

December 24, 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.)



A Note From The Pastor

(Continued on page 4)



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 our numerous volunteers including: the Adult and student servers; those who care for the Altar linens; those who assist with decorating the altar and maintaining it; collection counters; St. Joseph/St. Robert parents, CCD teachers, assistants, and volunteers; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Finance Committee; Food for the Poor; Giving Tree; Hope Committee; Lectors; Music Ministry; Office Volunteers; Pastoral Council, Health and Help Ministry (Nurses and assistants); Respect Life; RCIA; Socials Committee; and Ushers. You all do a wonderful job of helping our parish to fulfill its mission.

I found the following description on the U.S. Bishops website. Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Dec. 23</u>	Gerald Marucci
	5:00 p.m.	
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)
	4:30 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions
	12:00 MN	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions
	11:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	James Pellegrino
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Maryann McDermott Mitchell
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Don & Eileen Trost
Friday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Pope Benedict, XVI
	<u>Dec. 30</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Snyder-Grossman Families.
Sunday	<u>Dec. 31</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Robert Miller, Jr.
	9:30 a.m.	Cecilia G. Chapman
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Steve Becker, Michelle Bird, Kristina Crawford, Peter Evans, Sr., Luke Gallo, Sr., 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 25

*Christmas Day – Rectory and Office - CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26

*Rectory and Office - CLOSED

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

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: Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass at Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

Health and Help Ministry



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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.



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/PadrePioInc

YouTube: <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>

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

Mass and Healing Service @ the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

First Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Following Mass, there will be Praise & Worship, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and Healing Prayer Service. This is a special opportunity to encounter Jesus and invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, mental, physical, relational, or spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. All are welcome! Questions: Email rafal@czestochowa.us or call: 215-345-0600.

Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood

January - March 2024

Come & See events offer men (high school and post-high school) considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood

More info: Visit <https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/> or contact Fr. David Friel, Vocations Director, fr.dfriel@archphila.org.

Weekly Collections

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	2023	2022
	December 10	December 11
Envelopes	\$ 6,710.00	\$ 6,743.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,745.55	\$ 2,841.74
Total	\$10,455.55	\$ 9,584.74

Thank You

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Choir News



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

February 19th at 11:30 a.m. mass

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.

Workshop: You are Not Alone: Supporting Those with Mental Health Struggles

Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia Parish Auditorium, Philadelphia

It is estimated that one in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental illness. Among children and teens, the numbers are increasing dramatically. This means that every parish and church institution has many members who suffer in this way, and often in silence. This workshop is designed to give parish leaders, as well as family members and friends, practical tools to help you support those who experience mental health struggles. See the flyer for workshop topics.

Speaker: Dave Eckert, Intersect Network. Register at <https://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Event-Jan-2024-flyer.pdf>

Sponsored by: Office for the New Evangelization and Office for Persons with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia



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

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.

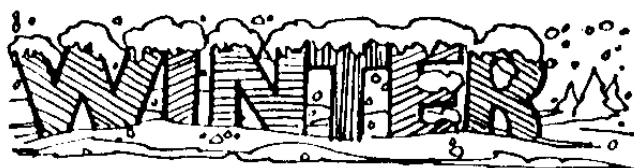
Tuesday, January 9 Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in session. 3rd grade students report directly to Church for Reconciliation practice. Pick up at church for SJR and Family Home Schooling students at 6:45 p.m. CCD students will be walked back to classrooms for regular pick up at 7:15 p.m. Family Home Schooling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



Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal

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I would like to extend a “Merry Christmas” to you and your family from all of the faculty, staff, and students at St. Joseph/St. Robert School! We hope that Christmas is a time of great blessing for you.

Preparing for Christmas was certainly a blessing for us. The teachers integrated the message of Christmas into writing activities, art projects, and other work throughout the day. Our wonderful Home and School Association outdid itself with our Tree Lighting and “Little Elf Shop” Christmas shopping opportunity for the students. Our student musicians gave an awesome Christmas concert. But, the most wonderful part of our preparation was beginning the Christmas holiday with our annual Christmas Pageant Thursday evening in church. Just in case we were distracted by the fun and the shopping and the lights and the action, it circled us back to the reason why we celebrate this holy day as the students participated in the telling of Jesus’ birth through story and song. Beautiful.



As the school community takes a well-deserved break to spend time at home with their families, we look forward to the new year. And the new school year! If your child is not yet part of our school community, please know that you are welcome. We will be hosting

an Open House in January or you can call 215-343-5100 to schedule a tour. Applications are currently being accepted for new students in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades first through seventh. Our eighth grade is already filled. You can apply online by going to our website at stjstr.org. Please do that as quickly as possible to assure a spot for the fall! God bless you this Christmas! Mrs. Durkin

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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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3. Click on the Create Profile button
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