

**MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE**

**Pastor:** Rev. J. A. Grant  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. John F. Bowe  
**Deacon:** Deacon Karl Hartmann

**School :** 850 Euclid Avenue  
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**WEBSITE:** WWW.SAINTJOSEPHCHURCH.US  
**RECTORY:** 215-672-3020      **SCHOOL:** 215-343-5100

**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 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

**Monday** 8:00am Jean Williams

**Tuesday** 8:00am Members of the Groh Family

**Wednesday** 8:00am Tranquilla Quaglia

**Thursday** 8:00am Tranquilla Quaglia

**Friday** 8:00am John Kelly

**Saturday** 8:00am Romano & Adelina Sansoni

**Saturday January 16, 2010**  
 5:30pm Miss Kitty Casey

**Sunday January 17, 2010**  
 7:00am William J. Spaide  
 8:30am Linda Generale  
 10:00am People of the Parish  
 11:30am Jean Ciavarelli

**Please Pray For**

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

**Financial Report 1/3/10**

Sunday Collection: \$13,626.00 (\$14,545.00 - 2008)  
 390 Sunday Envelopes used  
 11 Parishioners made up for collections missed

**EXPENSES**

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,045.45
Supplies	\$ 2,496.43
Repairs/Service	\$ 2,604.15

**Comments on Tithing**

“God’s grace helped me look at life and rearrange priorities – so I increased my giving though my resources don’t seem to have changed.”

**Where There’s A Way, There’s A Will**

“You owe it to your family” to have a **legal will**. A will lets you continue your love and kindness after death – with your family and your charities. **We hope you remember St. Joseph Church in your will.**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, January 11, 2010**  
 \*Monday - All Day Adoration - Church  
 \*Senior Citizens - 11:00am - Hall  
 \*Monday Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 \*CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 \*RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement  
 \*Respect Life - 7:30pm - Rectory

**Thursday, January 14, 2010**  
 \*BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement  
 \*Pre-Jordan - 7:30pm - Rectory

**Friday, January 15, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

**SCRIP Sellers Schedule 1/16/10 - 1/17/10**

**5:30pm - Julie McReynolds**  
**8:30am - Lynn Cantwell**  
**10:00am - Len Gricoski**

**Readings For The Week**

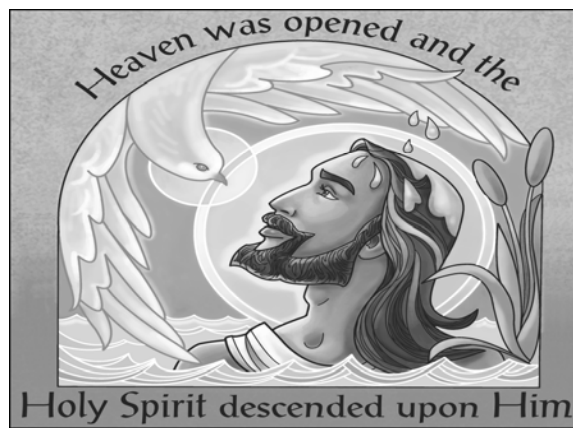
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord;  
 National Vocation Awareness Week

Wednesday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



**The Baptism of the Lord**

**“March for Life”**

**Friday - January 22, 2010**

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.**

*God our loving Father,*

*grant wisdom to those who govern us,  
compassion and courage to those  
who work to defend life,*

*and safety and care to every human being.*

*For you alone formed us in our mother’s womb,  
and who call us home to heaven,  
are God, for ever and ever, Amen*

**Respect Life Committee**

Members are kindly reminded of the next meeting on **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, in the **Rectory at 7:30pm**.

Parish plans and participation for the **Pro-Life March** will be discussed. Thank You and **Happy New Year!**

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**. “The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** provides an opportunity for Catholics in the United States to express compassion...by funding...Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Migration and Refugee Services...”

“We, who are blessed with resources, must remember the poor, since service to those in need is at the heart of the mission of the Church”

-----*Cardinal Rigali*

We will have the **Collection Next Weekend.**

**New Support Group**

A New Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse is planned for **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 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).

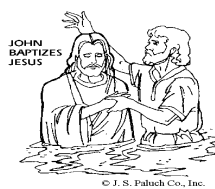
More info: please call **NOVA at 1-800-675-6900**.

**Classes at St. Charles Seminary**

Registrations are being accepted for St. Charles Seminary spring classes. Undergraduate courses begin Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Non-credit adult catechesis program begins in February.

For more info: [www.StudyCatholicTheology.com](http://www.StudyCatholicTheology.com)

**Good News**

*A voice came from the Heavens saying,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I  
am well pleased.”*

*-Matthew 3:17*

When Jesus goes down into the Jordan’s water, he immerses himself in the world of John the Baptist. He walks out into the river and stands next to a stark, strange figure. Jesus is now in a wilderness that needs a new path cut through it. John’s hands grasp and submerge Jesus. He comes up – soaked to the bone – in John’s arms, squinting into the sun, lifted into a striking new vision. Jesus stands in mud and water. The heavens shift and open. And God is pleased. What is unfolding here? Long prophetic hopes have reached out for, yearned for, this event. Here is the One sent by God.

The world is messed up. God promises help.

God sends the prophet John, who preaches. The main act is starting. What will God’s work look like? John sets a stage in a desert. Is that a clever metaphor, a good visual aid? John really *lives* there – in the desert. He eats locusts. (Sound appetizing? Does honey help? Anyone tempted to join him?)

Today’s reading brings a familiar biblical image to our attention. Is it so familiar that our imaginations lose the earthly struggles that engulf these people and their hope for earthly Presence? A spectrum of strong emotions and expectations attach to Isaiah’s prophesy. Life and death are at stake in John’s baptism.

John the Baptist preached *power*. A New Baptizer will use *fire*. It is comforting to know God is coming. But do we want to see the Spirit who comes with fire? Fire can warm us gently. Fire can destroy swiftly. What’s at stake when we say yes to baptism in Jesus Christ?

In that water, we unite ourselves to Christ’s death and resurrection. Here are the waters where Christ’s baptism lives – and lifts us too.

*Dan Finucane*

[sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletin@liguori.org)

**“Thanks” for Christmas Cards**

*Father Grant* and *Father Bowe*  
“**Thank All**” who sent Christmas Cards  
and Greetings, Baked Goods, Candies and  
Presents.

## CCD School of Religion

### January Schedule

**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.

### February Schedule

**Tues. Feb. 2:** All Grades in Session. Progress reports distributed. Service projects due.

**Tues. Feb. 9:** All Grades in Session.

**Tues. Feb. 16:** All Grades in Session.

**Tues. Feb. 23:** All Grades in Session. Stations of the Cross – meet at school.

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](http://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.

## News from the Health & Help Ministry

### **URGENT PLEA!!**

The Red Cross Blood Bank is **empty**. There will be a Blood Drive at St. Joseph in the Church Hall on **Friday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Please call **Mary 215-674-4612** or **Elaine 215-675-8756**.



## Food Collected for the Needy

**Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we collected **670 pounds of food** for the needy. Please remember, we collect food for the needy every **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of the month.

May the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance.

## New Altar Servers Needed

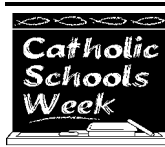


"**God Squad**", our altar servers, needs new members. **Girls and Boys** must be in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade or above. Training session will be in the Parish Church at **1:00pm to 2:30pm** on Saturday, **Jan.16<sup>th</sup>**.

This is a most important ministry, especially at our weekend worship services. "**Welcome to the God Squad**"

## St. Joseph/St. Robert School News

### Catholic Schools Week



This year **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated **January 31<sup>st</sup>** through **February 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) receive a Birthday Card, please E-Mail [stjoesyouth1@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouth1@gmail.com) and state your child's name and grade. Thank you.

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

### Super Bowl Dance

Come out and support the SJR Hawks CYO Programs on **Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 [jimalexander@comcasr.net](mailto:jimalexander@comcasr.net) or **Bill Horan 215-441-5130** or [billhoran@comcats.net](mailto:billhoran@comcats.net).

### Bulletin Bloopers

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.