

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	March 27, 2010	
	5:30pm	Consalvo & Salvia Family
Sunday	March 28, 2010	
	7:00am	Emidio Sansoni
	8:30am	Shawn O'Leary
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Colleen Boggs
Monday	6:45am	Catherine Cunningham
	8:00am	Erica Byrne
Tuesday	6:45am	Martin Harkins
	8:00am	Mary Ellen Raub
Wednesday	6:45am	Marie DeHaven
	8:00am	Mary Ellen Raub
Thursday	7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Saturday	April 3, 2010	
	7:30pm	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	April 4, 2010	
	7:00am	Celebrant's Intention
	8:30am	Celebrant's Intention
	10:00am	Celebrant's Intention
	11:30am	Celebrant's Intention

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 3/21/10

Sunday Collection: \$10,743.00 (\$12,007.00 - 2009)
 386 Sunday Envelopes used
 37 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,065.18
Supplies	\$ 2,398.74
Repairs/Service	\$ 2,762.22

Snow & Ice Removal

Snow and ice removal cost for February 2010 was \$11,436.00. The Special Collection taken up on **Sunday, March 21st**, came to **\$1,006.00**.

Thank you for your contributions!

Love and Death

Unhappy is death without the love of the Savior;
 Unhappy is love without the death of the Savior.

St. Francis de Sales

Suffering

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it.
 He came to fill it with his presence.

----*Paul Claudel*

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, March 29, 2010**
 *Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *Monday Rosary - 7:30pm - Church
- Tuesday, March 30, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *Sunshine Club - 6:00pm - Church Hall
 *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
- Wednesday, March 31, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *RCIA - 7:30pm - Church

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 4/3/10 - 4/4/10

No Sales - "Happy Easter"

Readings For The Week

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Lk 24:1-12
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Saints and Special Observances

- Monday: Monday of Holy Week
 Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week; Passover begins
 Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
 Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
 Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion;
 Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter; First Saturday



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Palm Sunday commemorates what is called the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. When Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with His disciples, people met Him and cheered Him calling Him the Son of David. He was also called the King of Israel. In part, they greeted Him this way because

they heard He had raised Lazarus from the dead.

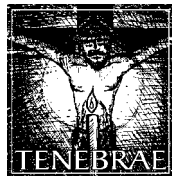
This joyful entry into Jerusalem is recorded in all four gospels. The event can be found in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, and John 12:12-19. All gospels agree that the people cut leafy branches and waved them in greeting Jesus. The gospel of John says they "took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him" (12:13).

We use palms as the people did to remember that Jesus arrived in Jerusalem and was hailed as a King. A short time later, He was crucified. The events we associate with Holy Week happen after this triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday, then, begins Holy Week. We begin celebration of the sacred Triduum during that week with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Triduum concludes with the Mass of Easter Vigil.

Good Friday - Tenebrae Service

At 7:30pm, we will have Readings and Psalms.

Voice Chorus Practice: Monday, after Benediction, March 29th, 8:15pm in Church Meeting Room 18.



CD: The Saving Power of Divine Mercy

Pick up this inspiring CD by Fr. Jason Brooks at our Lighthouse Catholic Media CD stand. Fr. Brooks focuses on how we can become apostles of mercy. Pope John Paul II said that Divine Mercy is the message for the 3rd millennium. Also at the end of this CD – just in time for Divine Mercy Sunday – is a recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy by Irish tenor Mark Forrest.

Thank you for supporting this parish evangelization program.

Rectory Closed



The Rectory Office will be closed on **Good Friday and Easter Monday** and will re-open **Tuesday, April 6th**.

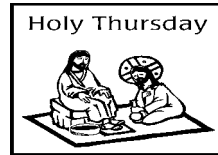
Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday - March 30th

Confessions 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday – March 31st

Confessions 7:00pm – 8:30pm



Holy Thursday - April 1st

8:00am - Morning Prayer

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Adoration until Midnight.



Good Friday – April 2nd

8:00am - Morning Prayer

3:00pm - Veneration of the Cross

7:30pm - Tenebrae Service

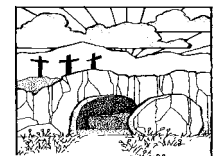


Holy Saturday – April 3rd

8:00am - Morning Prayer

No 5:30 Vigil Mass

7:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday - April 4th

Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

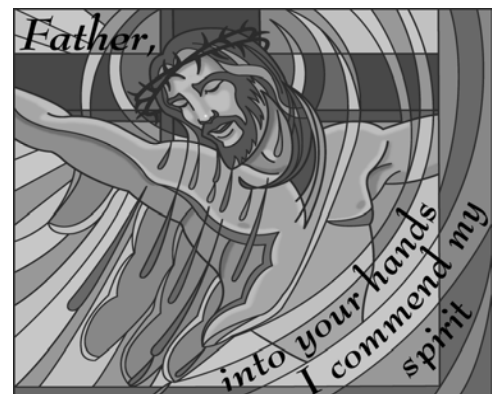
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

"On Good Friday, April 2nd, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion...It also has been a longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land."

"...funds...support programs and services in the Holy Land...to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor..."

--Cardinal Justin Rigali

We will have this collection on **Good Friday, April 2nd**.



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CCD School of Religion

March Schedule

Tues. Mar. 30: All Grades in Session. Registration begins for 2010/2011 School Year. Remember to fill out registration forms early to avoid long lines.

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

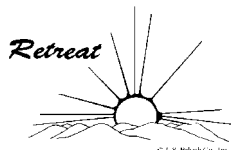
The next couples experience will be **April 23-25, 2010**. For more information, Call: *1-800-456-8330*.

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 10th, 8:30am - \$20.

Mail checks to Ligia Pratdesaba, 434 Fairview Way, New Hope, PA 18938. magnificat@czestochowa.us

Malvern Retreat



A Divine Mercy Retreat, for men and women, at **Malvern Retreat House** on **April 9-11th** will be directed by world-renowned Redemptorist, Fr. Pablo Straub, CSSR.

Fr. Stephen DeLacy & Fr. Thomas Kiely will co-direct. This is a weekend of extraordinary promises made by the Lord to St. Faustina Kowalski.

Reconciliation, preaching, teaching, adoration and so much more. Questions? Call *Paul 215-675-4291*

To register **610-644-0400** or www.malvernretreat.com

Health & Help Ministry

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

Spring Blood Drive - April 15th. 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** today (**Palm Sunday**) will be used for this purpose.

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*

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**.

Market Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our March sale!

FREE! Get Grillin’ Starter Pack when you buy any two items on pages 2-3 of the brochure. April order forms are located in the corridor of church.

Call **Audrey 215-672-1806** or www.marketday.com by **11:00pm, Saturday, April 10th**.

SJR CYO Dance

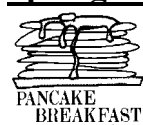


...on **Fri., April 9th** – from **7:30 to 10:00** at **Msgr. Marley Hall** at St. Roberts. Cost **\$5.00**.

“**Back to the Future Dance**”. 6th graders dress from the 60s, 7th graders from the 70s & 8th graders from the 80s.

Youth Group

Spring Pancake Breakfast - TODAY



Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 28th

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**.



Call *Carol at 215-343-0308*.

Upcoming Events

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

Suggestions for Lent

Give up complaining - focus on gratitude

Give up hatred - return good for evil

Give up sin - turn to virtue