



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

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| Saturday | February 13, 2010 | |
| | 5:30pm | Consalvo& Salvia Families |
| Sunday | February 14, 2010 | |
| | 7:00am | Emidio Sansoni |
| | 8:30am | People of the Parish |
| | 10:00am | Joseph Vincelli |
| | 11:30am | Elizabeth Pergolin |
| Monday | 8:00am | Earl Newhard |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday | 6:45am | Intentions of Barbara Peters |
| | 8:00am | Intentions of Joan Agrelo |
| | 7:00pm | Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday | 6:45am | Intentions of Chris Repkoe |
| | 8:00am | Intentions of Erin Jorgenson |
| Friday | 6:45am | Tom Corcoran |
| | 8:00am | Intentions of Nancy Scipione |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Romano & Adeline Sansoni |
| Saturday | February 20, 2010 | |
| | 5:30pm | Robert Kelly |
| Sunday | February 21, 2010 | |
| | 7:00am | Mary Zipay |
| | 8:30am | Ann M. Laurich |
| | 10:00am | People of the Parish |
| | 11:30am | Cecilia Mora |

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 2/7/10

Sunday Collection: \$10,295.00 (\$13,89500 - 2009)
 317 Sunday Envelopes used
 16 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

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|-----------------|-------------|
| School Subsidy | \$ 2,966.50 |
| Employee Pay | \$ 4,084.91 |
| Supplies | \$ 3,700.92 |
| Repairs/Service | \$ 1,928.92 |

Valentine Blessing for Couples



This weekend – Feb. 13th & 14th, 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 today - Sunday Feb. 14th**
 We will burn last year's palm for use on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 15, 2010

*Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *BSA Comm. Mtg. - 6:30pm - Rectory Basement
 *Monday Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
 *Health & Help Ministry - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement
 *Liturgy Meeting. - 7:30pm - Room 18

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

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

Thursday, February 18, 2010

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

Friday, February 19, 2010

*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 2/20/10 - 2/21/10

5:30pm - Joanne Burdulis
8:30am - Mary Huegel
10:00am - Siobhan DuHaime

Readings For The Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day; Chinese New Year 4708
 Monday: Presidents' Day
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
 Friday: Abstinence



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6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Ash-Wednesday: Doorway To Lent



Lent begins with **Reminders**: The **Sign of the Cross** shows we belong to Christ. The **Ashes** remind us that God made us and “unto dust you shall return.”

In the Bible, **ashes** are symbols of penance or grief. Why do hundreds of parishioners come to Church on **Ash Wednesday**? Because we are sinners who need to do penance and seek **God’s mercy**. *“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”*

Schedule for Ash Wednesday:

February 25th

Ashes within Masses: 6:45am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

Scripture Service with Ashes: 5:00pm

Jesus spoke about **Prayer**, **Fasting** and **Almsgiving**.

I. Almsgiving or acts of charity affect our relationship with **others**.

II. Prayer involves our relationship with **God**.

III. Fasting or **Self-Denial** touches our relationship with **ourselves**.



Jesus said to His disciples: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.” **Good deeds** should be done for **God**, not for human rewards. **Christ** wants an **inner conversion** of **heart**, not **outward works** done to be **seen**. Yet we express our inner conversion in a visible way through gestures, like ashes and acts of penance.

I. Almsgiving: means **donations** for those **in need**. Every act of charity or favor we do for others is a form of almsgiving when done out of **love** for **Christ**. **St. Augustine** said that generosity to the **Poor** is “**one of the wings of prayer**”. We encourage everyone to participate in **Operation Rice Bowl** which includes **Almsgiving**.

II. Prayer: “**Lift your mind and heart to God**”. Praying is as natural for believers as a child calling for a parent. **Personal Prayer** may take many forms: **adoration**, **thanksgiving**, **contrition** and **petition**. It has to come from the heart. We spill out what is within our hearts – especially whatever needs healing or forgiving.

Prayer is **vocal** when we use spoken words (Hail Mary, Our Father). It is called “**mental prayer**” when we are not speaking but thinking or meditating as we try to be attentive to God’s presence. The **Rosary** combines meditation on the mysteries of Christ’s life along with vocal prayers.

The celebration of **Mass** is the “**summit and source**” of prayer and the whole Christian life.

II. Prayer: (continued)

Mass: Weekdays: 6:45am & 8:00am, Saturday: 8:00am. We encourage you to participate in **Mass** and to receive Our Lord in the **Holy Eucharist daily**. Consider joining in Mass one day a week for Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mondays: beginning after **8:00am Mass** until **Rosary and Benediction at 7:30pm**.

Fridays in Lent: After **8:00am Mass** until **7:30pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction**. (except Good Friday)



Rosary:

Monday -- Saturday after **8:00am Mass** and **Saturday 5:00pm** before Vigil Mass.



Stations of the Cross:

Fridays – 7:30pm.

Children’s Stations :

Tuesday- Feb. 23rd, 4:45 & 6:30pm



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Church – Every Wednesday 7:00pm to 8:00pm

III. Fasting: **Fasting** means eating **less food**: limiting ourselves to a **single full meal** a day and making the other two meals **lighter**. When we fast, we empty ourselves in order to increase our **hunger** for **God**. Our bishops ask “all persons **eighteen years of age** and older, up to and including their **fifty ninth birthday**, are bound to **fast**...on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.”

Abstinence: is avoiding **meat**. Our Bishops prescribe “as a minimal obligation that all persons who are **fourteen years of age** and older are bound to **abstain** from eating meat on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays** of **Lent**.”

In addition to **fasting** and **abstinence** from meat, **voluntary acts of self-denial** are a form of fasting in a broad sense. We decide to “give up something for Lent” or make a sacrifice to take time for prayer, come to Mass on a weekday, join in Lenten devotions or do acts of kindness – all involve sacrifice and mirror the spirit of Lent...

Operation Rice Bowl

RICE BOWL



Operation Rice Bowl is the opportunity to **fast, pray & give alms**.

Once a week, prepare a **simple, inexpensive meal** and give the money saved to the **Rice Bowl** for the **poor**. The **meal** itself is a form of **fasting** and includes **prayer**.

CCD School of Religion

February Schedule

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

Tues. Mar 9: All Grades in Session.

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 12th-14th, Spirituality Center, Frazer, PA

Call: 215-906-6337 or 610-399-0890 or

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next couples experience will be April 23-25, 2010. For more information, Call: 1-800-456-8330.

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.thekingmen.us or night4life@live.com or E-Mail tlmolz@comcast.net

Parish Health & Help Ministry

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

Purchase a pedometer and register. Prizes will be awarded to the best participant.

Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

"For many years, Catholics in...the former Soviet Union practiced their faith in the shadows of fear of persecution. Despite these obstacles, Catholics continue to grow in faith and numbers...."

"Your participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will assist in building churches; training...pastors and lay people; sustaining orphanages; evangelizing children, adults...."

"...I am grateful on behalf of our Catholic brothers and sisters in Central and eastern Europe, for your generous sacrifice and prayers."

--Cardinal Justin Rigali

We will have this collection on Ash Wednesday 2/17.

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 \$8,861.00.

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

Spring Pancake Breakfast



We are planning a Pancake Breakfast for Sun., March 28th. WE NEED HELP!

Call Carol at 215-343-0308.

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

Youth Group

Thank You! To all our parishioners who supported the Youth Group Hoagie Sale. \$530.00 was raised for our summer trip to Steubenville.

Feb. 21: Start of 6 week Faith Sharing Group.

Mar. 7: Teen Convocation.

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

Collection: Archdiocesan High School



The Archdiocesan High Schools were built and are sustained through the generosity of the faithful of the Archdiocese.

Everything you put in this collection will directly reduce our Parish assessment.

There will be a second collection next weekend, Feb. 20/21.