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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.

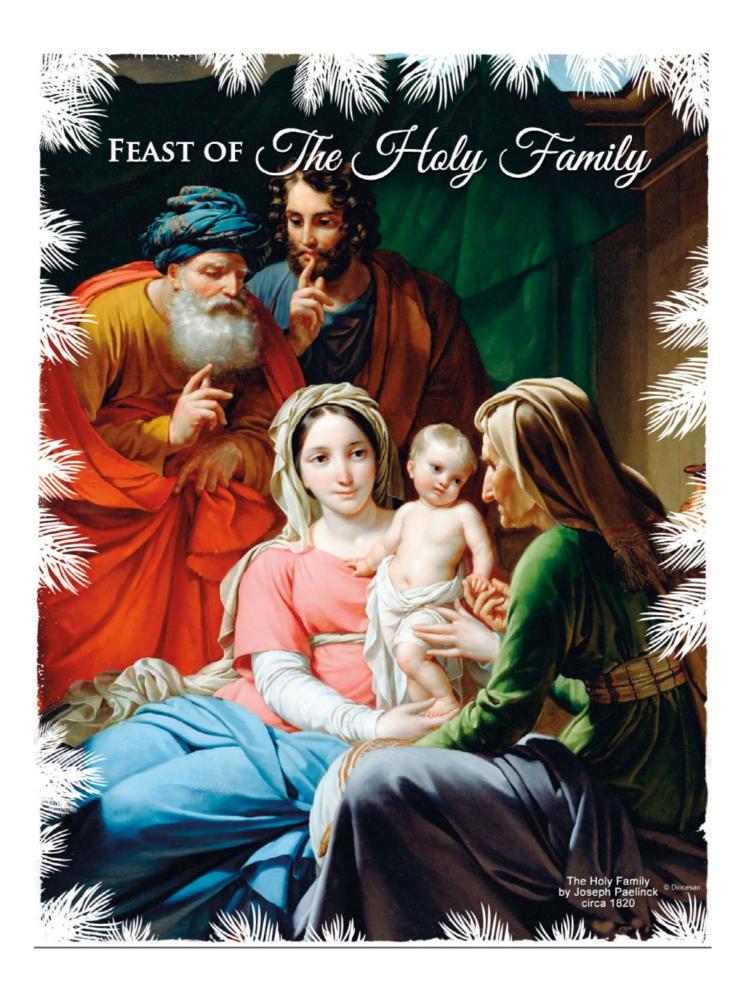
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

**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



My Dear Parishioners,

I hope that all of you had an enjoyable and peace filled celebration of the Lord's birth. God, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, is with us in a way that did not exist before the

incarnation. From "the Word made Flesh" of Christmas to the "I will not leave you orphans" of Pentecost, we are constantly assured that the God who loved us into being continues to walk with us. As we celebrate the season of Christmas, it is good for us to rekindle the awareness of God with us. That gift coming from the stable in Bethlehem sustains and strengthens us each day. I hope and pray that whatever blessings and challenges you are presented with in the New Year, you will have the confidence of knowing that you are supported and consoled by God who wants to be one with us.

At this time of year I like to take the opportunity to thank some people who made this year's celebration such a wonderful expression of faith. In particular I would like to recognize all of our musicians and cantors. Their talents made the entire church full with joyful praise. Thank you to Mrs. Maria Lennon for all her time and effort in coordinating our worship with the adult choir, children's choir and various cantors, and our Contemporary Mass group who all consistently do an excellent job! I also thank the priests who have helped us out throughout the year including Msgr. Richard Bolger, Msgr. Jim McCoy, and Fr. Rich Connors.

Special thanks to all the other Ministers of the Mass including our altar servers (both Student and Adult), Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you also to those who help to count the collection and do other supportive things behind the scenes. Thank you also to Mrs. Carla Venditti, Mrs. Karen Baranowski and their team of helpers for taking our beautiful church and making it look special for the Christmas season. Please remember to pray for all those names listed on our "Christmas Flowers" envelopes. Your memorial envelopes will be placed in the manger for the duration of the Christmas Season. Finally, I thank all who sent cards, gifts, and/or food to the rectory; your expressions of care, love and concern are sincerely appreciated. In addition I want to recognize and thank those who continue to make financial sacrifices for St. Joseph parish, your generosity at Christmas and throughout the year is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings. (Continued on page 4)



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

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Saturday	Dec. 30		
	5:00 p.m.	Snyder-Grossman	
	-	Families.	
Sunday	Dec. 31		
	7:30 a.m.	Robert Miller, Jr.	
	9:30 a.m.	Cecilia G. Chapman	
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.	
	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Living Members of the	
		Machado, Fernandea &	
		Mesquitta Families	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Chito Patalinjug	
		(Birthday)	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Intention for a Fallen	
		Away Loved One	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Melvin Soria (Birthday)	
	<u>Jan. 6</u>		
	5:00 p.m.	Raymond Generale	
Sunday	<u>Jan. 7</u>		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Babst	
	11:30 a.m.	Maryann McDermott	
		Mitchell	

#### **Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:**

Steve Becker, Michelle Bird, Kristina Crawford, Peter Evans, Sr., Luke Gallo, Sr., John Hesser, Rachel Higgins, Wendy Jacobs, Joyce Kelly, Enoch Kroutch, Andy Landmesser, Irene Lennon, Mary Lishman, Annabelle Long, Dana Madden, Paul Malachowski, James Martin, Patricia McCloskey, 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, January 1

\*New Year's Day – Rectory and Office - CLOSED

#### **Tuesday, January 2**

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

#### Wednesday, January 3

- \*Rosary & Communion Service Luther Woods 1:30 p.m.
- \*RCIA Room 18 7:00 p.m.
- \*Adult Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, January 4

- \*Blood Drive Church Hall 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- \*Children's Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. 6:45 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:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28 **Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42 **Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 3

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-

6; Mt 2:1-12

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

Because it falls on a Monday this year, January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation. To celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, we will have two Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. While it is not an obligation this year, it is still a good way to start the New Year. We turn to Our Blessed Mother at the start of our year and ask her to be with us and keep us close to her Son, Jesus. Please consider coming to either the 8:00 or the 10:00 on the First of the New Year. Please note that there is no Vigil Mass on Dec. 31st.

May God Bless You and Happy 2024! Fr. Bordonaro

#### **Health and Help Ministry**



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: <a href="www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc">www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc</a>
YouTube: <a href="https://YouTube.com/@/PadrePioInc">https://YouTube.com/@/PadrePioInc</a>

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 <a href="mailto:rafal@czestochowa.us">rafal@czestochowa.us</a> or call: 215-345-0600.

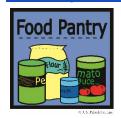
# Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood

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 <a href="https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/">https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/</a> or contact Fr. David Friel, Vocations Director, fr.dfriel@archphila.org.

#### **Monthly Food Drive**



Our monthly Food Drive will be held next weekend, <u>January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup></u>. Non-perishables only. \*No expired food

please\* Items currently needed: Tuna Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Saltines, Jelly, Sloppy Joe Mix (Manwich), Chili, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Mayonnaise,

Ketchup, Salsa, Taco Shells. Non Food items: Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (Liquid or Pods), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels. In November we donated <u>755 pounds</u> of food. Thank you for your support.



	2023	2022
	December 17	December 18
Envelopes	\$ 8,669.00	\$6,316.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,330. 03	\$2,422.05
Total	\$10,999.03	\$8,735.05



# **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.

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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 <a href="https://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Event-Jan-2024-flyer.pdf">https://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Event-Jan-2024-flyer.pdf</a>

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

#### **Christmas Choral Concert**

To close out the Christmas season, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA, will host its annual Christmas Choral Concert Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the main church following the 2:30 p.m. Holy Mass. Admission is free. Classical and familiar music will be performed in several languages by the Shrine Choir, children of the Polish School and vocal groups from other Shrine ministries, accompanied by the church's formidable pipe organ and other instruments. Open during your visit will be the Shrine's gift shop (until 4:30 p.m.), candle chapel and Nativity animal display. For information about other upcoming events at the Shrine, visit czestochowa.us.

#### **Choir News**



The Contemporary Music Group will sing at the 11:30 a.m. mass on February 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **Job Opportunity**

#### **Full-time Cook/Dining Assistant**

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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



The 16th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday March 2**, **2024** at St John Vianney Hall Theater at Cardinal O'Hara High School. The Man Up Philly volunteer team is finalizing our plans for the 2024 Conference, and we have a fantastic line-up of speakers confirmed. We are excited to bring this great day to you to help all of us focus on our faith and reliance on Our Lord. Our speakers this year include:

*Mike Schmidt* - National Baseball and Philadelphia Phillies Hall of Fame

**Danny Bader** - Best-selling author whose life was transformed by a near death experience

*Mark Hartfiel* - Vice-President of Paradisus Dei *Deacon Nathan Gunn* - serves as the Initiatives Coordinator for the Young Life Northeast Division

We welcome back acclaimed Irish tenor, *Mark Forrest*, who will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration.

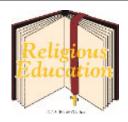
The Conference will conclude with Saturday Mass (not the Sunday Vigil) celebrated by *Archbishop Nelson J. Perez*. <a href="https://manupphilly.com/registration">https://manupphilly.com/registration</a>

## **CCD School Of Religion**

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#### St. Joseph Church **Religious Education In Person Times:**

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.





<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 2</u> 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. 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.

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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#### Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 www.stjstr.org

As we begin the New Year at SJR it is good to take a look back at some of the highlights of the previous one. Some of them were related to our Catholic identity. The blessing of the mornings and the afternoons, the First Friday Masses, attending Stations of the Cross, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat and graduation, and the celebration of First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation, to name a few.

Some highlights were related to school projects, processes and programs. Steps taken were based on the action plan we developed as part of our Middle States reaccreditation in the spring of 2022. We purchased a new science program so that our instruction is more closely aligned to current science standards. To support our reading and math, we continued to use iReady, an online diagnostic and instructional program, for a second year resulting in timely data for instructional decision making. We also implemented a new online registration and enrollment process to facilitate a smooth process for new and returning In addition, we moved to a new student information system which impacted everything from taking attendance to issuing report cards.

Some of the highlights were related to strengthening our school community. Our Home and School Association hosted a number of wonderful events. New families were welcomed. Fundraisers paid for upgraded safety glass in our exterior doors, health and safety initiatives, chrome books, and iReady. Other events that have become valued traditions - like our water ice dance party, cookies and milk, and tree lighting at Christmas - were opportunities to gather and enjoy each other's company.

So, as we prepare for the New Year, I am recalling this past one with gratitude to our faculty, staff, students, school families, and parishioners. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers! Happy New Year!

Gratefully, 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

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https://uenroll.identogo.com

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

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### **FORMED**

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.

#### **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

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- 1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
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