

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

**Pastor:** Rev. J. A. Grant  
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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6, 2010</b>	
	5:30pm	Angelo Tocce
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 7, 2010</b>	
	7:00am	People of the Parish
	8:30am	Linda Generale
	10:00am	Rev. A. James Chapman
	11:30am	Joseph A. Bonn
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Bonnie Roemer
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	Kenneth Paul Fisher
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Linda Generale
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Joseph Faust
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	Piroso & Langetti Family
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Kay Hilburn
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 13, 2010</b>	
	5:30pm	Consalvo & Salvia Families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 14, 2010</b>	
	7:00am	Emidio Sansoni
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Joseph Vincelli
	11:30am	Elizabeth Pergolin

**Please Pray For**

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

**Financial Report 1/31/10**

Sunday Collection: \$12,089.00 (\$12,793.00 - 2009)  
 392 Sunday Envelopes used  
 25 Parishioners made up for collections missed

**EXPENSES**

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,987.57
Priests' Monthly Pay	\$ 4,317.00
Supplies	\$ 2,321.51
Repairs/Service	\$ 2,489.49
Insurance	\$ 11,504.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 17,180.00

**Valentine Blessing for Couples**

Next weekend – Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, at the end of all the Masses, we will offer a **Special Blessing for couples for Valentine's Day**



**We Need Old Palm for Ashes**



Bring your old palm to Church **no later than Sunday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 We will burn last year's palm for use on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, February 8, 2010**

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

**Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

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

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010**

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

**Thursday, February 11, 2010**

- \*BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement
- \*Pre-Jordan - 7:30pm - Rectory

**Friday, February 12, 2010**

- \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
- \*Youth Group Swing Dance - 7:00pm - Hall

**Sunday, February 14, 2010**

- \*Blood Pressure Screening - after Masses - Room 18

**SCRIP Sellers Schedule 2/13/10 - 2/14/10**

- 5:30pm - Lynn Cantwell
- 8:30am - Len Gricoski
- 10:00am - Nora Quigley

**Readings For The Week**

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Saints and Special Observances**

- Sunday: World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scout Sunday; Boy Scouts of America 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine
- Wednesday: St. Scholastica
- Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
- Friday: Lincoln's Birthday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



**They left everything and followed him.**



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this Lenten Season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Archdiocese:  
**Every Church – Every Wednesday - 7:00pm to 8:00pm**

## Collection for Care of Aging & Infirm Priests

“many of the priests who...labored in the vineyard are now retired and some are physically ill....Their care and welfare, so well deserved,...is the responsibility of us all....”

“...I call upon your commitment to these faithful servants through our annual **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of Philadelphia.... I ask your generous financial support and your continued prayers for all our retired and infirm priests....” -----**Cardinal Rigali**  
*The collection is today!*

## 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. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30pm, St Ignatius Church, Yardley**  
**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm, St Margaret, Narberth**  
 215-587-3516 or [tseyfer@adphila.org](mailto:tseyfer@adphila.org)

## Report to Parish at Masses 1/31/10

For more than a year, the parish **Pastoral & Finance Councils** have been meeting each month to refine a **capital campaign** to build a **new Church**. They chose **Lynn Cummings Assoc.** to do the financial feasibility study.

Last weekend, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, we invited everyone to a “**Town Meeting**” concerning the **financial feasibility** of a **new Church**. At that meeting, **Lynn Cummings** explained how this study was done and the **results**. She commented that although the parish seems in favor of a new Church, it would not be possible to raise the necessary funds to cover one half the costs **and then** carry the debt payments for the balance.

When asked about the **timing**, Lynn answered that during tough economic times people are more realistic in what they **pledge**, and that is usually a **plus**. **Some hopes were dashed**, but parishioners spoke up with suggestions to improve the **existing Church**.

The following day, a small group met with Michael O’Rourke, an architect. He felt we could change the **entire appearance** of the existing Church for the amount **Lynn Cummings** said we could raise, plus some **reserves**. A budget of approx. \$900,000 should cover the cost for the Church and bathrooms.

Some of the ideas were: better lighting, windows, flooring, painting, a totally new look for the ceiling, and using space in the back of Church for a new Baptistry.

Michael O’Rourke will draw up plans. Once we receive his proposals, we will call another “town meeting.”

## Good News

Sometimes the disciples of Jesus look like zombies. Lots of movies have been made about Jesus. Some are better than others.

The story of Christ is, of course, a different sort to tell. Some films try to convey a feeling of profundity or holiness on screen. Can this be done? What does holiness look like? Maybe if we get these guys to walk slowly, speak in somber tones – “for heaven’s sake, keep your voices hushed and serious! You’re presenting biblical teaching here!” In some films, Christ’s followers walk through scenes like the Sermon on the Mount looking as if they’re in a special place, but not a very earthly one.

How real were these guys? What sort of people did Jesus actually attract? What would documentary footage look like? Jesus got the attention of actual people: first-century blue-collar workers, office managers, waitresses, and lawyers.

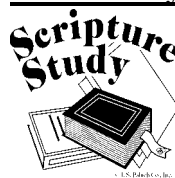
Can you image the disciples sitting around in a pub at night? Did they laugh, tell stories, tease each other the way tired friends do at the end of the day? Certainly they talked about serious issues too. They risked their homes, families, and careers to be with Jesus. “The kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15, Luke 10:9). What does that mean? They were trying to find out.

Why did they take the risk? They were drawn to by a real person. Jesus didn’t have them wandering around spouting trite sayings or looking vague and otherworldly.

The disciples followed Jesus because they were awake for the first time in their lives. They were intent with the desire to follow this person who drew their deepest hopes together. They were alive in a way that made their earlier view of the world seem like a trance. Following Christ, they were more focused and freer than they had ever been in their lives.

--- **-Dan Finucane**

## Bible Study



You may have noticed announcements in the bulletin for several weeks about a **Bible Study** that will soon start here at St. Joseph.

If you ever wanted to read the Bible, but stopped in frustration or confusion, the Bible Timeline could be for you. Be on the lookout – **there will be an insert in next week’s bulletin** that will give the dates, times, costs, as well as a registration form.

## Food for the Needy



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

## CCD School of Religion

### February Schedule

- 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.

### March Schedule

- Tues. Mar. 2:** All Grades in Session  
**Sat. Mar. 6:** Confirmation Practice – 9:30am.  
**Mon. Mar. 8:** Confirmation - 4:00pm  
*Call: Cathy Cain 215-672-9990 or 215-675-3506*

## Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion.

**Dates:** March 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Spirituality Center, Frazer, PA *Call: 215-906-6337 or 610-399-0890 or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)*

## 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 **April 23-25, 2010**. For more information, *Call: 1-800-456-8330*.

## Men's Spirituality Conference

### MEN OF THE PARISH

Join us on **Sat., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>**, at Archbishop Ryan H.S. for a day of fellowship and inspiration.

The closing Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Rigali.

Register online [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org) and look for the Men's Spirituality Conference logo or call **215-587-5630**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 27<sup>th</sup>, 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., 31<sup>st</sup>, (then ticket price will increase).

**Visit:** [www.bccwc.com](http://www.bccwc.com) or [www.thekingmen.us](http://www.thekingmen.us) or [night4life@live.com](mailto:night4life@live.com) or E-Mail [tlmolz@comcast.net](mailto:tlmolz@comcast.net)

## Parish Health & Help Ministry

Join us as we **Journey through the Holy Land**. Sign up after Mass on **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** in the Blood Pressure Room.

**February is Children's Dental Health Month**. Stop by the table in the hallway for information and **GOODIES**.

## Altar Servers Needed for Confirmation



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

**Bishop Thomas** will be here on **Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**.

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

## 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*

## New Family Registration

**Tues. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** in the School Library @ **9:30 – 11:30am** and **6:00 – 8:00pm**.

**Bring the following:**

Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Records, \$75 Fee ea., & Certificate from parish of residence.

**Pre K** – child must be 4yrs. old by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Kindergarten** - child must be 5yrs. old by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**First Grade** – child must be 6yrs. old by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Spring Pancake Breakfast



We are planning a **Pancake Breakfast** for **Sun., March 28<sup>th</sup>**. **WE NEED HELP!** Our Planning meeting will be **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in **Room 18**. *Call Carol at 215-343-0308*.

## School's Spirit Night

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

Use this blurb or a voucher sent home through school for SJR to get credit. Don't forget **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 31<sup>st</sup> – stock up on coupons at the School Office. Large plain or white Pizza - **\$10** and Hoagies - Coupons are good at **Warrington Pizza** or **Pizza Plaza** and are valid till **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

## Youth Group

**Feb. 12:** Valentines Day Swing Dance in Church Hall **7:00-10:00pm**

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

*Call: Theresa 215-918-0529 or [stjoesyouth1@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouth1@gmail.com)*