



MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:30 P.M.
Sunday: 7:00 A.M., 8:30 A.M.,
 10:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

Weekdays: 8:00 A.M.
 (6:45 A.M. Lent and Advent only)

Saturdays: 8:00 A.M.

Holy Days: 5:30 P.M. Vigil
 6:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. **Eve** of Holy Days and of
 1st Fridays 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.

TV MASS FOR SHUT-INS: TV -Sunday, 5:30 am
 WPVI Channel 6, Radio – Sunday, 9:00am 89.3 FM

BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with one of the priests at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 P.M. Preparation is held on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month, 7:30 P.M., in the Rectory. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a note from their parish on their eligibility as sponsors. 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 any time until 2:00 P.M. or on any weekday.

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: Choir, CCD School of Religion, Catholic Youth Organization, Home & School Association, Legion of Mary, Men's Club, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Pre-Cana, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women's Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

"NOTICES FOR THIS BULLETIN (subject to available space)
 MUST BE AT THE RECTORY AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION."

Masses for the Week

Saturday	January 2, 2010	
	5:30pm	Dec'd Members of DiTore Family
Sunday	January 3, 2010	
	7:00am	People of the Parish
	8:30am	Ann M. Laurich
	10:00am	Snyder and Grossman Families
	11:30am	Martin Harkins
Monday	8:00am	Eleanor R. Zecca, 1 st Anniv.
Tuesday	8:00am	Angelo Tocce
Wednesday	8:00am	Angelo Tocce
Thursday	8:00am	Genevieve Gintvainis
Friday	8:00am	Robert C. Kelly
Saturday	8:00am	Langetti & Piroso Family
Saturday	January 9, 2010	
	5:30pm	Baby John Thomas Rhodes
Sunday	January 10, 2010	
	7:00am	Ann Laurich
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Daniel McPeak
	11:30am	Margaret O'Flaherty

Please Pray For

Those who are ill: Peggy Liberato, Mike McCloskey, III, Sr. Rosemary Haslam, Matt Baruffi, and Stephanie Ionata.

Financial Report 12/27/09

Sunday Collection: \$14,419.00 (\$15,765.00 - 2008)
 409 Sunday Envelopes used
 17 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,987.57
Priests' Monthly Pay	\$ 4,317.00
Supplies	\$ 1,093.00
Repairs/Service	\$ 382.49

Comments on Tithing

"I feel liberated now that I know how much to give. I'm glad to know."

Where There's A Way, There's A Will

St. Augustine urged us to "pursue Charity", saying "Without it, the richest person is poor; with it, the poorest is rich." You can pursue charity in your Will.

We hope you list **St. Joseph Church** among your favorites

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, January 4, 2010**
 *Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *Monday Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm - Church
- Tuesday, January 5, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
- Wednesday, January 6, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement
- Thursday, January 7, 2010**
 *CCD Teacher's Mtg. - 6:30pm - Valley Road School
 *BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement
- Friday, January 8, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 1/9/10 - 1/10/10

- 5:30pm - *Kate Gozdan*
 8:30am - *Meg Ferry*
 10:00am - *Carol Sautner*

Readings For The Week

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or Ps 104; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
 Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Tuesday: St. John Neumann
 Wednesday: Blessed André Bessette
 Thursday: St. Raymond of Peñafort; Julian Calendar Christmas



The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of Our Lord



The Epiphany is a feast that lends itself to making a connection between our celebrations of **Mass at Church** and remembering the **Epiphany at home**.

The exotic figures of the **Wise Men** (or **Magi**) on the Epiphany fascinate children. Your family could talk about them. Artists represent the **Magi** as **Melchior** – an elderly white man who brings **gold**, **Gaspar** – young and dark-skinned has **frankincense** or **incense**, and **Balthazar** – a black man bears **myrrh**. They represent different **races** and **ages of people**.

Their gifts are symbolic: **gold** means **Christ is King**, **frankincense** means **Christ is God**, and the **myrrh** is for **Christ's burial** for He will die.

Perhaps children could talk about a **gift** they would like to bring to the **Baby Jesus**.

There is an old custom of **marking** the date and the initials of the Magi at the door of your home-using traditional names **Gaspar, Melchior** and **Balthazar**. You can write with chalk on the doorway or write on a piece of paper and tape it over the door. This year it would read **20-G-M-B-10** (putting the **initials** inside the numbers for the **new year**).

You can finish with a **Home Blessing**:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed
your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.*

*Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ that
our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

New Support Group

A New Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse is planned for **Jan. 12th, 2010**. A meeting place will be near the **Phila. Airport** and will be confirmed at time of registration.

It will be facilitated by Network of Victim Assistance of Bucks County (NOVA).

More info: please call **NOVA** at 1-800-675-6900.

“March for Life”

Friday - January 22, 2008

The bus leaves **St. Robert Bellarmine** parking lot for the “**March for Life**” in Washington, DC at **7:00am**. Cost: **\$20** which includes bus fare and dinner. **Dress for cold weather**. (Bus will return at approx. 9:45pm) **To ensure a seat, Call: Paul Hottinger @ 215-675-4291.**

Good News

A startling vision is embedded in the second Vatican council document *The Church in the Modern World*: Anyone who helps further the development of the human race also helps the Catholic Church (*Gaudium et Spes*, 44).

We are meant to live in the real world – the world that is messy, confusing, complex, and dangerous. God steps onto the stage of this world. The Spirit works at every level of human affairs. Christ calls *us* to act. Thus, Vatican II called us to read the signs of the times.

What led the Magi's steps? How did they interpret the signs they saw? Starting with stars, they were soon immersed in a deeper search.

Whom did Herod trust? Did he trust the Scriptures? He had his advisors search the prophets to make sense of what the wise men were saying. Herod trusted the Book of Micah enough to fear a new ruler. He tried to draw the wise men into a sinister plan, but the Magi sensed something. Scripture doesn't say they agreed to help, but they must have given Herod the sense that they took him seriously.

The Magi are savvy. They show courage at each stage of the story. They're not afraid to think on their feet. They're not afraid to go against the plans of those in power. They're not afraid to take a route different from the one they'd planned to take.

They would do well in the modern world.

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Respect Life

A new generation of Christians is being called to help build a world in which God's gift of life is welcomed, respected and cherished – not rejected, feared as a threat and destroyed.

A new age in which love is not greedy or self-seeking, but pure, faithful and genuinely free, open to others, respectful of their dignity, seeking their good, radiating joy and beauty.

A new age in which hope liberates us from shallowness, apathy and self-absorption which deaden our souls and poison our relationships... The Lord is asking you to be prophets of this new age, messengers of his love, drawing people to the Father and building a future of hope for all humanity. ---**Pope Benedict XVI @ World Youth Day 2008.**



*How do angels greet each other?
They say, Halo!*

CCD School of Religion

Merry Christmas!!

January Schedule

Tues. Jan. 5: All Grades in Session.

Thurs. Jan. 7: Teacher's Meeting, School Bldg – 6:30pm

Tues. Jan. 12: All Grades in Session. Protecting God's Children Classes.

Mon. Jan. 18: Retreat to St. Katherine Drexel Shrine for Confirmation Class.

Tues. Jan 19: All Grades in Session.

Tues, Jan. 26: All Grades in Session.

Call: *Cathy Cain 215-672-9990 or 215-675-3506*

Retrouvaille – Marriage Help

Retrouvaille is a Catholic based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. All calls are confidential.

The next program will be **Feb. 12-14 @ St. Joseph's** in Malvern. **302-832-8044** or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next couples experience will be **Jan. 29-31, 2010**. For more information, Call: **1-800-456-8330**.

Need for Foster Parents

Catholic Social Services is looking for single or married adults to become foster parents to children of all ages and races. There is a **special need** for families who can provide care to **teenagers** – a population that needs love, guidance and support as they move into adulthood. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call: **215-587-3960**.

The Year of the Priest

The Year of the Priest – **Holy Hour & Benediction, Wed., Jan. 6th, 7:30pm** at **Nativity of Our Lord Church**.

It will be a night of intercession for all Priests and for an increase in vocations. Homilist: Rev. Christopher Rogers.

Super Bowl Dance

Come out and support the SJR Hawks CYO Programs on **Saturday, Feb. 6th, 7:30pm – 12:00am** in **Marley Hall** at **St. Robert's**. Tickets are **\$25** and include admission, door prizes, appetizers, buffet dinner, beer, set-ups, dancing and fun.

Tickets and chances for a LCD TV will be sold after Masses (except 7:00am) beginning Jan. 9-10.

For more info please contact: **Jim Alexander 267-992-7998** or jimalexanbder@comcasr.net or **Bill Horan 215-441-5130** or billhoran@comcats.net.

New Altar Servers Needed



“**God Squad**”, our altar servers, needs new members. **Girls and Boys** must be in the 5th Grade or above. Training session will be in the Parish Church at **1:00pm to 2:30pm** on Saturdays: **Jan. 9th, 16th**.

Attendance at all 2 sessions is strongly encouraged. This is a most important ministry, especially at our weekend worship services. “**Welcome to the God Squad**”

Youth Group

One Warm Coat Drive. Thank you for helping us collect **100 coats** for those in need.

***Birthday Card Ministry:** St. Joseph Youth Group will be participating in a Birthday Card Ministry. If you **choose not** to have your child (Grades 6th – 12th) receive a Birthday Card, please E-Mail stjoesyouth1@gmail.com and state your child's name and grade. Thank you.

Call: **Theresa 215-918-0529**

Market Day

Thanks to everyone who supported our December Sale. **FREE 4-pack PB&J Grahamwiches** come with any \$40 purchase.

Order forms are located in corridor of Church. Order online at www.marketday.com or Call: **Audrey 215-672-1806** by **11:00pm, Saturday, January 9th**.

St. Joseph Students Excel in High School

Congrats!! To the following St. Joseph Students for **Honors** on the First Quarter Report:

Archbishop Wood:

Distinguished Honors: Jennifer Whelan

First Honors: Matthew Abramek, Nadia Alashoush, Elizabeth Barr, Alyssa Getz, Bridget Knox, Jonathan Locco, Matthew Sweeney, Kevin Anderson, Kyle Bond, Alaina Giovannone, Devin Damiani, Joseph Scott, Sarah Yoos, Daniel Budd, Ryan Cantwell, Ryan Hennessey, Laura Hoban, Alfred Karl and Francis Walsh.

Second Honors: Chelsea Bauman, Maria DiPaolo, Joshua Karol, Douglas Macrone, Leah McFarland, Gary Bone, John Cordero, Kiernan Macrone, Francesca Succi, Kristen Costar, Allison Karl, George Griffin and Melissa Weitzel.

Villa Joseph Marie:

High Honors: Alison Lake and Lauren Atkinson

Honors: Diana Atkinson