

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

**Pastor:** Rev. J. A. Grant  
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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 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

**Monday** 8:00am Thomas R. Ball  
**Tuesday** 8:00am Joseph Korch  
**Wednesday** 8:00am Earl Newhard, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
**Thursday** 8:00am George Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
**Friday** 8:00am Robert E. Boylan  
**Saturday** 8:00am Carolyn Wasson

**Saturday April 24, 2010**  
 5:30pm Joseph & Barbara Ploessl

**Sunday April 25, 2010**  
 7:00am People of the Parish  
 8:30am Alfred & Susan Denofa  
 10:00am Robert Babiak, 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
 11:30am Kimble, Blaney & Lauderback Families

**Please Pray For**

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

**Financial Report 4/11/10**

Sunday Collection: \$11,513.00 (\$10,933.00 – 2009)  
 379 Sunday Envelopes used  
 22 Parishioners made up for collections missed

**EXPENSES**

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,478.62
Supplies	\$ 603.52
Repairs/Service	\$ 933.52
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 17,180.00
Heating Oil	\$ 11,923.02
County & Township R.E. Taxes	\$ 4,550.74

**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*.

**Serve the Poor**

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself. *—St. Louise de Marillac*

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, April 19, 2010**  
 \*Monday - All Day Adoration - Church  
 \*BSA Comm. Mtg. - 6:30pm - Rectory Basement  
 \*Monday Rosary - 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 \*CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School  
 \*Sunshine Club - 6:00pm - Church Hall  
 \*Health & Help Ministry - 7:30om - Rectory Basement

**Wednesday, April 21, 2010**  
 \*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 \*RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement

**Thursday, April 22, 2010**  
 \*BSA Troop 127 - 6:30pm - Rectory Basement  
 \*Bible Study - 7:00pm - Room 18

**Friday, April 23, 2010**  
 Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room  
 Bible Study - 8:45am - Room 18

**Saturday, April 24, 2020**  
 Blood Drive Sign-ups - After Mass

**SCRIP Sellers Schedule 4/24/10 - 4/25/10**

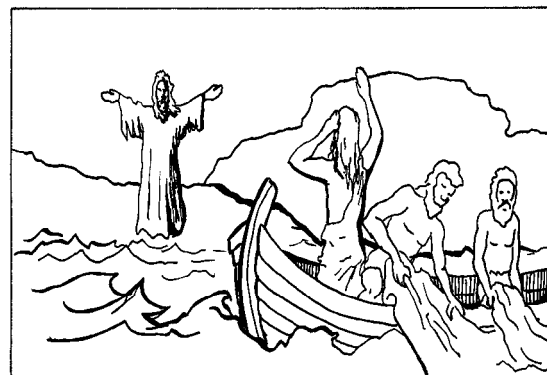
5:30pm - *Siobhan DuHaime*  
 8:30am - *Lisa Austin*  
 10:00am - *Meg Ferry*

**Readings For The Week**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Saints and Special Observances**

Wednesday: St. Anselm; Administrative Professionals Day  
 Thursday: Earth Day  
 Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert  
 Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmar



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## 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.**

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal– April 25<sup>th</sup>

“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.

## Catholic Charities Appeal

All parishioners should be receiving a letter and donation card from Cardinal Justin Rigali, regarding the Catholic Charities Appeal 2010 – ***You gave me hope.*** Please take time to read the letter.

The Catholic Charities Appeal plays a vital role in our community by providing funds for diverse human services sponsored by the Archdiocese in outreach to the poor and vulnerable in our society. Many agencies are helped by Catholic Social Services along with assistance is provided to the five schools of special education.

Please, prayerfully consider supporting the Appeal. Even a few dollars a month makes a difference to the nearly 250,000 people in our Archdiocese in need of help.

***You Can Give Hope.***

215-587-3651 or [www.CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org)

## Wedding Anniversary Masses



Cardinal Rigali will celebrate the annual Wedding Anniversary Masses **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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. Contact the Family Life Office at **215-587-3516** if someone needs special help.

## Good News

**“It is the Lord.”**

In Acts, the apostles are in danger; they're on trial. They're usurpers – challenging the power and authority of those in charge. They claim the Spirit of God impels them to preach the Gospel. How dare they teach in *this man's name*?

*The Book of Revelation*, like other apocalyptic writing, draws on strange imagery to both protect and reveal its message. Under siege, the Church used cryptic descriptions of fantastic beasts that enabled them to describe the Empire persecuting them – without naming them. Provoking Rome by name would make things worse. Yet their message was direct: The fearful, the powerful – death itself – cannot overpower the Lamb.

The disciples seemed to have gone back to their old job of fishing. They didn't recognize Jesus at first. They had no success fishing. Jesus gave them the power they lacked – to fish – and to recognize him. *It is the Lord.*

Lord is a word Christians have grown accustomed to using, but we may not realize the initial impact of this title. This word described the Holy One of Israel. In Rome, this title belonged to the Emperor. “Jesus is Lord” claimed real power in heaven and on earth.

In Revelation – a Lamb, *slaughtered*, is alive now, reigning from a throne. And around Him: “They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice.” The imaginations of Christians hearing this text for the first time would have been filled with both a vivid hope for the triumphant singing they yearned to join as well as the stark images of the cost their fellow believers were paying to enter that assembly. There was a Church of martyrs, as is ours today.

Here is our hope. Where we face fear, where we fail to see, we can expect power, we can hope in the Lord.

---Dan Finucane

## How Well Do You Know Your Faith?

Consider taking a class or making a retreat at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary this summer. For details go to:

[www.scsrsd.org](http://www.scsrsd.org)

## Respect for Life



“Raising families according to the splendor of Christ's truth is a sharing in God's work of creation. It lies at the heart of the call to promote a civilization of love.”

**CCD School of Religion**

**Fall Registration – All Tuesdays in April, and May 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Price increase after May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tues. April 20:** All Grades in Session.

**Tues. April 27:** All Grades in Session.

**May Schedule**

**Tues. May 4:** All Grades in Session except 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receiving Communion May 8<sup>th</sup>. Practice for Noon Mass 5-7:30 in Church.

**Wed. May 5:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss and forgive yourself and others.

Held at the **Spirituality Center** in Frazer, PA on **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All contacts are confidential.

**Call 215-906-6337 or 610-399-0890**

**Or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)**

**Mary Mother of Captives**

*I was in prison and you visited me...When were you in prison and I did not visit you Lord? He will answer them as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for Me...Matthew 25:36*

To visit someone in prison is a **Corporal Work of Mercy.** Our Pen Pal Program is in serious need of faith filled people on the outside to become involved as a Pen Pal to someone in prison.

**Retreat for Healing Sexual Abuse**

***Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity*** is a spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood or adolescence. It is appropriate for anyone who has been abused by clergy.

The program will be held **June 6 – 10 in Aston, PA.**

Visit **[www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.org)** or **Call 610-203-2002.**

**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 2,446.00.

**God bless you for your generosity!**

**SJR CYO Night at the Races**

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, St. Robert's Hall**

**Admission \$15 Person /\$25 Couple.** Includes open buffet, beer, set-ups, gaming tables & racing. Tickets go on sale after St. Joseph & St. Robert Masses starting April 17<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds benefit the SJR CYO sports program.

**For more info: Call 267-992-7998 or 215-589-5065.**

**Youth Group**

**Upcoming Events**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:stjoesyouth1@gmail.com)**

**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**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocation Congress**

**Attention: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Parents**

**Tues., June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9am – 6:30pm**

**St. Charles Seminary**

The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood is sponsoring this one day event led by our Philadelphia Seminarians which will provide young men an opportunity to hear and consider the call of Christ.

The day will include: music, sports activities, prayer, Liturgy & Eucharistic Adoration.

**Call: 610-667-5778 or [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org)**

**The Life of St. Catherine of Siena**

**Thurs., April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Nativity of Our Lord Church .** Dr. Carmina Magnusen Chapp will highlight the major events and writings of St. Catherine.

Please **Call: 215-675-1925** if you plan to attend.