



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: Sunday, 5:30 A.M.
WPVI Channel 6.

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	December 26, 2009	
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	December 27, 2009	
	7:00am	DiTore Family
	8:30am	Susan & Alfred Denofa
	10:00am	Peace, Prosperity & Good Health
	11:30am	Valarie & Morgan Gunther
Monday	8:00am	Robert Miley
Tuesday	8:00am	Bernard Burdulis
Wednesday	8:00am	Kathleen Menzak
Thursday	8:00am	Cecilia Chapman
New Year Vigil	5:30pm	Celebrant's Intention
New Year Day	8:00am	Celebrant's Intention
	10:00am	Celebrant's Intention
	12:00pm	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	8:00am	Dec'd Members of Hart & Murray Families
Saturday	January 2, 2010	
	5:30pm	Dec'd Members of DiTore Family
Sunday	January 3, 2010	
	7:00am	People of the Parish
	8:30am	Ann M. Laurich
	10:00am	Snyder & Grossman Families
	11:30am	Martin Harkins

Please Pray For

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

Financial Report 12/20/09

Sunday Collection: \$4,281.00 (\$9,847.00 - 2008)
 151 Sunday Envelopes used
 21 Parishioners made up for collections missed

EXPENSES

School Subsidy	\$ 2,966.50
Employee Pay	\$ 4,084.91
Supplies	\$ 1,190.92
Repairs/Service	\$ 1,885.95

Year End Giving

A gift to **St. Joseph Church** by **December 31st** could also give you a gift – a Federal Income Tax Deduction. For info: **Call the rectory 215-672-3020.**

This Week in Our Parish**Monday, December 28, 2009**

*Monday - All Day Adoration - Church

*Monday Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

*Busy Bees - 8:30am - Nursery Room

SCRIP Sellers Schedule 1/2/10 - 1/3/10

5:30pm - Mary Huegel

8:30am - Siobhan Du Haime

10:00am - Lisa Austin

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: The Holy Innocents

Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket

Thursday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Friday: Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day;

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God;

World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday

Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen;

First Saturday



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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 December 27, 2009**

New Year's Day – Holyday of Obligation

New Year's Day is a **Holyday of Obligation** and the Feast of the **Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

Masses will be:

Thursday, Dec. 31st: 5:30pm

Friday, Jan. 1st: 8am, 10am & 12 Noon

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.

“March for Life”

Friday - January 22, 2008

The bus leaves **St. Robert Bellarmine** parking lot for the “**March for Life**” in Washington, DC at **7:00am**. Cost: **\$20** which includes bus fare and dinner. **Dress for cold weather.** (Bus will return at approx. 9:45pm) **To ensure a seat, Call: Paul Hottinger @ 215-675-4291.**

Respect Life

Abortion kills an unborn, developing human life. It is always gravely evil and so are the evasions employed to justify it. Catholics who make excuses for it – whether they're famous or not – fool only themselves and abuse the fidelity of those Catholics who do sincerely seek to follow the Gospel and live their Catholic faith. *Pope Benedict XVI*

Rectory and Office Closed for New Years

The **Rectory & Office** will be **closed** from **Thursday, Dec. 31st through Friday, Jan. 1st.**

The **Rectory** will reopen **Saturday, Jan. 2nd.** The **Office** will reopen **Monday, Jan. 4th.**

If you have an emergency and need to contact a priest during this time, please **call the Rectory @215-672-3020** and follow the directions on the answering machine.



We wish all of you a Very Blessed and Healthy New Year 2010

The Holy Family

The Holy Family is amazingly similar to many of today's families. The Holy Family experienced:

- * Homelessness, when Mary and Joseph could find nowhere in Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus;
- * Exile, when the family fled into Egypt to escape Herod's wrath;
- * Joy and apprehension, as Mary and Joseph listened to Simeon's and Anna's prophesies at the Temple;
- * Fear and dread, when the child Jesus was lost, only to be found in the Temple sharing wisdom with the scholars;
- * Contentment and security, as Jesus spent most of adult life at home working with his foster-father;
- * Bewilderment, as Mary and her cousins sought out Jesus in the midst of his public ministry;
- * Wonder and awe, as Mary urged the wine stewards to obey Jesus' instructions at the wedding at Cana;
- * Widowhood, when Mary lost her good husband Joseph;
- * Grief, loss and separation, as Mary witnessed the brutal torture and crucifixion of her only son;
- * Inexpressible joy, as Mary witnessed the risen Lord Jesus and received the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Mother Teresa said this about imitating the Holy Family: “In Jesus, Mary and Joseph—the Holy Family of Nazareth—we have a beautiful example for us to imitate. What did they do? Joseph was a humble carpenter in order to support Jesus and Mary, providing their food and clothes—whatever they needed. Mary, the mother, also had a humble task—that of a housewife with a son and a husband to take care of. As a son growing up, Mary would worry that he would have a normal life, that he would “feel at home” in the house where tenderness, understanding and mutual respect abounded”.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph understand well how families struggle today. They identify closely with us. Their prayerful intercession is a powerful source of grace for us who wish to imitate them and to create a “domestic church” that can lead ever more deeply into the mystery of faith.

The Padre

A Family Perspective

May we begin the New Year with gratitude to God for all the wonderful things He has done for our families. We pray that God will bless us and keep us, let His face shine upon us and be gracious to us and all of the families of the world.

Regular Mass Schedule

We have returned to our usual Mass schedule:

Monday – Saturday, 8:00am only.

We will resume **6:45am Mass** for **Lent**, beginning **Ash Wednesday, February 17th, 2010.**

CCD School of Religion

Merry Christmas!!

January Schedule

- Tues. Jan. 5:** All Grades in Session.
Thurs. Jan. 7: Teacher's Meeting, School Bldg – 6:30pm
Tues. Jan. 12: All Grades in Session. Protecting God's Children Classes.
Mon. Jan. 18: Retreat to St. Katherine Drexel Shrine for Confirmation Class.
Tues. Jan 19: All Grades in Session.
Tues, Jan. 26: All Grades in Session.
 Call: *Cathy Cain 215-672-9990 or 215-675-3506*

Retrouvaille – Marriage Help

Retrouvaille is a Catholic based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. All calls are confidential.

The next program will be **Feb. 12-14 @ St. Joseph's in Malvern. 302-832-8044 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next couples experience will be **Jan. 29-31, 2010.** For more information, **Call: 1-800-456-8330.**

Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents



A very special Mass will be celebrated on **Dec. 28th, 7:00pm**, at St. Cyril's Parish in Jamison.

Our new Vicar, Msgr. **Joseph Duncan** will celebrate

and **Fr. Chris Walsh** will give the Homily.

This year, the lives of our precious, innocent unborn babies are more in danger than any other time in our history.

Please attend Mass with your family! Refreshments afterwards in parish hall. Further info: *Teresa 215-672-7355.*

Need for Foster Parents

Catholic Social Services is looking for single or married adults to become foster parents to children of all ages and races. There is a **special need** for families who can provide care to **teenagers** – a population that needs love, guidance and support as they move into adulthood. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call: *215-587-3960.*

Giving Tree



This year we collected over **\$14,750** in gift cards for the **Giving Tree** and they were distributed well before Christmas.

What a wonderful testimony of the generosity and love of the parishioners of our Church.

New Altar Servers Needed



"**God Squad**", our altar servers, needs new members. **Girls and Boys** must be in the 5th Grade or above. Training session will be in the Parish Church at **1:00pm to 2:30pm** on Saturdays: **Jan. 2nd, 9th, 16th.**

Attendance at all 3 sessions is strongly encouraged. This is a most important ministry, especially at our weekend worship services. "**Welcome to the God Squad**"

Youth Group

One Warm Coat Drive. Thank you for helping us collect **100 coats** for those in need.

Dec. 27th: Youth Mass.

***Birthday Card Ministry:** St. Joseph Youth Group will be participating in a Birthday Card Ministry. If you **choose not** to have your child (Grades 6th – 12th) receive a Birthday Card, please E-Mail stjoesyouth1@gmail.com and state your child's name and grade. Thank you.

Call: Theresa 215-918-0529

Market Day

Thanks to everyone who supported our December Sale. **FREE 4-pack PB&J Grahamwiches** come with any \$40 purchase.

Order forms are located in corridor of Church. Order online at www.marketday.com or **Call: Audrey 215-672-1806** by **11:00pm, Saturday, January 9th.**

Super Bowl Dance

Come out and support the SJR Hawks CYO Programs on **Saturday, Feb. 6th, 7:30pm – 12:00am** in **Marley Hall at St. Robert's.** Tickets are **\$25** and include admission, door prizes, appetizers, buffet dinner, beer, set-ups, dancing and fun.

Tickets and chances for a LCD TV will be sold after Masses (except 7:00am) beginning Jan. 9-10.

For more info please contact: **Jim Alexander 267-992-7998** or jim_alexanbder@comcasr.net or **Bill Horan 215-4415130** or billhoran@comcats.net.

"Thanks" for Help at Christmas



A lot of people made our **Christmas Celebration** possible: **Eileen Miley** and **volunteers** who decorated, the **Youth Group** who helped **Fr. Bowe** with the **Luminaria**, **Pat Mc Closkey** who coordinated the **singers and instrumentalists**, the **Choirs, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Sacristans** and **Staff.**