

# St. Joseph Church

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**Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, Pastor**  
*Rev. Donato P. Silveri, In Residence*

**September 24th, 2017**

**Catholic School**

**Holy Family School**

610-933-7562

221 Third Avenue, Phoenixville

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

**Parish Religious Education Program**

PREP Director: Andrea Jackowski

September- May

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

610-850-4228

[stjosephprep@comcast.net](mailto:stjosephprep@comcast.net)

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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. 9:00AM-4:00PM**

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

*September 24th 2017 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**



- ♦ **Holy Hour, Tuesday, September 26th, 6:00-7:00pm, in the Church.**
- ♦ **Men's Spirituality Fellowship, Tuesday, September 26th, 7:00pm, in the Rectory.**
- ♦ **Charismatic Prayer Group, Tuesday, September 26th, 7:15pm in the Church.**
- ♦ **Next Weekend at All Masses: Respect Life Sunday/Roses for Life.**

**Monday, September 25**

Russ Dunn

Req. by: Paula Dunn

**Tuesday, September 26**

Kenny Staab

Req. by: Kevin & Paula Thum

**Wednesday, September 27**

Thomas John Keller

Req. by: Dad, Mom & Siblings

**Thursday, September 28**

The Poor Souls

Req. by: Shawn

**Friday, September 29**

**Spring City Police Department & East Vincent Township Police Department**

**Req. by: Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Lectors**

9/23	4:30	H. Coggins, M.B. Coggins	C. Narducci
9/24	7:30	M. Frank, A. Jackowski, J. Zona	A. Jackowski
	9:00	J. Pomager, S. Scowden, R. Zeleski	W. Reese
	11:00	C. Bozzelli, T. Duffy, S. Prestia	S. Lorenca
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9/30	4:30	C. Mungin, E. Slanga	H. Coggins
10/1	7:30	C. Knighton, Salinas, K. Thum	J. Reiff
	9:00	J. Pomager, Reese, R. Tamburro	P. Herbert
	11:00	T. Chuck, B. Jacob, S. Scowden	M. Scally

**RCIA-We are currently in the process of organizing the next RCIA session. We will meet on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm in the Rectory beginning October 3rd. The RCIA is for those adults who have been away from the church, those adults who never received the sacraments of initiation and those people who would like to become Catholic.**

**For more information and to register for the session, Please contact the rectory office at 610-948-7760. Office Hours are on the front of this bulletin.**

**Readings for October 1st:**

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 7th, 6:00-10:00pm in the pavilion. Authentic German Buffet including soft drinks and adult beverages. German Music. Cost \$25.00 per person. Adults Only. Tickets can be purchased in the narthex after all masses, during rectory hours or at the event.**



## 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, October 7th**, for Our Lady of Fatima Devotions and Rosary in Honor of Our Blessed Mother

*followed by Mass -Rosary begins at 7:25am / 8:00am Mass.*

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**Servants of Mary**– At this time of year, we begin to focus on summer & enjoying all this season has to offer. As your mind fills with thoughts of vacation,

please remember to include God in your plans. Please don't take a vacation from prayer (especially the Rosary). As the weather becomes warmer & we spend more time in the sun, remember to spend time with THE SON. Immerse yourself in His Love & Light- JESUS IS THE SON-LIGHT OF GOD!

**Remember too we pray on Tuesdays the Rosary. Please join us at Holy Hour, 6:00pm.** For more information, contact the Prioress: Mary Frank at 610-310-4675.

Sunday, September 24th. **Walk For Life & Archdiocesan Kick-Off for 40 Days For Life.**

Location-Sister Cities Park 3:30pm, Youth Rally 4:00pm, General Rally 5:00pm & Walk For Life 5:30pm. Music, Prayer and Vendors. There will also be a mass at 6:30pm at Cathedral Basilic SS. Peter & Paul-18th St. & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia with Archbishop Charles Chaput as Celebrant. For more information call 215-587-5661 or email Steve Bozza: [sbozza@archphila.org](mailto:sbozza@archphila.org)

### **It's Time for the Basket Raffle- Women's Group 14th**

**Annual Basket Raffle**-The event will take place on October 8th at the Friendship Hook & Ladder, 269 Green Street, Royersford. Doors open at 12 Noon (review baskets/ purchase tickets). The raffle starts at 2:00 PM. **No tickets will be sold after 2:00 PM.** A Raffle Admission Sheet cost \$20.00 (25 tickets per sheet). **You must purchase a Raffle Admission Sheet before you can purchase any other prize tickets.** Additional raffle sheets are available at a cost of \$5.00 each. There will also be grand prizes, sweepstakes and 50/50 tickets available for purchase. You must be present to win. You must be 18 years of age or older. There will be tables for you to sit and enjoy. (Free light refreshments are available). You may bring your own food and drink to enjoy (no alcoholic beverages allowed ).

**Fatima 100 Conference** St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in West Chester will be the location for an extraordinary one-day event on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Fatima 100 Conference will include internationally know authors Christopher West (Theology of the Body Institute), Ralph Martin (Renewal Ministries) and Dr. Paul Kengor, author of the book, *A Pope and a President*. They will be addressing the following questions: What is the message of Fatima? What is its significance to you and your family? What is Mary asking of our generation? Cost for the day is \$30 per person, \$20 for students and includes continental breakfast and lunch. You may register by sending your name, address, and phone/e-mail contact information directly to Pro-Life Conference, 590 Snyder Avenue, West Chester, PA 19382. Please do NOT send registrations to the St. Maximilian Parish office, but to the address listed above. If you would like more information, please contact Mike McMonagle at 215-393-3610 or via email [prolifeeducation@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeeducation@gmail.com). You may also visit the website [www.Fatima100Conference.org](http://www.Fatima100Conference.org). This event is sponsored by the Knights of the Immaculata and the Pro-Life Educational Foundation. For those interested in attending from St. Joseph Church and who would be willing to drive or need transportation, please contact Mark Arnold at 610-657-4419.

**Holy Family School News :**

We are excited to announce that Holy Family School will be hosting High School Night, this Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in Griffin Hall. Every child is unique with different educational needs and interests. We are blessed to live in an area that offers a wide variety of parochial and private choices for high school. Area parochial and private high schools will be showcasing their school and answering your questions. If you have a child in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade this is a perfect place to start your research. For more information on this or any other of our extracurricular activities, please call our office at 610-933-7562, email us at [office@myholyschool.org](mailto:office@myholyschool.org) or visit our website at [www.myholyschool.org](http://www.myholyschool.org)



**Mark your calendar for the Blessing of the Pets, Saturday, October 7th at 10:00am on the church grounds of Saint Joseph.**

**Run for Life**

A Baby's Breath of Collegeville will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Run for Life 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk on the morning of Saturday, October 28th at Pope John Paul II High School, 181 Rittenhouse Rd. in Royersford. For information or to pre-register contact [abbcollegevillecpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbcollegevillecpc@gmail.com) or phone 610-489-0083 or register online (before 10/18) at: [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org) Race day registration begins at 7:30 A.M. and water and snacks will be available. All proceeds benefit A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center. Please also contact us if you are interested in volunteering for the race!



Our **"young people" music group** is looking for singers and instrumentalists from middle school grades and up! The music group plays the first Sunday of each month at 9:00am mass and meet once or twice a month to practice. Please email Megan at [meflynn1211@comcast.net](mailto:meflynn1211@comcast.net) for more information. Thanks!

**"Savio Boy Choir Auditions:**

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Savio Boy Choir offers a rich musical and spiritual experience for boys in grades 2-8. Under the patronage of St. Dominic Savio, this world-class choir tours locally in the U.S., as well as Europe. They sing many traditional hymns and choral pieces in a variety of languages, including Latin, German, French and English.

The choir is directed by Tom Windfelder, the former 25-year director of the Archdiocesan Boy Choir of Philadelphia.

The choir will be holding auditions on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

To schedule an audition please call Director Tom Windfelder at 215-425-6995.

Visit our website at [www.savioboychoir.org](http://www.savioboychoir.org)

**Bereavement Group at Sacred Heart Church,**

Phoenixville in the St. Katherine Drexel Room. Join us for a 7 week program "Seasons of Hope" for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. This is a faith based program starting Tuesday, October 3rd at 7pm. Please call Dottie Williams at 610-246-2826 to register or with any questions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

- Vincent Michael Shields
- Stella Sunshine Huff
- Lyla Grace Morris
- Leanne Riley Reyes
- Stella Rose Hill



Kindly remember in your prayers our dearly departed: John E. Leo, Sr., Jennie Keffer, Martha M. Viscuso, Michael A. Giorgio, Matthew Joseph Grier, Edward A. Mitchell, Jr., John S. Panaro, George Pinter, & Neil E. Weiler.





### An Embarrassment of Riches

Every now and again the Lottery becomes BIG News—this is when the Big Prize is at least in the 10's of millions. When this happens the news reporters start interviewing everybody. What would you do with all that money?

People line up and wait for hours to buy a ticket. People get together in groups at work or neighborhoods or families not wanting to be left out. You make sure the ticket is in a safe place. You don't give it to so and so who always forgets where they put things.

It always seems strange to me that there is such a frenzy only when the prize gets SO high. What— a mere million or two isn't good enough?

When I was a child, my mother had a set of "good" dishes. They weren't fine china; they weren't outlined in gold or silver; they were very pretty as I remember - with orange and red flowers; they looked very inviting in our dining room hutch.



After my parents died and we were closing up the house, I realized that I never remember having eaten off those plates, or having tea in any of the cups. Our "riches" in a sense had never been used. We had looked at them—admired them— but never made memories with them. We had not "Lived" them.

This year I would like, with you, to reflect upon Riches - OUR Riches: not the dream riches of the Lottery but the real riches that Jesus has won for us—the priceless riches of our Catholic faith.

Sometimes these riches become like the dishes in my childhood home: things that have become so familiar: things we think we know, and yet, they are riches that are never taken out of the "hutch" of our heads and placed on the daily tables of our life. These Riches are given to us from our Loving Father and are meant to feed us, nourish us, heal us.



Every day, we each hold in our hand a winning ticket—this year, together, let us cash it in.

S. Mary Ann



The Men of Saint Joseph (MOJO)- MOJO meet the third **Tuesday** of each month. We are always looking for new members.

Next meeting **Tuesday, October 17th** in the Rectory Basement at 7:00pm. Join us!

Calling All Men of Saint Joseph Church

Please Join Us for the

#### MEN'S SPIRITUALITY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We plan to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the church rectory or Spirituality Center. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 26th 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. For questions, please call Brian Beekley at (610) 291-4937.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling the **Roses for Life** before and after each Mass on Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st. All proceeds are distributed to the Pro-Life pregnancy centers within the local Community. Over the years we have supported Birthright who offers alternatives to abortion in the Pottstown area. Additionally we support A Baby's Breath which has three pro-life pregnancy centers in Colledgeville, Phoenixville & Norristown. Please be generous with your donations. Thank you for your donation to life.

#### Roman Catholic High School- Class of 1967,

50th Anniversary Reunion on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at Sandy Run Country Club, 200 Valley Green Road, Oreland, PA 19075. For information please contact: Jim Fitzsimmons

[jfitzsimmons0124@gmail.com](mailto:jfitzsimmons0124@gmail.com) 267-716-9716



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