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**March 18th, 2018**

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PREP Director: Andrea Jackowski

September- May

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**Baptism:** Sunday 12:30 PM by appointment.

**Marriages:** Couples contemplating marriage must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance to make an appointment to discuss marriage preparations.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Anyone unable to attend Mass due to illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion. Hospital visitations are made as time permits. If any family member is hospitalized please inform the Rectory to arrange a visit and to be remembered in our prayers.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held daily from 8am until 7pm. On Tuesday Evenings, a Holy Hour will begin at 6:00 pm with Private Prayer, followed by the Rosary at 6:15 pm; The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said at 6:30 pm. Devotion Prayers and Litany of Sacred Heart will begin at 6:45 pm followed by Benediction.

## Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday -Friday 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am

Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm Holy Day: 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

**Confessions: Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY 12:30-4:00 PM**

**TUES.-THURS. 8:30AM-4:00PM**

**FRIDAY 8:30AM-12:30PM**

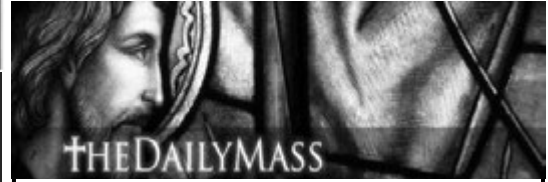
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**Upcoming Events/Calendar**

**2nd Collection-Church in Africa, All Masses**

- ◆ **Holy Hour, Tuesday, March 20th, 6:00-7:00pm, in the Church.**
- ◆ **MOJO Meeting, Tuesday, March 20th, 7:00pm, Rectory Basement**
- ◆ **Charismatic Prayer Group, Tuesday, March 20th, 7:15pm, in the Church.**
- ◆ **Building Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 20th, 8:30pm in the Rectory Basement.**
- ◆ **Visiting Sister from the Convent of Saint Elisabeth, Handcraft Sale in the Narthex, Friday, March 23rd, 8:30am & 7:00pm.**
- ◆ **Living Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 23rd, 7:00pm, in the Church.**
- ◆ **Healing Service, Saturday, March 24, 11:00am, in Church.**
- ◆ **Easter Ham Fundraiser Pick-Up after All Masses-Palm Sunday.**
- ◆ **Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 25th, 12:30pm, Prep Building. Bring your Basket! Tiny Tots-4th Graders may join in the hunt!**



Monday, March 19

John Thomas  
Req. by: Phil Collins

Tuesday, March 20

Josephine Mungin  
Req. by: Granddaughters

Wednesday, March 21

Josephine Mungin  
Req. by: Her daughters

Thursday, March 22

Walter Mycek, Sr.  
Req. by: Jack & Eleanor Slanga

Friday, March 23

Stanley Luskoski  
Req. by: The Family

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

3/17	4:30	K. Cabot, C. Mungin	E. Slanga
3/18	7:30	A. Lightman, Salinas, K. Thum	J. Kelly
	9:00	J. Pomager, Reese, R. Tamburro	J. Michael
	11:00	A. Benton, T. Chuck, S. Scowden	C. Staab

Palm Sunday-Palm distributed at all Masses

3/24	4:30	H. Coggins, M.B. Coggins / C. Narducci & H. Coggins
3/25	7:30	M. Frank, A. Jackowski, J. Zona / A. Jackowski & P. Thum
	9:00	J. Michael, M.B. Michael, L. Ray / B. Keeley & R. Keeley
	11:00	C. Bozzelli, T. Duffy, S. Prestia / M. Arnold & S. Lorenca

Next Sunday Readings - March 25th

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47



Remember our Faithful Departed

Edward A. Mitchell, Jr., George Pinter, Neil E. Weiler,  
John Thomas Quinn, David Wall, Hugh Allen, Patricia Helen Haines,  
Helen L. Pulaski, Elizabeth Karkosak & Sheila A. Connolly

**Pray for Them**



Healing Service on Saturday, March 24th at 11am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS



If you would like to obtain a receipt for your 2017 charitable contributions to Saint Joseph Church please notify the rectory at 610-948-7760 or [st.joes@comcast.net](mailto:st.joes@comcast.net). Be sure to include envelope number, the name on the envelope and mailing address. Your statement will be mailed to you within a week of the date we received the request.

PAPER RECYCLING BINS

Please dispose paper with your home recycling as the recycling company is having a pickup issue in our area. Due to the change in economy, paper recycling does not provide a financial benefit to our parish and the bins are going to be removed. Please do not leave any paper at the bins. Thank you. **1/042**

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## St. Joseph Devotions

### Charismatic Prayer Group

"Prayer, praise, worship and song in the power of the Holy Spirit!" We meet every Tuesday at 7:15pm in the Narthex. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Ray (610-933-5244) or Andrea (610-850-4228).

**First Saturday Devotion & Mass** -held on Saturday, April 7th, for Our Lady of Fatima Devotions and Rosary in Honor of Our Blessed Mother. Rosary begins at 7:25am / 8:00am Mass.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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**Servants of Mary**-Please join us at Holy Hour on Tuesday to pray the Rosary, 6:00pm. For more information, contact the Prioress: Mary Frank at 610-310-4675.

**REDNER'S MARKET-UPDATE**-Just a reminder. Redner's Market is still offering to the Church, a 1% cash back program called Save-A-Tape. A Save-A-Tape card must be presented to the cashier at checkout. To get a card, just ask the cashier. Also, Only tapes imprinted with the "Save-A-Tape" logo are eligible for cash back rebates. Please get a card, use it every time you shop and drop the complete tapes in the box marked "REDNER'S in the Narthex. **PLEASE NOTE:** In order to receive the 1% credit, we need the complete register tape, not just the bottom portion.

As another reminder, we are still collecting labels from Campbell's soup cans and Box Top seals from various products and giving them to Holy Family School in Phoenixville. You can also put the labels and seal in the "Redner's" box.

**Holy Family School News:** Now is the time to provide your Preschooler with a great start to his/her educational career! Holy Family School is accepting registrations in both our Preschool (3 year old) and Pre K (4 year old) classes. Our certified teachers welcome our youngest students to an engaging and developmentally appropriate educational program that offers more than Day Care. We recognize and celebrate creativity and individuality. Our children develop socially, spiritually, emotionally, and academically in a nurturing and familial environment! Space is limited, so we encourage you to call now for a tour of our Blue Ribbon School of Excellence! **Registration is now open for the 2018-19 school year.** For more information email us at: [advancement@myholyschool.org](mailto:advancement@myholyschool.org) or call 610-933-7562.



**Easter Ham Fundraiser**- Celebrate Easter with a Boar's Head Sweet Slice Dinner Ham, Brown Sugar and Spice Ham Glaze and Spicy Mustard in a Gift Box! 3 pound avg.- serves 8-10 people for \$25.00. 5 pound avg.- serves 12-15 people for \$35.00.

Order envelopes are in the narthex or call the rectory. All orders must be placed by **March 18th. Pick up Palm Sunday, March 25th** after all the masses. Thank you for your support!

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholics schools & offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest & instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace & join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be Generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday).

Bring the luck of the Irish to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul this St. Patrick's Day by donating your unwanted vehicle! Your extra car, truck, SUV, motorcycle or even boat is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for our neighbors in need in the greater Spring City / Royersford community. The tow is free and SVdP handle all the paperwork. Call now 1-800-322-8284 or visit online [www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com) to get started on your vehicle donation today!



We would like to invite you to have a look at handmade religious articles & souvenirs made by the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent (Belarus) in the Narthex on March 23rd. For more than 15 years the sisters have been rendering spiritual, social & financial support to the sick & suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs & mentally challenged adults. It is of great importance to give sick people spiritual support & consolation. To help these people workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with the nuns & sisters making beautiful articles (Hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered & ceramic gifts, & vestments.) All these goods are made with love & prayer & bring blessing to home. You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotion for yourselves and your beloved ones. Please take a look at their table of items for sale.

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## ***It takes a parish to P.R.E.P. a child***

*St. Joseph's Parish Religious Education Program*  
StJosephPREP@comcast.net

### Upcoming PREP Events:

**White Team next session:** Mar 25 8:45-10:35  
**Red Team next session:** Apr 15 8:45-10:35  
(Lvl 2 at 9:00am Mass)



### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

If you have signed up for post Confirmation service opportunities please follow through with them.

**Levels 5 & 6—Living Stations  
(required)**



**PRACTICES :** 3/18 2-3:30 pm in Church  
**Dress Rehearsal:** 3/21 6:00 pm in Church  
**Performance:** 3/23 7:00 pm—arrive in costume at 6:30

### **ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT—NEEDS...**



We are in need of small wrapped candy (to put into plastic eggs) and prizes for our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. Please drop off your donations in the box in the Narthex or at the PREP building.

# 100<sup>th</sup> *Anniversary*

YOU are invited. We all have some talent to share. Our personal growth and the growth of Saint Joseph Parish depends on the willingness of all of us to use our talents God gave us. As a member of Saint Joseph Parish you are cordially invited to do something for YOUR parish. It can be something small, a one-time thing, doesn't need to be taxing or burdensome on your part. Please remember, we are here in Saint Joseph Parish by Our Lord's design, let's use all the talents He has given us. If you would like to lend your time and talent to help keep our Parish a vibrant example of what one person can do, that would be great! Maybe you would like to serve as a usher guiding folks to a seat, maybe you might want to bring up the gifts one time, maybe you might distribute the church bulletins. These are examples of things that involve everyone and would demonstrate a great spirit of participation. Please call the rectory at 610-948-7760 to let us know when you would like to help out OR you could just drop a note in the collection basket, whatever works for you. Thank you, the extra help YOU can give is greatly appreciated.

### **MEN'S SPIRITUALITY FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

You are welcome to join us as we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the church rectory basement meeting room. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and we're now working on the study session called *Panorama of the Old Testament*.

How are the first two chapters of the Bible (Genesis 1-2) related to the final two chapters of the Bible (Revelation 21-22)? After the Sinai meeting between God and Moses, how was Israel called to further experience God's intimate union with them in the desert? Why does God allow Job to suffer? How do we understand the role of the prophet in the Old Testament? Join us as we learn the answers to these questions and lots more! We strive to learn in a friendly and informal setting and encourage you to consider this opportunity, even if you're not able to attend all sessions.

For questions, please call Brian Beekley at (610) 291-4937.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 12:30, rain or shine. We are in need of donations of individually wrapped candy and prizes that will fit into the eggs. Please place candy and prize donations in the marked container at the back of the church by Sunday, March 18th. If you'd like to contribute monetarily, or you have any questions, please contact Sue Scowden at 610-425-7697 [scowden1986@gmail.com](mailto:scowden1986@gmail.com)



A Baby's Breath Run for Life 2018 - April 7, 2018 at the Norristown Farm Park, East Norriton, PA. 1 Mile Fun Run 9AM and 5K run 9:30AM. Please register online at [http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR\\_RFL.html](http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html). An enjoyable morning for the family supporting moms and their babies! For more information, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281.

March 18th, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent



### Bread - Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Last year I decided to expand my cooking skills (not hard, had hardly any) and try my hand at baking bread (no experience at all). The cooking experiment? Working pretty well—the baking not so much. My only true success is making cornbread which somehow, I think, doesn't really count.*

Bread is our Lenten symbol for this Fifth Sunday of Lent.

The Didache, or Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, one of the earliest Christian writings outside of the New Testament, gives a vivid prayerful image of bread and the Eucharist. Here is a prayer adapted from that early writing—

*As grain that was scattered on the hillside was gathered together and made into one loaf, so too, we, your people, scattered throughout the world, are gathered together around your table and become one.*

At the Offertory of Mass the priest offers the bread—*fruit of the earth and work of human hands*—reminding us of this Mystery of Partnership: God, us, each other. God gives the seed, the earth, the growth and we take this gift, gather, grind, sift, bake: many, many human hands work the grain to make the Bread.

I'm not sure if there is one loaf or two in church today. Our bulletin went to press before our bread came. The bread is Challah, the traditional Jewish Sabbath bread, its braiding reminding us of union: how we are meant to intertwine—giving life bread to one another.

Two loaves remind us of the double portion of manna God gave to the Hebrew people on the day before the Sabbath. No gathering of manna on Sabbath! Gathered on the Sabbath? It spoils!

So—let's have no spoiling! Let's do what needs to be done before Sunday! May our Sunday bread be eaten in peace, enjoyed in rest: families braided together in harmony and love.

**SOON—A GIFT!  
SOME BREAD FOR OUR SPIRIT  
HOPEFULLY WE WILL TAKE AND EAT!**

*S. Mary Ann*



### Easter Egg Hunt!

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The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Palm Sunday, March 25th at 12:30pm, rain or shine. We invite all kids through 4th grade to join us on the lawns for some fun and chocolate. Bring your basket to the PREP Building.

### THE ST. JOSEPH FAIR IS COMING!

The St. Joseph's Fair will be held on May 8-12, 2018. Come join us in Spring City for a fantastic carnival experience from SwikaS Amusements! They will have rides for young and old!

A Silent Auction will be held on Tuesday, May 8 to Friday, May 11. The hours are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Last bid will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 11. Our church groups will have a food trailer, bake sale table, daily raffle drawing and children's games.



On Friday night, we will have a special event- the "O'Hara Irish Pub" featuring the O'Shenanigan Band starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from the Rectory or at the door. Tickets are Adults \$20/Children \$5. Anyone under 21 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Come experience an Irish Pub with a pub platter, beer/soda, and the wonderful songs and ballads of Ireland.

On Saturday, May 12th @ 10:00 pm we will have Fireworks and our \$500 raffle drawing. See you at the fair!!

Watch this space for more updates on the fair!

### MOJO Capt'n Chucky's Lent Crab Cake Sale-



Famous Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes, "Crab Critters", Maryland Crab Soup and now offering Maryland Crab Marinara and Tallutos Large Cheese Ravioli. Order envelopes are in the Narthex. All orders must be pre-paid and due by **March 18th**. Orders must be picked up on March 22nd between 6:00-7:00pm. Any questions please call the rectory during office hours listed on the front of this bulletin.

**Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**, Knights of Columbus at Saint Basil the Great Parish Hall, 2330 Kimberton Road, Phoenixville, on March 25th. Breakfast will be served from 8:30am-1:30pm. Tickets are Adult \$12.00, Kids 6-12 \$6.00 & children under 6 are free. For tickets call Bill@484-716-1889.



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