

# St. Joseph Church

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*Rev. Donato P. Silveri, In Residence*

**November 19th, 2017**

**Catholic School**

**Holy Family School**

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221 Third Avenue, Phoenixville

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**Parish Religious Education Program**

PREP Director: Andrea Jackowski

September- May

**Sunday: 8:45 – 10:35 AM Grades K-8**

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**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**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**

## Upcoming Events/Calendar



- ♦ **Holy Hour, Tuesday, November 21st  
6:00-7:00pm, in the Church.**
- ♦ **MOJO Meeting, Tuesday, November 21st,  
7:00pm in the Rectory Basement.**
- ♦ **Charismatic Prayer Group, Tuesday,  
November 21st, 7:15pm, in the Church.**
- ♦ **Building Committee Meeting, Tuesday,  
November 21st, 8:30pm, in the Rectory  
Basement.**

Monday, November 20

Sam DiSabatino, Jr.  
Req. by: Bernice Caroselli

Tuesday, November 21

Joseph Farina  
Req. by: Joanne & Judy Zona

Wednesday, November 22

Kenny Staab  
Req. by: The Gallagher Family

Thursday, November 23

Connie Dugas  
Req. by: Mr. & Mrs. Pat D'Angelo

Friday, November 24

Leon LaRosa  
Req. by: Chuck & Leslie Staab

We welcome into the family of Christ  
our newest members in the Sacrament  
of Baptism:



Skylar Marie Passarella  
Magnus Jennings Metzger  
Guy Henry Skone III  
Brian Nguyen

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

11/18	4:30	K. Cabot, C. Mungin	C. Narducci
11/19	7:30	A. Lightman, Salinas, K. Thum	C. Faust
	9:00	J. Pomager, Reese, R. Tamburro	J. Michael
	11:00	A. Benton, T. Chuck, S. Scowden	M. Sinner
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11/25	4:30	H. Coggins, M.B. Coggins	H. Coggins
11/26	7:30	M. Frank, A. Jackowski, J. Zona	P. Thum
	9:00	J. Michael, M.B. Michael	W. Reese
	11:00	C. Bozzelli, T. Duffy, S. Prestia	C. Bozzelli

Sunday Readings

Nov. 26th



Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46



Remember our Faithful Departed

Jennie Keffer, Martha M. Viscuso,  
Michael A. Giorgio, Matthew Joseph Grier,  
John S. Panaro, Edward A. Mitchell, Jr.,  
George Pinter, Neil E. Weiler,  
John Thomas Quinn,  
David Wall, & Hugh Allen

## 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). "Praise You, Jesus!"

### First Saturday Devotion & Mass

held on **Saturday, December 2nd**, 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.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWS:** As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday the staff and students of Holy Family School extend the warmest wishes to our parish families. We have much for which to be grateful. Our dedicated faculty, our supportive parents, our spirited and hard-working students all contribute to the success of our academically excellent and spiritually charged school. Be assured of a remembrance in our daily prayers as we move toward the holy season of Advent! For more information, contact us at [office@myholyschool.org](mailto:office@myholyschool.org) or call 610-933- 7562.



**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.



**Hope for Life** collected over 250 books for young children and new moms. Some of these books were sent to Mom's House in Phoenixville. Others were given to Birthright in Pottstown. Each book contains a bookmark listing ten great reasons why you should read to your children. Thank you for your support! The book drive was a success thanks to our generous parishioners!

**Hope For Life Mission Statement:** *As advocates for life, our mission is to provide information, create awareness, and respond to the needs of our community. We believe in life from conception to natural death and wish to spread not only a respect for life but an attitude of compassion. We hope to reflect God's presence in this world as our spirits are moved by the Holy Spirit to protect all life.*

## **T. LECTORS**

The Word of God



**Looking for Lectors-** Anyone interested in becoming a Lector please contact John Michael by phone @610-970-8341 or email to: [johnmichael2@comcast.net](mailto:johnmichael2@comcast.net)

Thank you to everyone for the Instant Mashed Potatoes for Project Outreach. Your response was EXCELLENT!

**About Malvern Retreat House**

Owned and operated by Catholic lay leadership since 1912, Malvern is the oldest and largest Catholic retreat house in the country - hosting 20,000 people annually at 250 retreats on 125 acres in beautiful Chester County, Pennsylvania. We invite you to come to Malvern to reflect, refresh and rejoice in your faith. To find an evening, week-day or weekend spiritual retreat that's right for you, call 610-644-0400 or visit us online at [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com).

**Upcoming Retreat:**

**Advent Day of Reflection**

An Advent Day of Reflection will be held at Malvern Retreat House on Wednesday, December 6. It will be directed by Fr. Matt Guckin. To register or for more information, please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

**Spirit Power Day of Reflection**

Malvern Retreat House will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this December 8 by offering the Spirit Power Day of Reflection. This year's theme will be: Here Comes Jesus. The retreat will be directed by Grammy-Nominated Singer/Songwriter Marty Rotella, Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Anna Iatesta & Anne McGlone. Please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

**Flame of Love Retreat**

Malvern Retreat House is hosting a dynamic Advent retreat for men and women with gifted retreat director Fr. James Blount. This December 15-17 weekend retreat will focus on the theme: *Why Shop Until You Drop When You Can Purchase the Pearl of Great Price?* For more information or to register, please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644.0400.



**Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart**

On the Eve of the Immaculate Conception



**Gathering in Chester County All are Welcome  
Thursday Evening, December 7, 2017**

SS. Simon and Jude Church Route 3 and Route 352 West Chester, PA 19382  
Beginning at 6:30 pm with Rosary in the Chapel  
And Holy Mass at 7 pm in the Main Church

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CHRISTMAS**

**BAZAAR** will take place on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. St. Teresa of Calcutta Education Center, 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville. [www.stteresacalcutta.com](http://www.stteresacalcutta.com). Handmadegifts, crafts, vendors, bake table and raffle table. Lunch is available for purchase.



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

*St. Joseph's Parish Religious Education Program*  
[StJosephPREP@comcast.net](mailto:StJosephPREP@comcast.net)

**Upcoming PREP Events:**

**White Team next session:** Nov 19 8:45-10:35  
(Lvl 4 at 9:00am Mass)  
**Red Team next session:** Nov 26 8:45-10:35  
(Lvl 4 at 9:00am Mass)



Date change for Christmas  
Pageant 12/15 at 7 pm.

Check the PREP calendar for new rehearsal dates.



**Thank you for your support  
of our Food Drive & Pretzel  
Sale!** Dinner bags were assembled

by our teens on Saturday. Including a \$200 cash donation, we netted over \$700! We will buy turkeys, hams and gift cards for distribution to the needy during the holidays.

**St. Joseph Giving Tree**

Please take a tag and drop off your gift in the narthex by December 3.



*How Can I Keep From Singing?*



A Thanksgiving Reflection

Those of us, of a certain age, might remember this song sung by Enya: her rendition is rather haunting and one that I liked very much until ....

..... One day, wanting to sing the song myself and not able to remember all the words, I "googled" the lyrics and found that what I thought was an Irish hymn was in fact written in 1826 by Philadelphia born Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister and song writer.

Comparing the original lyrics and the versions with which I was familiar I realized a radical difference—those lyrics had eliminated God, eliminated Christ.

This discovery brought me to thoughts about Thanksgiving.

Scripture tells us "In Everything give thanks" (1 Thess 5:18). Yet how can we *always* give thanks? Tragedy and sorrow strike us: in our country, in our congregation, in our own families.

We wonder—How can we give thanks in everything? If our hearts are heavy or mourning or confused? No real answer can be given, even in hauntingly beautiful renditions unless those words speak the True Word—the Gospel truth of God and Christ—the words that Robert Lowry first penned and utterly believed ...

Here are verses from the original version that particularly touched my soul—underlines added:

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.*

*What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night He giveth.*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am His  
How can I keep from singing?*

Google—"How can I keep from singing Buddy Greene" sung with the original lyrics—

May the good Lord's songs in Light and in Darkness fill our souls— A Happy, Holy Thanksgiving—S. Mary Ann

*There is always something for which to be*



The Men of Saint Joseph (MOJO)

The next MOJO meeting is Tuesday, November 21st in the Rectory Basement at 7:00 PM.

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MEN'S SPIRITUALITY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We plan to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 PM. We will be learning about the New Testament book entitled "Acts of the Apostles", commonly referred to as the second volume or sequel to the Gospel of Saint Luke. Study materials will be provided. Please come and join us so we can grow together spiritually and support each other on our journey of faith. 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. Questions, call Brian Beekley at 610-291-4937.



**Christmas Giving Tree**— in the Narthex of the church, if you can provide Christmas presents for those in need. Tags will be available on the tree and all gifts can be returned (with tag attached) under the tree or to the rectory during hours on the front of this bulletin. Please put gift cards in the collection basket or box provided in the narthex. **Deadline to return all gifts is DECEMBER 3RD.**

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