

MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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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

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
Monday	6:45am	Intentions of Lisa Candelori
	8:00am	Catherine & John Dudas
Tuesday	6:45am	Intentions of Michelle Farrell
	8:00am	Intentions of Leslie Carroll
Wednesday	6:45am	Joseph P. Chapman
	8:00am	Dec'd Members of Hart/Murray Family
Thursday	6:45am	Intentions of Claire Brooks
	8:00am	Intentions of Fran Sims
Friday	6:45am	Intentions of Kathie Sims
	8:00am	Robert Kelly
Saturday	8:00am	Leonard Ferry
Saturday	March 6, 2010	
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	March 7, 2010	
	7:00am	Emidio Sansoni
	8:30am	Linda Generale
	10:00am	Elmer & Marie Grossman
	11:30am	Cecilia Mora

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 2/21/10

Sunday Collection: \$11,791.00 (\$12,321.00 - 2009)
 399 Sunday Envelopes used
 19 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,025.72
Supplies	\$ 2,449.67
Repairs/Service	\$ 181.50

Comments on Tithing

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

"Where There's A Way, There's A Will"

St. Francis of Assisi said: "Men lose all material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the rewards."

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, March 1, 2010**
 *Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *Monday Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm - Church
- Tuesday, March 2, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
- Wednesday, March 3, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement
- Thursday, March 4, 2010**
 *BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement
 *Bible Study - 7:00pm - Room 18
- Friday, March 5, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *Bible Study - 8:45pm - Room 18

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 3/6/10 - 3/7/10

- 5:30pm - Julie McReynolds**
8:30am - Carol Sautner
10:00am - Lynn Cantwell

Readings For The Week

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Purim (Jewish observance)
 Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel
 Thursday: St. Casimir
 Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer
 Saturday: First Saturday



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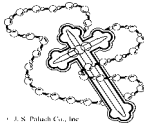
2nd Sunday of Lent

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)

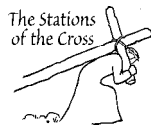


Rosary:

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

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays – 7:30pm. except 3/19
Mass of St. Joseph



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

First Friday

First Friday is March 5th, Mass and Sacred Heart Prayer are at 8:00am. Adoration (see above).

Confessions for First Friday will be Thursday, March 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.

New Catholic Media CD's

Stop by the Lighthouse Catholic Media stand next to our St. Joseph statue and see what's new!

Pick up one of the new titles this Lenten season: **The True Meaning of Easter** by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, **The Saving Power of Divine Mercy** by Fr. Jason Brooks, **Searching the Scriptures: the Gospel of John** by Stephen Ray, **Why Go to Mass** by Bishop Alexander Sample, and more.

Easter Flowers Memorials



The donation envelope for Easter Flowers Memorials will be collected the weekend of March 6th/7th.

The list of names will be in a later bulletin, we must have the envelopes no later than March 21st.

P.S. Please PRINT the names – sometimes handwriting is difficult to read. Thank you!

Good News

If you were old enough in 2001 to understand the events of 9/11, you probably remember where you were when you heard about them. Some of us have a similar recollection of the Challenger explosion. And some of us remember President Kennedy's assassination.

News that huge – news that changes our world – cracks open our awareness and does something to our perceptions. We see more, and we see more clearly than usual. Life may seem bigger or seem to be in slow motion, but at the same time what we experience is *very real*.

It's not "beyond" our awareness. It's deeper awareness – something that puts our existence in a certain place at a certain time under a magnifying glass.

Consider what happened to the disciples of Jesus when He was transfigured before their eyes.

He picked the friends he was closest to.

Something deep and intimate is at stake here for Peter, John and James. Moses and Elijah, two of the greatest prophets and the foundations of Israel's faith and practice and its deepest hopes, were drawn into their vision.

God's own voice says to all of them, this is the Chosen One – my Son. Listen.

This is a pivotal point in the disciples' lives.

It draws everything together: their insights into Christ's teaching and their realization of who Christ is.

Later, Paul reminds the Philippians that Christ's disciples will be transformed too. There's more to come from the Transfiguration.

The disciples don't speak about what they've seen until they experience something more – Christ's risen body and an empty tomb. On this strange day, God opens the disciples' eyes about Jesus Christ.

We get a first look – at God's answer to death.

----Dan Finucane

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**

CCD School of Religion

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.
Wed. Mar. 10: First Eucharist
 Parents Meeting 7:00pm
Tues. Mar. 16: All Grades in Session
Tues. Mar. 23: All Grades in Session
Tues. Mar. 30: All Grades in Session. Registration begins for 2010/2011 School Year.
 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
 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**.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive



St. Vincent de Paul Society will be @ **St. Vincent de Paul, Richboro** on **Sat. & Sun. March 27th/28th**, 9am to 2pm.- **215-288-9540**.
 They accept all usable clothing, small household goods, pots & pans, dishes, cooking utensils; small appliances (must be in good working condition).

2010 RCIA Scone Sale



Attention Bakers & Scone Lovers!

St. Joseph's RCIA will hold their annual "Scone Sale" (Irish Soda Bread) the weekend of **March 13th-14th** after all the Masses.

We appeal to "all bakers" to share your talent, and at the same time, help subsidize the RCIA service project. This is the RCIA's only fund raiser.

Recipes are available on the posters in the corridor at Church. Thank you for your help & prayers.

Call: **Bob 215-674-8129 or rweychert@verizon.net**

Altar Servers Needed for Confirmation



We need **1 more altar server** 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**. Please call: **Fr. Bowe 215-672-3020**.

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 \$6,167.00.

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

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.

Make Our Day – Drive a Chevrolet



Drivers Wanted

March 2nd, 3rd & 4th

829 W. Street Rd., Warminster

9am to 8pm,

Take a **spin** around the block and **Lafferty** will donate **\$10** to our school - **\$15** on "Windfall **Wednesday**", **March 3rd**.

One driver, 18 or over, per household is permitted.

Market Day

This month we earn extra dollars on each dessert item on page 4 of the brochure. **FREE** Stain Erasers with any \$40 purchase.

March order forms are located in the corridor of Church or order on line @ www.marketday.com or **Call Audrey 215-672-1806** by **11:00pm Saturday, March 8th**.

Youth Group

Spring Pancake Breakfast



Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 28th

Tickets on sale after all the Masses **3/13-14 & 3/20-21**. **\$5** ea or **\$25** per family. Proceeds support **St. Joseph's Youth Group**.

This includes **Pancakes** (and all the fixings), **Easter Egg Hunt** for kiddies (after **10:00 Mass** & provided by the Youth Group), the **Crusaders** (for music) and Pictures with the **Easter Bunny**.

The Youth Group welcomes donations of wrapped candy & plastic eggs for the egg hunt. **Call Carol at 215-343-0308**.

Upcoming Events

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**