

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 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
Monday	8:00am	Jeanne Kelley
Tuesday	8:00am	Emidio Sansoni
Wednesday	8:00am	Dec'd Members of Hart/Murray Family
Thursday	8:00am	Tom Corcoran
Friday	8:00am	Jack McPeak
Saturday	8:00am	Bernard Skuzinsky
Saturday	February 6, 2010	
	5:30pm	Angelo Tocce
Sunday	February 7, 2010	
	7:00am	People of the Parish
	8:30am	Linda Generale
	10:00am	Rev. A. James Chapman
	11:30am	Joseph A. Bonn

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 1/24/10

Sunday Collection: \$11,293.00 (\$12,245.00 - 2009)
 387 Sunday Envelopes used
 20 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,104.65
Supplies	\$ 2,715.74
Repairs/Service	\$ 1,586.59

Comments on Tithing

“My mother used to say ‘serenity comes to those who know in their hearts they’re doing the right thing.’ During this year I’ve worked my way towards sacrificing a full tithe. I’m serene.”

We Need Old Palm for Ashes



Bring your old palm to Church no later than Sunday Feb. 14th
 We will burn last year’s palm for use on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, February 1, 2010**
 *Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *Monday Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm - Church
- Tuesday, February 2, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
- Wednesday, February 3, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement
- Thursday, February 4, 2010**
 *BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement
- Friday, February 5, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 2/6/10 - 2/7/10

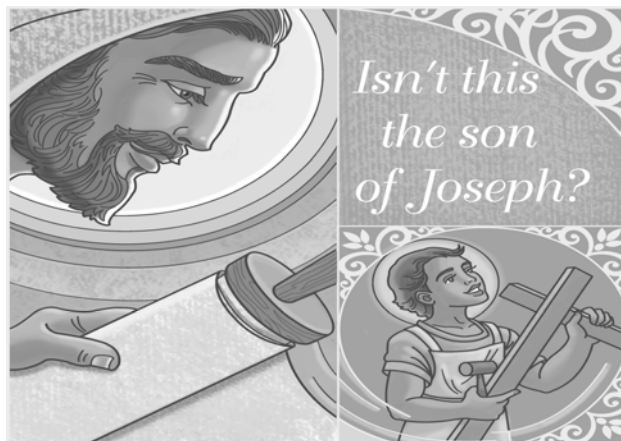
- 5:30pm** - Carol Sautner
8:30am - Kate Gozdan
10:00am - Julie McReynolds

Readings For The Week

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Catholic Schools Week
 Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
 Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
 Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Paul Miki and His Companions;



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Blessing of the Throats



“The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of a Christian.”

We will give a **general blessing of the throats** at the end of Masses today and individual blessings on the **Feast of St. Blaise on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd** during the **8:00am Mass**.

First Friday

First Friday is February 5th, Mass and Sacred Heart Prayer are at 8:00am.

Confessions for First Friday will be Thursday, February 4th, from 7:00pm to 7:30pm.

Food for the Needy



On the **1st Sunday** each month, we have a food collection for the needy. **Non Perishables Only.** Canned goods, dried foods, cereals, pastas, air sealed cookies, etc.

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 **April 23-25, 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

Natural Family Planning Classes

The Family Life Office offers NFP classes throughout the Archdiocese. Learn the Church's teaching on the meaning of responsible parenthood.

Feb. 3rd & 10th, 7:30-9:30pm, St Ignatius Church, Yardley
Mar. 8th & 15th, 7:00-9:00pm, St Margaret, Narberth
215-587-3516 or tseyfer@adphila.org

Presentation of Our Lord – Candlemas Day



Tuesday, February 2, we will celebrate the Feast of the **Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.** **Simeon and Anna** welcomed Him to the temple. Simeon described **Jesus as “a revealing light to the Gentiles.”**

Hence the practice of **blessing candles** for home use. We will bless and give away **votive candles** at the **8:00am Mass.**

Using Blessed Candles



In **Biblical times**, simple pottery lamps which burned oil were in everyday use as a source of light in darkness. (2 Kings 4:10) For **sacred** purposes a lamp stand (**Menorah**) was used in the **Tabernacle** (or tent) before the **Temple** was built.

Flickering flames are natural symbols; they fascinate children. “Candlelight Vigils” mark significant events or tragedies.

Gradually, **candles** took on a **ceremonial** purpose as **symbols of Christ, the Light of the World:** “the true light which enlightens everyone.” (Jn 1:9) Candles were used as a sign of **joy** and **respect.** To this day, we use candles with every sacrament except Penance. At **Baptism** a lit candle is given with the words: “**Keep the flame of faith burning brightly.**” In some ill-defined way, a candle came to symbolize **sacrifice** and **prayer** since the candle burns itself out. Hence, the custom of “votive” candles came to represent one's prayer and expectant faith. **Faith** in things **unseen** can be strengthened by things **seen.**

Bible Study



Has your Bible been collecting dust? The Bible is more than a book; it is an incredible story of salvation history – God's precious plan to lead His people.

Would you like to read it, but you don't know how to get started? Then come join us in the Bible Timeline study that will be offered at Saint Joseph. Check future church bulletins for times, dates and additional information.

Church Bloopers

Wanted: Part Time, a Christian nanny to take care of our two-year-old who does not smoke or drink.

CCD School of Religion

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*

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**.

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 or E-Mail tlmolz@comcast.net

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). **Jim Alexander 267-992-7998 or jimalexander@comcast.net** or **Bill Horan 215-441-5130 or billhoran@comcast.net**.

Market Day

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

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

Catholic Schools Week 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

SJR School's Spirit Night

Join us at **Mike's York Street Bar & Grill** on **Thursday, February 11th**, from **11:30am until 10:00pm**.

Use this blurb or a voucher sent home through school for SJR to get credit. Don't forget at **Mike's Kids (10 and under)** eat free between **4 & 7pm**. (2 per adult with purchase of an entrée).

Pizza and Hoagie Coupon Sale

"Everyone Eats Pizza during Lent"

Now through **March 31st** – stock up on coupons at the School Office.

Large plain or white Pizza - **\$10** and Hoagies - **\$5.50**.

Coupons are good at **Warrington Pizza** or **Pizza Plaza** and are valid till **April 30th**.

Youth Group

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