



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	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
Monday		6:45am Intentions of Rose Kaminski
		8:00am Intentions of Karen Baranowski
Tuesday		6:45am Kay Hilburn
		8:00am Intentions of Sandy Lang
Wednesday		6:45am Intentions of Andrea Schill
		8:00am Intentions of Danny Schill
Thursday		6:45am Intentions of Theresa Needham
		8:00am Intentions of Angela Crowen
Friday		6:45am Intentions of Peggy Trask
		8:00am Dudas & McGowen Families
Saturday		8:00am Stretch & Ferry Family
Saturday	February 27, 2010	5:30pm Raymond Littel, Sr. & Jr.
Sunday	February 28, 2010	7:00am Joseph Forler, Sr.
		8:30am Brenda Johnson
		10:00am Mary Concannon
		11:30am People of the Parish

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 2/14/10

Sunday Collection: \$11,707.00 (\$9,996.00 - 2009)
 355 Sunday Envelopes used
 30 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,183.57
Employee Health Insurance	\$ 2,844.14
PECO	\$ 3,336.56
Verizon	\$ 382.61
Supplies	\$ 336.58
Repairs/Service	\$ 1,210.00

Snow & Ice Removal

Snow and ice removal cost for January 2010 was \$2,198.23. The special collection taken up on **Sunday Feb. 14th** came to **\$1,073.00**. Thank you for your contributions!

Haiti Relief Fund

The special collection taken up on **January 24th** came to **\$6,968.00**.

This Week in Our Parish**Monday, February 22, 2010**

*Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *Senior Citizens -11:00pm to 2:30pm - Hall
 *Monday Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

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

Thursday, February 25, 2010

*BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement
 *HOPE Committee Mtg - 7:30pm - Rectory Bsmt Small Rm

Friday, February 26, 2010

*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 2/27/10 - 2/28/10

5:30pm - Lisa Austin

8:30am - Meg Ferry

10:00am - Kate Gozdan

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27;
 Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter; Washington's Birthday
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp
 Friday: Abstinence



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1st Sunday of Lent
 February 21, 2010

Lenten Services

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.

CCD Children's Stations :

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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.

Operation Rice Bowl



Operation Rice Bowl is the opportunity to **Fast, pray and 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**.

Letter from the Cardinal

Lent 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Through the solemn forty days of lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our desire to conform ourselves more fully to Christ each day is given expression during this holy season through acts of penance. We have all been made one with Christ through baptism. Penance offers us the opportunity to allow the sanctifying grace of this Sacrament to unfold more completely in our lives.

Efforts at reconciliation, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor, the practice of charity, care for the poor, prayer, the exercise and defense of justice and the endurance of persecution for righteousness' sake are all means by which we can take up our cross each day and become united to Christ more fully.

I encourage you to embrace these works of love of God and neighbor during the days of Lent so as to be prepared to renew the promises of your baptism at Easter and so be more fully a part of the life of Christ and his Church. In particular I recommend to all of you the reception of the Sacrament of penance, by which our Lord Jesus Christ personally offers His mercy and love.

Sincerely in Christ,
Cardinal Justin Rigali

National Migration Week Mass

National Migration Week Mass will be celebrated **Sun., March 7th**, at the **Cathedral, 8th Street & The Parkway**.

Cardinal Rigali will be the celebrant and homilist.

At **2:00pm**, there will be a **Procession of Ethnic Communities** with selections of hymns by community members. **Mass** will begin at **2:30pm**.

Men's Spirituality Conference

MEN OF THE PARISH

Join us on **Sat., Mar. 13th**, 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 and look for the Men's Spirituality Conference logo or call **215-587-5630**

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 today **Feb. 20/21**.

CCD School of Religion

February Schedule

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.

Retreat for Single Parents

Join us for a retreat for single parents at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church on Sat., March 13th, 9am – 12Noon. marysteinmetz@verizon.net or 215-362-2583 for more info.

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.

Visit: www.bccwc.com or www.thekingsmen.us or night4life@live.com or E-Mail tlmolz@comcast.net

Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Want to return? Please join us for a six week series that begins Thurs., April 8th at 7:30pm at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church, Almshouse Rd., Jamison. 215-343-1288.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive



St. Vincent de Paul Society will be @ St. Vincent de Paul, Richboro on Sat. & Sun. March 27th & 28th, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Call 215-288-9540.

They accept all usable clothing, small household goods, pots & pans, dishes, cooking utensils; small appliances (must be in good working condition).

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 \$6,667.00.

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

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

Consignment Sale

Consignment Sale at St. Robert's Church Hall – Sat. - March 6th – 8am to 12noon and Sun. – March 7th – after all the Masses.

Bargains for everyone! Estate items, children's goods, baby clothes, furniture, books, toys, jewelry and much more.

Website Milestone



Our website (www.saintjosephchurch.us) achieved another milestone last week, registering over **10,000** visits since January 2009. Thank you for using our online resources.