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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,

On Wednesday February 14th we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. All 3 Masses will have the distribution of

While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is the official start to the Lenten Season which is a period of preparation or purification. It is a time when we reflect on what needs to change in our life. Lent is the traditional time to give something up, or to do some additional charitable work or good deed. Fasting (or giving something up) is one way to make ourselves aware of what needs to change in our lives. We fill up our lives with so much excess that often we leave little or no room for God. Fasting clears out space for God to come in. temptation, once we have created the space will be to fill it with something else, the challenge will be to let that empty space just be and allow God to fill it if He chooses. Fasting is also a way to build the discipline required to live the Christian life, especially in our modern world. It helps us make the difficult or challenging choice; it also helps us grow in our relationship with God. Some people think of discipline as some sort of punishment because it keeps you from doing what you want. A different way to think about it is that discipline helps you to discern what is truly good and it strengthens your will as well.

St. Joseph will continue the practice of offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday in Lent, starting February 21st from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. These Lenten confessions are in addition to the regular Saturday afternoon confessions from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. You might also consider coming to morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. during the week. Even if you can't make weekday Mass every day, one or two days a week might be just what you need. Or perhaps you can come to church on Mondays when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 8:30 a.m. till evening, or join us for Monday night rosary. We will also have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Included with Stations we will have benediction, that is, the blessing of the community with Jesus present in the Eucharist. I hope you all have a spiritually fruitful Lent.

Next week, the second collection will be for the Church in Africa. Archbishop Pérez has asked that the following letter be communicated in advance of this collection.

May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa was founded on the basic principles of Saint John Paul II's call to action in Ecclesia in Africa and the adoption of the statement, (continued on page 4...)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Feb. 10		
	5:00 p.m.	T. J. McCarthy	
Sunday	Feb. 11		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Gil Sleutaris	
	11:30 a.m.	Judy & Jerry Bruno	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & Family	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Dec'd members of the	
		Dziedzic & Dundas Fams.	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Ambolino	
	5:00 p.m.	Joan Koebert	
	7:00 p.m.	Richard Jones	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Doris Pellegrino	
Friday	8:00 a.m.		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Dec'd members of the	
		Sansoni & DiTore Fams.	
	Feb. 17		
	5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale	
Sunday	Feb. 18		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Doris Pellegrino	
	11:30 a.m.	Giuditta & Pasquale	
		Bonato	

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Steve Becker, Michelle Bird, Kristina Crawford, Don Doyle, Peter Evans, Sr., Luke Gallo, Sr., Agnes Hagan, 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, Joseph Ranweiler, James Ritsick, Gino Romaniello, Theresa Romaniello, Helen Rosenbaum, Joanne Slouskey, George Snyder, Brian Stec, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Christine Winterborne, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, February 12

*Adoration - 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13

*Mass at Pathways – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

*Rosary & Communion Service - Luther Woods –1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

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

2023 Contribution/Donation Letters

Call 215 672 3020 or email sjc18976@verizon.net

^{*}Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

^{*}Men's Group – 7:45 p.m. Room 18

^{*}Rosary & Communion Service at Christ Home – 2:00 p.m.

^{*}RCIA – Room 18 – after 7:00 p.m. Mass

^{*}Adult Choir Practice -8:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21 **Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor

5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25 *Friday:* Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 *Saturday:* Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mt 4:4b;

Mk 1:12-15

A Note From The Pastor (continued)

A Call to Solidarity with Africa from the Bishops of the United States.

Nations throughout Africa continually face the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemics, severe poverty, and political unrest. Despite these harsh challenges, Catholicism is flourishing throughout Africa.

Your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa assists in the delivery of basic pastoral care including religious education, seminary formation, and youth ministry. It also supports important projects that provide temporal and pastoral care for the sick.

The collection for the Church in Africa will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. On behalf of our brothers and sisters in Africa, I am grateful for your continued generosity.

Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers that your Lenten journey will be a fruitful one on the road to Missionary Discipleship for Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop 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

Archbishop Ryan Winter Social Fundraiser



Saturday, March 2, 2024

7:00 p.m. to midnight Philadelphia Ballroom 2014 Hornig Road Philadelphia PA 19154

All AR Alumni, AR Family & AR Friends are invited! Reserved Tables - \$450/10 tickets. \$50 online/\$55 at the door if tickets are still available. Entertainment provided by **The Exceptions and DJ Bobby Sacco.** Buffet Dinner, Draft Beer, Soda, Desserts, & Hoagies to go, Raffles, 50/50, Auction Items, Drink Specials.

Online Tickets & Sponsorship Opportunities

www.arhs.me/2024wintersocial

Email friendsofryan.team@gmail.com with any questions

Choir Schedule



Adult Choir

February 11th – 11:30 a.m. March 30th – Easter Vigil – 7:30 p.m.

Contemporary Group

February 18th – 11:30 a.m.

Youth Choir

February 25th – 9:30 a.m. March 31st – Easter – 9:30 a.m.

Health & Help Ministry



In recognition of American Heart Month,
Parish Nurses will offer Free Blood
Pressure Checks after all Masses this
Sunday, February 11 in Room 18.

Lenten Retreat

"Your Heart, Jesus' Kindness, and Easter Hope" Wednesday, February 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Jude Church and Shrine, 321 West Butler Ave., Chalfont, PA 18914

- Do you try to do all the right things but still come up half empty?
- Do you more often feel guilt rather than hope or joy?
- Would you like to know what God wants for you?

Presenters Mary Kay and Mike Stebbins come from a place of pain and brokenness. Through their own struggles, they are proof that broken lives can become joy-filled, even in the midst of suffering, through the love of Jesus and the grace of God, and they will help us find this in our own lives. Registration is encouraged but not required. For information and registration: **stjudechalfont.org/event** Mrs. Lori Rawski, Director of Faith Formation,

lrawski@stjudechalfont.org, 215-822-9225 ext. 234

RETROUVAILLE:

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 16 - 18, 2024** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Catholic Men's Conference



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*. https://manupphilly.com/registration

Fuel Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the Pennsylvania Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) is now The Fuel Assistance Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, individuals with a monthly income of \$1,823 or less, or a two-person household with a monthly income of \$2,465 or less, can qualify for the grant. If there are more than two individuals in your household, income guidelines will be given when you call. Call United Social Services at (215) 923-1900, Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. This grant is provided to all who qualify, and does not have to be repaid. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Living Stations of the Cross



Our Living Stations, *performed by our parish youth*, will be held on Friday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend this beautifully spiritual meditation of Our Lord's Passion.

All St. Joseph Parish youth grades 4 through 7 are invited to be a part of this performance. We will meet on Friday, March 22nd at 5:00 p.m. for pizza then practice with the performance being at 7:30 p.m. For more information and to be a part of this performance, please contact either: Rita Roley, 215-872-0499 rroley2325@comcast.net, or Ann Tucci tucci89@verizon.net

St. Stanislaus Parish "GIFT" Program Growing In Faith Together

Tuesday, February 13th 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

Topic: Christian Bioethics and End-of-Life Issues

Speaker: Deacon Jim Browne



Bioethics is a field of study that examines ethical issues and questions about biology and medicine. As Catholics, it's important that we apply the

Church's moral and ethical teachings to concerns about endof-life issues. This presentation will cover topics such as suffering and death from a Catholic perspective, bioethical tools, euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, assisted nutrition and hydration, and the appropriate use of oxygen and ventilators. Our speaker, Deacon Jim Browne, is a certified bioethics consultant and is Chairman of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Bioethics Committee.



	2024	2023
	January 28	January 29
Envelopes	\$ 5,943.00	\$ 6,395.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,956.71	\$ 2,291.73
Total	\$ 7,899.71	\$ 8,686.73



St. Joseph Church CCD Religious Education Program Mr. James Ness, Administrator stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Celebrating Staff and Volunteers



Jesus, you are the master teacher. We thank you for all our CCD volunteers (teachers, aides, and staff) that give their time, energy, and love to make our program special. We ask that you give them the grace they need to model for us true Christian discipleship. Thank you for

the way they live out their call to be missionaries by sharing their faith with our community. Amen.

The Parish Religious Education Program is looking for volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year in the following areas: Catechists, Aides, and hall monitors. We are also looking for substitutes. If you are interested or would like to learn more about the Program, contact Mr. James Ness at stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 13</u> All grades in session. Signed Progress Reports to be returned to teachers.

Monday, February 19 Confirmation retreat 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for students receiving the sacrament of confirmation 2024. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Bus departs and returns to CCD school parking lot.

<u>Tuesday, February 20</u> All grades in session. Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church for all students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) at 6:15 p.m. Families are welcome. In-Person students will report and be dismissed from the CCD Building.

Tuesday, February 27 All grades in session.

<u>Tuesday, March 5</u> All grades in session. Family Home Schooling drop off and pick up assignments in CCD office.

<u>Tuesday, March 12</u> All grades in session. Lenten Penance service for all students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person)

<u>Wednesday, March 13</u> Confirmation practice 6:00-7:15 p.m. in church hall. All students receiving the sacrament of confirmation must attend. Students to be dropped off and picked up at church.

<u>Thursday, March 14</u> Confirmation Mass 5:00 p.m. Students should report to church hall by 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19 All grades in session.

Tuesday, March 26 All grades in session.



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What a busy time! We had a wonderful Catholic Schools Week. One of my favorite parts was welcoming some new people to school to meet the children. Officer Bertram and his canine partner, Drago, from the Bristol Borough Police came to speak to our students last week about their work. Sister Theresa Marie, of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, joined us and spoke with the students about her vocation. The students were so attentive and asked so many great questions. In addition, we just hosted the most adorable Sweetheart Dance for the girls and their dads or special grown up. With so many wonderful things going on, I am grateful that we are blessed by the Church with a liturgical calendar that is always focusing our attention on what is most important. As we move into Lent, SJR will work to focus the attention of both students and staff on preparation for Easter through a time of increased prayer, good works, and fasting. The homeroom classes of students in grades one through eight each select a day each week to attend daily Mass during Lent. We also gather as a community for Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during Lent. This communal aspect of our Lenten devotions and prayer is an important part of our preparations. We will be keeping all of you in our prayers during this special time.

God bless you and have a great 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: **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 vears

Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 **YEARS**

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- Go to https://signup.formed.org/
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St.
- 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.

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.

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.

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
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