have a vigil Mass. The Masses for the Solemnity will be Monday, Jan 1, at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

**Novena to Three American Saints for Life****Sunday, January 14 to Monday, January 22, 2024****(Following the 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy)**

Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton, Frances Cabrini, and John Neumann are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of Life, each in their own time. This novena suggests three days of prayer to each of the saints for the promotion of life in our country and our Church today. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/PadrePioIncYouTube: <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Health and Help Ministry**BLOOD
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The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Church Hall on **Thursday, January 4, 2024** from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please consider donating. For information and to schedule a donation time call Mary at 215-674-4612.



Weekly Collections

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	2023	2022
	December 3	December 4
Envelopes	\$ 8,435.00	\$ 6,273.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,781.55	\$ 3,348.61
Total	\$12,216.55	\$ 9,621.61

Thank You© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.**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 25th at 9:30 a.m. mass
(Christmas carols begin at 9:00 am)

Youth Choir

- December 24th at 4:30 p.m. mass
(Christmas music begins at 4:00)

Contemporary Group

- December 17th at 11:30 a.m. mass
- February 19th at 11:30 a.m. mass

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 www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for December 17th.

Be Encouraged:

Catholic Support for Mental Health

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at archphila.org/support.

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

Notre Dame Glee Club & Symphony Orchestra

For the first time, after many years of sellout performances on campus, the two groups will present their annual holiday program *Christmas From Notre Dame*.

They will perform at beautiful Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia on **Tuesday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are now available at the Kimmel Center Box Office or <https://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org>. With a general admission price of only \$10.00, it's the best family holiday entertainment value in town! Don't miss this unique and memorable evening of musical holiday cheer.

The 90-minute program will include selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* Suite as well as other traditional and contemporary music for the season, singalong carols, and popular holiday favorites from the Great American Songbook. The concerts will benefit Feeding America, with all proceeds from a collection and merchandise sales to be directed to a local food bank.

Celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2023

11:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral Basilica

Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2024

12:00 Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME

New Year's Party follows Mass in Drexel Hall

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Tuesday, January 2 All grades in session.

Thursday, January 4 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 3rd Grade students in Church – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16 All grades in session. “Kids Talk” classes presented to all grades.

Tuesday, January 23 All grades in session. (Snow date for “Kids Talk” classes)

Tuesday, January 30 All grades in session. End of First Semester.

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In the words of Pope John XXII, “Mankind is a great, an immense family....This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.” One of the things I love about working at SJR is that it feels very much like a family to me. I loved celebrating Christmas at our HSA’s Tree Lighting last week and I love celebrating the individual accomplishments of our students and faculty. I’m thrilled that several of our 8th graders have already been accepted into the high school of their choice. Congratulations to Ashley who will be attending Mount St. Joseph Academy, Jude who has received the St. Therese Scholarship to attend Lansdale Catholic, and Bella who has been offered a scholarship to Archbishop Wood!

In addition to celebrating Christmas, this is the time we begin looking forward to the new year – and the new school year! Enrollment has begun for kindergarten for next year. And, because we’ve received several inquiries from families with children who are currently enrolled in other schools, we will be hosting an information session for transfer students. If you have a child who is currently enrolled in another school but are considering a change for next year – or even January – look for that information and please be in touch. We’d love to share what SJR has to offer with you!

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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To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- 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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