

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 23, 2010	
	5:30pm	Rosalee & Bobby Stevens
Sunday	January 24, 2010	
	7:00am	Dolores Dunn
	8:30am	Ann Laurich
	10:00am	George McLoughlin
	11:30am	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Jean Williams
Tuesday	8:00am	Mel Sansoni
Wednesday	8:00am	Thomas Hartman
Thursday	8:00am	Zhu Family
Friday	8:00am	Emidio Sansoni
Saturday	8:00am	John R. Hart, 47 th Anniv.
Saturday	January 30, 2010	
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	January 31, 2010	
	7:00am	Thanksgiving
	8:30am	Angelo Tocce
	10:00am	Rev. A. James Chapman
	11:30am	Cecelia Ann Mora

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 1/17/10

Sunday Collection: \$11,601.00 (\$10,772.00 - 2009)
 384 Sunday Envelopes used
 33 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,084.91
Employee's Health Insurance	\$ 2,844.14
Verizon	\$ 382.15
Supplies	\$ 2,109.76
Repairs/Service	\$ 485.00

Comments on Tithing

I feel deeply that tithing can only help me and my family be prepared to meet the Lord."

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 25, 2010

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

- *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
- *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
- *Parish Council & Finance Comm. – 7:00pm - Room 18

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

- *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
- *RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement

Thursday, January 28, 2010

- *BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement
- *HOPE Comm. - 7:30pm - Room 18

Friday, January 29, 2010

- *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 1/30/10 - 1/31/10

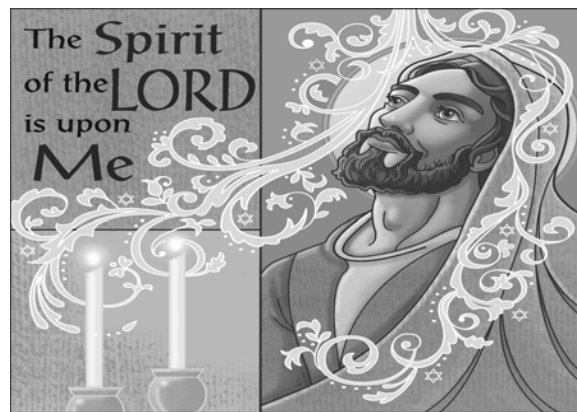
- 5:30pm - Siobhan DuHaim**
- 8:30am - Lisa Austin**
- 10:00am - Meg Ferry**

Readings For The Week

- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Saints and Special Observances

- Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
- Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Wednesday: St. Angela Merici
- Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Why is it....

* Why is it...that the average American will be an eye witness to murder and mayhem, in every conceivable form, thousands of times a year on both television and movies, but the media feels that it is inappropriate to provide the general public with the factual description of even a first trimester abortion, let alone a partial-birth abortion?

A Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Let us pray:

Gentle God,

You call us by name and lead us to life. Through baptism you commission us to proclaim the Good News.

Bless and strengthen all men and women, lay and ordained, who serve in the Church. Guide and give us wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with deacons, priests and religious.

Filled with joy and your Holy Spirit may we follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen

Special Collection for Haiti

We are still learning about the horrible loss of life and injuries in Haiti. Although as single individuals we feel helpless in the face of such devastation, **together** we can **do something good**.

We scheduled for **this weekend** a **special collection for Haitian Relief** in order to respond **quickly** to this tragedy.

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**.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God, grieve your loss, and forgive yourself and others.

Dates: March 12th – 14th, Spirituality Center, Frazer, PA **Call: 215-906-6337** or **610-399-0890** or www.rachelsvineyard.org

Good News

Luke seems anxious to tell his audience he's done his homework.

Luke's the only Gospel that has this sort of beginning. Paul's letters often have standard greetings. With Luke, it's tempting to zip past these little literary openers to get to the good stuff. Let's start the story. Let's hear what Jesus said and did. Luke steps outside the narrative, drawing attention to the fact that it's a story he's researched. Maybe people will wonder how reliable it is. Is this all just made-up stuff? Does that matter? As long as the story is inspiring, does it matter if it's rooted in real events?

Luke admits he's addressing matters he didn't experience. What he writes about was "handed...down to us." Who started the process? Luke tells Theophilus he investigated the material available. He wants to present what came from eyewitnesses.

Today, debates fly in radio and cable-television shows, popular books and magazines and libraries and classrooms about how reliable the Gospels are. Viewpoints span a wide range. If we claim God stepped into history through Christ's life, death and resurrection, we should be willing to study our sources historically.

Other views are clearly historically silly. Some claim we don't know if Jesus ever lived or at least that we cannot know what he taught or did.

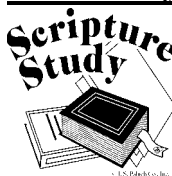
The time and energy spent on technical study of such questions is worth the effort. But let's look at the text closely for Luke's simple statement and concern. Who was close to these events? What did they say?

We make a mistake if we think the Gospels can be treated as twenty-first-century historical textbooks. We make a worse mistake if we ignore their value as first-century witnesses to God's action in history.

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Bible Study



Do you want to read the Bible but don't know how to begin? Then come join us in the Bible Timeline study that will be offered at Saint Joseph Church.

Check future Church bulletins for times, dates and additional information.

Church Bloopers

Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

CCD School of Religion

January Schedule

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

Neumann Spirituality Group

...will hold an outstanding day retreat program at **Nativity of Our Lord Church**, Warminster, on **Wed., Jan. 27th, 9:30am – 2:00pm** entitled **Psalms – Living Prayer**.

Cost \$15 – includes continental breakfast. Lori: 215-675-7835

Parish Health & Help Ministry

Join us as we Journey through the Holy Land – a walking incentive program you can do during Lent.

Sign up after Mass on **Feb. 13th/14th**.

Market Day

Thanks to everyone who supported our January sale.

Cookie Dough Bonus Days! Choose from 9 delicious pre-portioned varieties.

Freequent Buyer: make 2 purchases of \$40 bet. Feb. & April, a third of \$40 in May and receive a **FREE Mike & Mighty Stool**. Order by **11:00pm, Sat., Feb. 6th**.

Call **Audrey** 215-672-1806 or www.marketday.com

Super Bowl of Catholic Thought

Join us on **Sat., Feb. 6th, 8:30 to 12:15** at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** for our annual **Super Bowl of Catholic Thought**.

There will be 6 Topics, 2 Sessions, & a Continental Breakfast. **\$7 suggested donation, \$5 for seniors**.

More info www.ourladymtcarmel.org click on: Adult Faith.

2nd Annual Night for Life

Bucks County Community Women's Center & King's Men are joining for this most needed fundraiser.

The date is **Sat., Feb. 27th, 6:30pm, Trenton Country Club – dinner, open bar, music and silent auction**.

Tickets are **\$125 ea, \$200 couple, \$900 table of ten**, valid till Jan., 31st, (then ticket price will increase).

Visit: www.bccwc.com or www.thekingsmen.us or night4life@live.com

Altar Servers Needed for Confirmation



We need altar servers for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

Bishop Thomas will be here on **Monday March 8th at 4pm**.

There will be a practice on **Sat. Morning – March 6th**. If you are interested in this ministry, please call: **Fr. Bowe** 215-672-3020 no later than **Feb. 26th**.

St. Joseph/St. Robert School News

Can You Help with Tuition?

There are four families in our School that are having a hard time paying tuition.

The remaining tuition for these children is \$9,861.00.

Please call **Fr. Grant** or **Rita Carsley** @ 215-672-3020

Catholic Schools Week

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

Open House:

Sunday, Jan 31st - before & after Mass, **8am – 1pm**,

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd – during classes **10:45am – 12:15pm**

Friday, Feb. 5th - closing Mass **9am, St. Roberts Church**

Youth Group

Jan. 26: Auditions for **Stations of the Cross @ 6:45** in the **CCD Building**.

Jan. 31: **T3 Bible Study** – video, faith sharing & breakfast **10:00am** – then **Mass at 11:30am**.

Super Bowl Sunday: **Hoagie Sale** on the **24th & 31st** after all Masses. (Youth Group Fundraiser) Delivery on **Feb. 7th**.

Feb. 12: **Valentines Day Swing Dance** in Church hall.

June 25-27: Sign up now for our trip to **Steubenville**.

We are collecting printer cartridges and phones. Proceeds help fund summer trip to **Steubenville**.

Call: **Theresa** 215-918-0529 or stjoesyouth1@gmail.com

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).

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