

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 April 10, 2010
 5:30pm Bernard Bailey, 1st Anniv.

Sunday April 11, 2010
 7:00am Mary Zipay
 8:30am Linda Generale
 10:00am Joseph A. Gallen, Jr.
 11:30am People of the Parish

Monday 8:00am Marian Sheppleman
Tuesday 8:00am Mary Ellen Raub
Wednesday 8:00am Linda Generale
Thursday 8:00am M. Beverly Nellett
Friday 8:00am Robert Kelly
Saturday 8:00am Ann & Vince Laurich

Saturday April 17, 2010
 5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday April 18, 2010
 7:00am Jim Gutekunst
 8:30am Joseph Palmerio
 10:00am Ann Laurich
 11:30am Cecilia Mora

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 4/4/10

Sunday Collection: \$12,080.00 (\$17,044.00 – 2009)
 Easter Collection: \$22,564.00 (\$21,363.00 – 2009)
 321 Sunday Envelopes used
 19 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy \$ 2,966.50
 Employee Pay \$ 4,394.76
 Supplies \$ 1,332.49
 Repairs/Service \$ 4,142.56

Where There's a Will, There's a Will

Saint Francis of Assisi wrote: "They will be the Father's children who do His work." There's a way to continue "His work," it's a Will. Remember *Saint Joseph Church*.

Helping Your Neighbor

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity...with it you can accomplish what you desire.
 --- *St. Vincent Ferrer*

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 12, 2010
 *Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *Senior Citizens - 11:00am - Hall
 *Monday Rosary - 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
 *Men's Club Meeting - 7:30pm - Room 18

Wednesday, April 14, 2010
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement

Thursday, April 15, 2010
 *BSA Troop 127 - 6:30pm - Rectory Basement
 *Bible Study - 7:00pm - Room 18

Friday, April 16, 2010
 Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 Bible Study - 8:45am - Room 18

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 4/17/10 - 4/18/10

5:30pm - *Nora Quigley*
 8:30am - *Joanne Burdulis*
 10:00am - *Mary Huegel*

Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

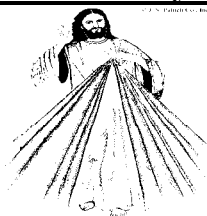
Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday; Holocaust Remembrance Day
 Tuesday: St. Martin I
 Thursday: Income Tax Day



"Merciful Jesus, I Trust in You".

Divine Mercy Sunday - This Weekend



Divine Mercy

Today we celebrate “**Divine Mercy Sunday**” when we focus on the suffering of **Our Lord’s Passion**, the power of His rising and His sending His mercy on the whole world.

To encourage devotion to the **Divine Mercy**, the Church grants a **Plenary Indulgence** “...under the usual conditions (**sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff**) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of **Divine Mercy**, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the Tabernacle, recite the **Our Father** and the **Creed**, and adding a devout invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus. (e.g. “**My Jesus Mercy**”). **Our Sunday Masses meet these requirements.** You may go to confession **20 days before or after** Divine Mercy Sunday.

The **sick** and their **care givers** may receive a **Plenary Indulgence** by reciting an **Our Father**, the **Creed** and “**My Jesus Mercy**” before an image of Jesus.

A **Partial Indulgence** is granted to the faithful who “at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.” (e.g. “**My Jesus Mercy**”)

Attention: All Men of St. Joseph Parish

The Men’s Club of St. Joseph will meet on **April 13th** at **7:30pm** in **Room 18**. The Men’s Club is both a Spiritual and Social gathering. We welcome all who have interest or would like to learn more. **Come Join Us!!!!!!**

Catholic Home Missions Appeal– April 25th

“**The Catholic Home Missions Appeal**...supports fellow Catholics in rugged mission areas such as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain States, the dusty Southwest....Your generous support of this appeal is...appreciated....”

Cardinal Rigali

We will take up a **Second Collection** next weekend.

Welcome New Catholics



At this year’s Easter Vigil we were pleased to welcome **Cliff Queen, Alexandria Albert, Ann Tucker, Tyler Tucker and Alysse Tucker** from our **RCIA class of 2010** into the St. Joseph parish family.

Dear Padre

How do I teach my children about the works of mercy?

It’s easy to teach young children about the works of mercy as long as you keep it simple and call their attention to what they’re doing. For example, when they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they’re feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they give away clothing they’ve outgrown, remind them that helping clothe the naked is a corporal work of mercy.

When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they visit the sick. If they go to a funeral, they help bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the “ignorant.”

Children who soothe someone who’s been hurt comfort the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

Rick Potts, C.Ss.R.

Wedding Anniversary Masses



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Cardinal Rigali will celebrate the annual Wedding Anniversary Masses **Sunday, May 2nd** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

There are two Masses: **11:00AM for couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage from Philadelphia and Montgomery counties;** and **2:30PM for couples celebrating 50 or more years from Bucks, Chester and Delaware counties, and couples celebrating 25 or more years of marriage from all the counties.**

For those with disabilities an access ramp is available on the parking lot side of the Cathedral. Please contact the Family Life Office at **215-587-3516** if someone needs special help.

Prayer – Wireless access to God with no roaming fees!!

CCD School of Religion

April Schedule

Tues. April 13: All Grades in Session.

Tues. April 20: All Grades in Session.

Tues. April 27: All Grades in Session.

May Schedule

Tues. May 4: All Grades in Session except 3rd Graders receiving Communion at 12:00 Mass. They will practice 5 to 7:30 pm in Church

Wed. May 5: 3rd Graders receiving Communion at 10:00 Mass will practice 5 to 7:30pm in Church.

Sat. May 8: **First Holy Communion.**
Two Masses: 10:00am & 12pm.



Tues. May 11: All Grades in Session.

Mon. May 17: **May Procession at 7:30pm.**

Tues. May 18: Make up class.

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.*

Can you be a Foster Family?

Catholic Social Services is seeking married or single adults to become foster parents for children of all ages and race.

Homes are needed for children with special medical or emotional needs and for siblings who wish to live together in the same home.

They provide training, support, financial reimbursement & Catholic school tuition to foster children.

Call Melissa at 215-587-3960

Health & Help Ministry



Blood Pressure checks will be after Masses - **Today.**

The **Blood Drive has been postponed until May.** Please sign up April 25th after all the Masses.

Thank you to the 30 who donated in January, your gift saved 90 lives. *Call: Mary 215-674-4612.*

Needed: Volunteer Collection Counters

We need **two** additional **volunteers** to help count the Sunday Collection once a month. Usually, counters begin after 8:30 Mass on Sunday.

We are looking for reliable and discrete men and women. It isn't a salaried position, but the retirement benefits are heavenly. *Call: Fr. Grant 215-672-3020.*

St. Joseph/St. Robert School News

Help with Tuition?

We still have families in our school having a hard time paying their tuition.

The remaining tuition for these children is 2,456.00.

God bless you for your generosity!

Youth Group

Upcoming Events

St. Joseph's youth group is so very **Thankful** to everyone who supported our **Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.** We raised a little over \$500.00. Funds raised will help the youth pay for their trip to Steubenville.

April 17: Soccer Buddies Season starts. 8th thru 12th graders are needed to help physically challenged children play soccer.

May 8th: Senior Citizen Prom "A Night in Venice". More details to follow.

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

St. Joseph Students Excel in High School

Congrats!! To the following St. Joseph Students for **Honors** on the Third Quarter Reports:

Villa Joseph Marie

High Honors: **Lauren M. Atkinson, Junior**
Alison Lake, Sophomore

Honors: **Diane Atkinson, Freshman**

Catholic Charities Appeal

The Catholic Charities Appeal supports our four schools of **special education** – Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf, St. Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments, Our Lady of Confidence Day School and St. Katherine Day School. Our schools are committed to providing children with special needs an education that meets their spiritual, academic (cognitive), emotional and psychological needs. Your contribution to the 2010 Catholic Charities Appeal – **You gave me hope** can make an astounding difference as the Appeal provides almost half of the revenue needed to educate these very special children.

You Can Give Hope.

215-587-3651 or www.CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org

RCIA Sandwich Project

With the \$948 collected from the **Scone Sale** we were able to make **849 sandwiches** for the needy at St. Francis Inn. We also provided them with an assortment of other goods that they need to help the poor.

Thank you again for your generosity!