

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

**Pastor:** Rev. J. A. Grant  
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**Deacon:** Deacon Karl Hartmann

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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>March 20, 2010</b>	
	5:30pm	Louise & George Snyder
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 21, 2010</b>	
	7:00am	Ken Fisher
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Edward Reid
	11:30am	Cecilia Mora
<b>Monday</b>	6:45am	Intentions of Michelle Krysztofiak
	8:00am	Mary & Joe Vincelli
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:45am	Intentions of Paul Tucci
	8:00am	Intentions of Morgan Mallon
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:45am	Intentions of Jessica Horwath
	8:00am	Linda Generale
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45am	Georgette Hand
	8:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Friday</b>	6:45am	Annie & William McLucas
	8:00am	Sean Sharkey
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Geri Frawley
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 27, 2010</b>	
	5:30pm	Consalvo & Salvia Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 28, 2010</b>	
	7:00am	Emidio Sansoni
	8:30am	Shawn O'Leary
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Colleen Boggs

**Please Pray For**

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

**Financial Report 3/ 14/10**

Sunday Collection: \$9,895.00 (\$10,616.00 - 2009)  
 303 Sunday Envelopes used  
 22 Parishioners made up for collections missed

**EXPENSES**

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,104.65
Supplies	\$ 1,364.21
Repairs/Service	\$ 2,896.40
Boiler Repair	\$ 1,118.00
Insurance	\$ 4,381.00
Snow Removal for February	\$ 11,436.00

**Heaven**

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.  
*John Henry Newman*

**This Week in Our Parish**

- Monday, March 22, 2010**  
 \*Monday - All Day Adoration - Church  
 \*SeniorCitizens - 11:00pm - Hall  
 \*Monday Rosary - 7:30pm - Church
- Tuesday, March 23, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 \*CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School  
 \*Men's Club Meeting - 7:30pm - Church Hall  
 \*Liturgy Comm. Meeting - 7:45pm - Room 18
- Wednesday, March 24, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 \*RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement
- Thursday, March 25, 2010**  
 \*BSA Troop #137 - 6:30pm - Hall and Rectory Basement  
 \*Bible Study - 7:00pm - Room 18  
 \*H.O.P.E. Comm. - 7:30pm - Rectory
- Friday, March 26, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 \*Bible Study - 8:45am - Room 18  
 \*Living Stations - 7:30pm - Church

**SCRIP Sellers Schedule 3/27/10 - 3/28/10**

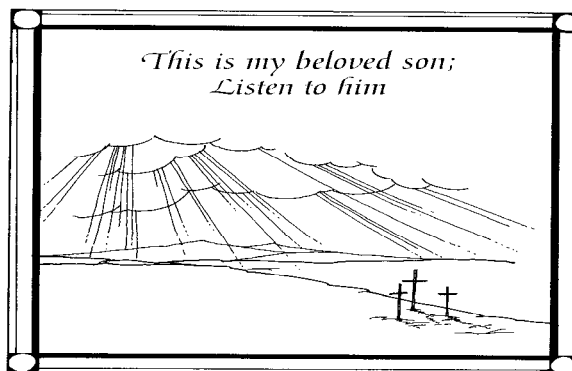
- 5:30pm - Kate Gozdan**  
**8:30am - Carol Sautner**  
**10:00am - Meg Ferry**

**Readings For The Week**

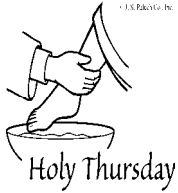
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:12-20  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

**Saints and Special Observances**

- Tuesday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo  
 Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
 Friday: Abstinence



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**Needed: Volunteers for Holy Week****Holy Thursday – Washing of the Feet**

During **7:30pm Mass** of the **Lord's Supper**, we want to reenact the Gospel where Our Lord **washed the feet of His Apostles**. We are looking for men, women and youths. Sign up papers in back of Church.

**Good Friday – Tenebrae Service**

At **7:30pm**, we will have **Readings** and **Psalms** with parts for the **Congregation, Cantors** and a **Voice Chorus – no singing involved**.

**One Practice:** **Monday**, after **Benediction, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm** (1 hour) in Church Meeting Room.

**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.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

**New Catholic Media CD's**

When you stop by the Lighthouse Catholic Media stand next to our St. Joseph statue, pick up a brochure about the "CD of the Month Club!" You can have a new CD that comes in your mailbox each month for just \$5 and a portion goes to benefit our parish!

Thank you for your donations at the stand so that we can keep this program here at St. Joseph!

**Good News**

What did Jesus write on the ground? For centuries, readers of John's Gospel have speculated about what might be in the dust Jesus bent to. We see what happens to those gathered when Jesus speaks. Did they also see what Jesus wrote?

He was interrupted from his teaching by a woman's accusers. Jesus was put on the spot. The scribes and Pharisees, the ones whose responsibility it was to keep an eye on Jewish law, brought the woman to him. She was caught in the act of adultery. From their point of view, it was an open-and-shut case. What would Jesus say?

He didn't speak, though. Why did Jesus write? To buy time? Is pausing-writing- a strategy to give the atmosphere a chance to calm down? The tension only builds. Jesus waits. His challengers badger him even more. Is Jesus diverting attention, is he detached as he writes? Is Jesus giving them a chance to back down? They don't. Are they getting nervous now? Jesus doesn't act nervous or distracted. He's quite focused when he finally answers.

Who was Jesus writing to? Did he write something for the questioners to see? What he says makes them pause, shuffle uncomfortably and walk away. He challenges them and they leave.

Then he starts to write again. Jesus' words slice between the woman's sin and the judgment of those who caught her. *They are caught.* Jesus' words echo inside them. They dare not condemn or judge the woman any more. And still Jesus writes. Who is reading now?

What does the woman see, her eyes averted, staring at the ground where Jesus works? We aren't told. But watch the woman. She stays. She remains close to Jesus, the writer who is the fulfillment of the law.

*Wait here and see. Stay here with Me.*

*--Dan Finucane*

**St. Joseph's Men's Club****Attention All the Men of St. Joseph Parish!!**

We are going to revive the men's organization. The men's Club of St. Joseph parish will be both a spiritual and social organization. If you wish to join or have interest and would like to find out more, meet with us **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm** in the **Church Basement**.

**More info: Call Tom Anastasia – 215-491-0299.**

**Concert of Sacred Music**

...featuring the **Philadelphia Priest Singers** on **Thurs., March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm** at the **Cathedral**.

**For ticket information call: 215-587-3519.** Proceeds will benefit the **Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement Fund**.

**CCD School of Religion**

**March Schedule**

**Tues. Mar. 23:** All Grades in Session  
**Tues. Mar. 30:** All Grades in Session. Registration begins for 2010/2011 School Year.

**April Schedule**

**Tues. April 6:** All Grades in Session.  
**Tues. April 13:** All Grades in Session.  
**Tues. April 20:** All Grades in Session.  
**Tues. April 27:** All grades in Session.

Call: *Cathy Cain 215-672-9990 or 215-675-3506*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

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

**Magnificat**

Join us for a Brunch, prayer and inspirational words of **Fr. William J. Halbing (Fr. Bill)** at **Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, - Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am - \$20.**

Mail checks to Ligia Pratdesaba, 434 Fairview Way, New Hope, PA 18938. [magnificat@czestochowa.us](mailto:magnificat@czestochowa.us)

**RCIA Scone Sale - Thank You!!!!**



St. Joseph Parish community has again risen to the occasion with their generosity.

With the help of our bakers and buyers the proceeds from this weekend's sale came to **\$948.00**.

The RCIA Team wishes to **Thank Everyone** involved.

**Health & Help Ministry**

Reminder for all walkers, place your Lenten Journey slips in the box outside the sacristy.

**Spring Blood Drive - April 15<sup>th</sup>**. PLEASE, become a blood donor, there is a constant need for blood donations.

**Make Easter Special for Families in Need**



We want to help families in need to have a special Easter by giving them **Grocery Cards**.

Everything you put in the **Poor Boxes** from now until **March 28<sup>th</sup>** (Palm Sunday) will be used for this purpose.

**Suggestions for Lent**

- Give up negativism - be positive
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness
- Give up gossiping - control your tongue
- Give up jealousy - pray for trust

**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 \$3,256.00.

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

**SJR - CYO Sports Signups**

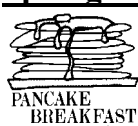
Spring is just around the corner!! and CYO sports signups are now underway.

SJR CYO offers **Baseball for Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**, **Softball for Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**, and **Track for Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**.

SJR CYO also offers high school co-ed **Volleyball for Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**.

Sign up [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com). Registration till **March 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**Spring Pancake Breakfast**



**Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets on sale after all the Masses 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** (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. 26: Live Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm.**

**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*

**Archbishop Wood Performing Arts**



**"Thoroughly Modern Millie"**

**Sun. March 21<sup>st</sup> @2pm.**

Tickets: Reserved Seating **\$10.00**

General Admission **\$6.00**

For ticket information call: *215-328-0261*.

**Archbishop Wood Spring Craft Fair**



**One Night Only**

**Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30pm - 9:30pm**

**Admission \$1.00**