

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 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 nd Anniv.
	11:30am	Kimble, Blaney & Lauderback Families
Monday	8:00am	Mary Ellen Bruno - Raub
Tuesday	8:00am	Matthew Baruffi
Wednesday	8:00am	Joseph Vincelli
Thursday	8:00am	Angelo Tocce
Friday	8:00am	Mary Ellen Raub
Saturday	8:00am	Robert C. Kelly
Saturday	May 1, 2010	
	5:30pm	Dec'd DiTore Family
Sunday	May 2, 2010	
	7:00am	Linda Generale
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Jane Clark
	11:30am	Matthew Walsh

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 4/18/10

Sunday Collection: \$10,380.00 (\$10,878.00 – 2009)
 364 Sunday Envelopes used
 17 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,311.10
Employee's Health Insurance	\$ 2,844.14
PECO	\$ 2,330.24
Verizon	\$ 387.57
Supplies	\$ 1,310.15
Repairs/Service	\$ 1,312.40

Your Charity Can Continue After You

We cannot transfer faith to someone else, but charity can reach out to others. When you make a **WILL**, we hope **Saint Joseph Church** will be among your favorite charities.

Job Description

Do not feel totally, personally, irrevocable responsible for everything...That's my job. ---**God**

This Week in Our Parish

- Monday, April 26, 2010**
 *Monday - All Day Adoration - Church
 *Senior Citizens - 11:00am - Hall
 *Monday Rosary - 7:30pm - Church
- Tuesday, April 27, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *CCD Classes - 4:30pm & 6:15pm - Valley Road School
- Wednesday, April 28, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *RCIA - 7:30pm - Rectory Basement
- Thursday, April 29, 2010**
 *BSA Troop 127 - 6:30pm - Rectory Basement
 *Bible Study - 7:00pm - Cares Room
 *H.O.P.E. Committee - 7:30pm - Hall
- Friday, April 30, 2010**
 *Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room
 *Bible Study - 8:45am - Cares Room
- Saturday, May 1, 2010**
 *Car Wash - 8am to Noon - Valley Road Parking Lot

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 5/1/10 - 5/2/10

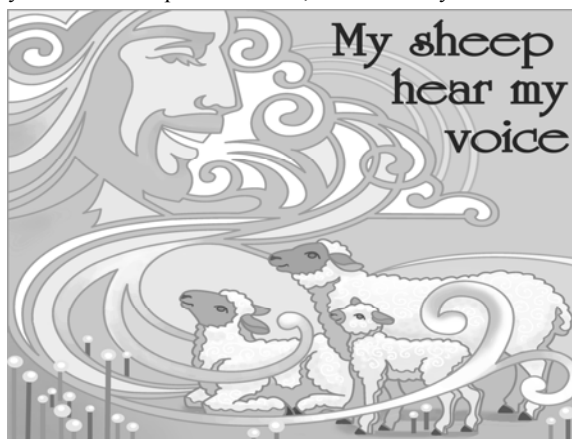
- 5:30pm - Carol Sautner**
8:30am - Kate Gozdan
10:00am - Meg Ferry

Readings For The Week

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14; or (for the memorial)
 Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a; 34-35

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Wednesday: St. Louis Mary de Montfort; St. Peter Chanel
 Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena
 Friday: St. Pius V; Arbor Day
 Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday



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St. Joseph's Triduum : April 29, 30 & May 1

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St. Joseph

Thursday – April 29th

7:30pm - Rosary, Devotions
& Benediction

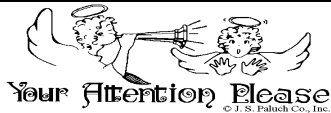
Friday – April 30th

7:30pm - Evening Prayers,
Devotions & Benediction

Saturday – May 1st

8:00am - Triduum Prayers
& Closing Mass

Our Homilist will be Fr. Suskey.

Needed: Volunteer Collection CountersYour Attention Please
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We need **one** additional volunteer to help count the Sunday Collection once a month.

Usually, counters begin after 8:30 Mass on Sunday.

We are looking for reliable and discreet 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– TODAY

“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** this 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. Please make your check payable to St. Joseph Church, then we send one check each week to Catholic Charities.

You Can Give Hope.

215-587-3651 or www.CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org

Good News

A good friend of mine had to run home from high school. He could run or get beat up. He's Jewish. The schoolmates chasing him were Catholic.

We must be honest. Anti-Semitism has been the face of Christianity for many Jews. The mutual history of Christians and Jews is damaged by this ugly heritage, and our future together can grow positively only if we acknowledge the past and then work for change together.

This challenge was taken up by the Second Vatican Council in *Nostra Aetate*, the Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions. There we read that though some leaders within the Jewish Community helped Roman authorities end Jesus' life, his passion shouldn't be blamed on Jews living then or now. The Council fathers write that the Church “decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone” (4). So it must be with great care that we reread our own history.

Make no mistake – *Nostra Aetate* maintains the central truth that Christ is “the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). Yet with the same voice, the document teaches, “The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy” in other faiths. Specification of Judaism, the Council asserts that the shared spiritual heritage of Christians and Jews is so deep and important that we must work for “mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies” (4). And we must seek *dialogue*.

One of the most hopeful, vivid pictures of the Council's teaching came in Spring 2000, when the world saw Pope John Paul II praying at the Wailing wall in Jerusalem.

We can overcome fear.

---Dan Finucane

Wedding Anniversary Masses

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Anniversary

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.**

Call 215-587-3516 if someone needs special help.

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.

CCD School of Religion

Fall Registration – April 27th and May 11th in the Valley Rd. School Bldg. No registration May 4th. Price increase after May 18th.

Tues. April 27: All Grades in Session.

May Schedule

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

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 21st, 22nd, & 23rd**. All contacts are confidential.

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

Or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org

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. **June 6 – 10 in Aston, PA.**

Visit www.griefftoGrace.org or *Call 610-203-2002*.

4th Annual Vocation Congress

Attention: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Boys & Parents

Tues., June 22nd - 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*

St. Joseph/St. Robert School News

Help with Tuition?

We still have families in our school having a hard time paying their tuition. Their remaining tuition is 1,946.00.

God bless you for your generosity!

SJR CYO Night at the Races

Saturday, May 15th, 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 17th. All proceeds benefit the SJR CYO sports program.

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

Youth Group

Upcoming Events

May 8th: Senior Citizen Prom "A Night in Venice". 4:00 to 9:00pm. Tickets \$5.00.

****Att: Parishioners, help us with our Senior Prom by providing your favorite dish e.g., Meat Balls, Ziti, Chicken Cacciatore, Cheese/Cracker Tray, Cookies etc.**

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's Penny Party

Archbishop Wood Robotics Team is sponsoring a **Penny Party at Wood on Sat. May 1st from 6-10pm.** Doors open at 5pm. Advance tickets \$7.50. *Call Karen 267-218-3247.*

St. Joseph Students Excel in High School

Congrats!! To the following St. Joseph Students for **Honors** on the First Quarter Report:

Archbishop Wood

Distinguished Honors: Jennifer Whelan
Joseph Scott
Ryan Hennessey
Francis Walsh

First Honors: Nadia Alashoush, Alyssa Getz, Jonathan Locco, Kevin Anderson, Alaina Giovannone, Devin Damiani, Daniel Budd, Ryan Cantwell, George Griffin, Laura Hoban, and Alfred Karl.

Second Honors: Elizabeth Barr, Maria DiPaolo, Bridget Knox, Leah McFarland, Samantha Sharp, Matthew Sweeney, Kyle Bond, John Cordero, Kiernan Macrone, Francesca Succi, Kristen Costar, Christine DiPaolo, Nicole Jordan, Allison Karl, Sarah Yoos, Melissa Weitzel and Walter White.