

# Saint Joseph Church



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:30PM Vigil

Sunday:

8:00AM, 11:00AM, and 6:00PM

Weekdays:

(Monday – Friday) 8:00AM

Saturdays:

8:30AM

Holy Days:

8:00AM & 7:00PM

## The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist • June 24, 2018

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

### MARRIAGES:

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the rectory a minimum of six months before the date of the wedding.

### BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 11AM Mass. Parents are required to attend Pre-Jordan classes in preparation for Baptism. The class is held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30PM in the Church. Please call the rectory to make arrangements for the Baptism and to attend class.

### APPOINTMENTS:

The pastor is most willing to be of service to our parishioners. If you wish to meet with him, please call the rectory in advance to arrange an appointment.

### R.C.I.A.:

The RCIA prepares adults for Baptism and full communion in the Church. If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please contact Mrs. Mary Carney, Director of Faith Formation.

### RECTORY OFFICE:

The secretaries are available for business matters from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

### VISITS TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY:

The clergy and extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist visit the homebound sick and elderly on a regular scheduled basis. Please call the Rectory to report a needed visit.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you are scheduled for surgery or a hospital stay, receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to the hospital. Call the rectory or ask the priest on Sunday to administer the Anointing of the Sick after Mass.

### HOSPITAL VISITS:

Due to the Pennsylvania Privacy Act you must tell the hospital that you would like to be visited by a priest who serves the hospital as Catholic Chaplain.

### PARISH REGISTRATION:

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH!

We invite all Catholics living within parish boundaries to become registered members of St. Joseph Parish as soon as possible. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move, we would also appreciate a phone call to the rectory so that our records will be in order.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE - TUESDAY, 12:00 NOON

*Sunday, June 24, 2018*  
*The Nativity of John the Baptist*

*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week*

**Sun, 06/24 8AM** Michael & Margaret Fitzpatrick & Family

**11AM** Fred & Gertrude Natalie

**6PM** Special Intention for Billy Tomaszewski Family (living)

**Mon, 06/25 8AM** Pro Populo

**Tues, 06/26 8AM** Salvatore Loro

**Wed, 06/27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**8AM** Albert & Armenia Ricci

**Thu, 06/28 St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**

**8AM** For the Growth and Graces of God's Kingdom on Earth

**Fri, 06/29 Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

**8AM** Sam & Mary Keating

**Sat, 06/30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

**8:30AM** Celebrant's choice

**4:30PM** Pro Populo



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Jackson Roche - Linda Holmes - Mary Pat Hee - Cheryl McKee - Gina Swentner - Claire Burt - Mia Zarzycki - Jordan Dougherty - Claire Reyburn - Sandra Reilly - Baby Lacey Mae McElkenney - Brandon Davis - Peg Conway - Adele Klein - Rob Grande - Daniel & Helen Switliski - Helene Schultheis - Baby Jackson & his mother Leah - Jacob Rohs - Emily Milnik - Richard LaCombe - Anne McGreal - Sally Currie - Edward Dowd. *Please call to be put on this list. Names are listed for one month.*

**SCRIP SALES:** Rectory Basement:

**Sunday** 10:00am - 11:00am

**Monday** 10am - 12pm from the front door

**Tuesday** 6:30pm - 7:30pm

**Friday** 9am - 10am

**NO SALES: MONDAY, JUNE 25**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ THANK YOU!**

June 17/18, 2017: \$6,421.00

June 16/17, 2018: \$4,908.75

**On line giving:** go to <https://saintjoseph-collingdale.churchgiving.com> to set up an account.



**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**



**Sunday 06/24/18**

10AM - 11AM Scrip sales in rectory basement

**Monday 06/25/18**

No Scrip sales

7PM St. Padre Pio Group in rectory basement

7PM Narcotics Anonymous in rectory basement

7:30PM Pre Jordan in church

**Tuesday 06/26/18**

10AM Knit Crochet Pray Ministry in rectory basement

7PM Flame of Love Group in rectory basement

6:30PM - 7:30PM Scrip sales in rectory basement

**Wednesday 06/27/18**

**Thursday 06/28/18**

8:30AM Coffee Social in rectory basement

7:30PM Legion of Mary in rectory basement

**Friday 06/29/18**

9AM - 10AM Scrip sales in rectory basement

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous in rectory basement

**Saturday 06/30/18**

3PM - 4PM Confessions in church

† **Parish Organizations and Activities**

† **Pre-Jordan class for Baptism:** Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:30pm in the church.

† **The Legion of Mary** meets every Thursday at 7:30pm in the rectory basement.

† **The Knights of Columbus** are always looking for new members! To join, please call the rectory.

† **Divine Mercy Cenacle mtgs:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month in the rectory basement at 10am.

† **Pro Life Committee** meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in rectory basement. (Sept - May)

† **Knit, Crochet & Pray Ministry** is held on Tuesdays at 10am in rectory basement.

† **Padre Pio Group** meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm in the rectory basement

† **Flame of Love** Group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month in the rectory at 7pm.

† **Holy Hour:** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:15pm (Oct-May)

† **Low impact exercise:** Tue/Fri 10am rectory basement

† **St. Joseph Novena:** Thursdays after 8am Mass

† **Bereavement Support Group** meets in rectory basement 2nd and 4th Thursdays of month at 2pm

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Bereavement Support Group will not be meeting for the summer.

**We Mourn Those Who Have Gone Before Us In Death**

Mary T. Samar  
Robert LaTour





## REFLECTIONS FROM A CARPENTER'S ANGLE

### THE IMPOSSIBLE IS POSSIBLE

The great message of today's feast is that God acts and men and women just stand in awe! Did you ever wonder why it is that some of the greatest figures in the Scriptures came about by what seemed to be impossible births? Couples that seem to be sterile and too old to conceive bring forth the greatest figures of our faith. Abraham and Sarah give birth to their son Isaac when they were in their nineties. Samson's parents were considered too old and sterile when they gave birth to the mighty Samson. Even the great prophet Samuel was conceived only after many tears and years of sterility. Our Blessed Mother's parents suffered years of humiliation before they gave birth to humanities' "Solitary boast!" And of course today's birth of St. John the Baptist to his mother, St. Elizabeth and the priest, Zechariah is truly a miracle. We are told in the story that even St. John's father, Zechariah doubted his prayer could be answered and so was made mute for the nine months before the birth.

Why do all these great figures come to us under difficult circumstances? I believe that our Lord wants us to truly desire the blessing he is about to send. I believe that our Lord shows us by these miraculous births that when it comes to God's holy will anything is possible. When the Lord, God enters the equation the impossible becomes possible. God is the source of all life. And when he acts even those who seem sterile become fertile. He makes all things new.

Saint Joseph foster our love for Jesus,  
Father Sodano

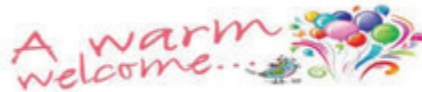


**The rectory will be open on Fridays until 1pm  
for the summer.**

**Due to intermittent electrical problems in the Parish  
Hall, the St. John Hospice Casserole Donations  
will be discontinued until further notice.**

#### **Coffee & Conversation Social:**

Thursday, June 28 after the 8AM Mass in the  
rectory basement ~ All are welcome!



**Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. has approved Fr. John D. Gabin residence assignment to St. Joseph Parish, effective June 18, 2018. While Fr. Gabin's primary assignment is Chaplain, St. Francis Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Darby, he will be available for Liturgy on Sundays and holydays. We welcome Fr. Gabin to St. Joe's and look forward to his ministry here for our parish and the community.**

### ST. JOSEPH EVENTS AND TRIPS!

**Saturday, June 30:** 9am. Padre Pio Shrine - cancelled

**Wednesday, August 15:** Cape May – Blessing of the Water. \$45. 8:30am – 6pm.

**Saturday, December 8:** Christmas Trip. Place TBD.  
**Contact Mary Carney at 610-586-1520 or [marycarney@rcn.com](mailto:marycarney@rcn.com) for info & to reserve a spot!**

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, June 30**

**4:30pm** Xavier Crowe & Logan Getty

**Sunday, July 1**

**8:00am** Charlie Cronmiller

**11:00am** Emily & Gavin Dawson, Jackson Moritz

**6:00pm** Thomas Ohrt, Liam & Aislynn Dougherty



Going on vacation? Don't forget the Lord!  
Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for a complete list of nationwide churches and Mass times.



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn that Elizabeth gives her son the name John, which means "God has been gracious." This name sets John apart in a special way: it was normally the father's responsibility to name a child, and the name was usually a family name. The unusual nature of John's naming suggests to everyone that this is a special child.

Spend some time as a family focusing on one another's names as well as on the names of other relatives. Point out the significance of each name and how the naming took place. Read aloud Luke 1:57-66, 80. Talk about how important names are and how we are all called to honor the name of God. Pray together the Sign of the Cross, emphasizing how we honor God's name and promise to live our lives in God's name.  
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### Movie Nights

**Tuesdays, July 10 and July 31 at 7pm  
in the rectory basement. \$5/family.**

**Popcorn and drinks provided.**

**Snacks welcome!**

**Ages 4 and up. (Ages 4 – 7 must be  
accompanied by an adult).**

**Bring a beach towel/ beach chair!**

**Contact Mary Carney at**

**[marycarney@rcn.com](mailto:marycarney@rcn.com) or 610-586-1520.**

### Courage and EnCourage Conference

**July 12 -15, 2018 at Villanova Conference Center**

Please register online at:

**<https://www.regonline.com/courageconference2018>**

Courage is happy to return to Villanova this summer, as we celebrate our 30th annual conference, our 38th year of ministry, and our founding director's, Fr. John Harvey, 100th birthday. Father always kept the Courage apostolate at the center of his heart, seeing it as an essential ministry of the Church through which the Holy Spirit was especially meeting the spiritual needs of persons with same sex attraction. He guarded the principles of Courage carefully, viewing chapter meetings as safe and sacred places in which Courage members could freely and confidentially share from the heart, united in their commitment to the goals of chastity, prayer, fellowship, support, and good example.

Immaculate Conception Church in Jenkintown, PA has an opening for a part-time Director of Religious Education. Qualified applicants with a Master's degree in Theology or related field are asked to submit a cover letter and resume to Mary Kate Guerin at [maryguerin@gmail.com](mailto:maryguerin@gmail.com). The full job description is posted on the Archdiocese of Philadelphia website: [www.archphila.org/about/employment](http://www.archphila.org/about/employment).

**Women of Grace Retreat, July 13-15**, with Johnnette Benkovic, Founder and President of *Women of Grace*, Fr. Philip Scott, Kathleen Beckman and Susan Brinkmann.

We are also offering the yearly **Benedicta Leadership Institute**, July 12-13, and for the first time, there will be Young **Women of Grace Retreat**, July 14 for girl's ages 13 to 17 years old. Women, register for one of these beautiful retreats before space runs out. Call 610-644-0400 or online [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).



### Collingdale 4<sup>th</sup> of July Program

Wednesday, July 4

9AM Parade

10:30AM following the parade at the Collingdale Park: Flag raising followed by all kinds of games and activities for all ages. Plus food and entertainment by the McChords. Enter the Children's art contest and parade. Special guests: Disney princesses! Information at [www.facebook.com/Collingdale4thofJuly/](http://www.facebook.com/Collingdale4thofJuly/).



### Aldan Borough Quasquicentennial Events!

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

The Sensational Soul Cruisers Concert  
Food available for purchase – bring the family.

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

11am - Special Edition of the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
12:30pm - Eleven bigger and better activities following the parade at Providence Rd. and Woodlawn Ave.

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All are welcome to attend a Charismatic Retreat in collaboration with the Arch. of Phila., Office for the Charismatic Renewal, with Sr. Ann Shields and Fr. James Blount, SOLT, with Kathleen McCarthy participating in a Healing Prayer Service during the weekend of June 29 to July 1, 2018. Register at [malvernretreat.com/register](http://malvernretreat.com/register) or call 610 - 644 - 0400. Powerful preaching, teaching and uplifting music... *"Faith more precious than Gold..."*

### **Archdiocesan Unbound Ministry**

Feeling stuck and looking for freedom? Unbound is a ministry of healing that helps individuals find freedom in areas of their life where they feel bound. A trained prayer team prays with a person using the Five Keys of the Unbound model of deliverance to help them find freedom and **peace**.

Situations where Unbound can help include: relationship problems, inability to forgive, habitual sin, chronic anger, fear, or sadness, any area of your life where you feel stuck and desire freedom. For more information, visit the Archdiocesan website [phillyevang.org/unbound](http://phillyevang.org/unbound) or call 215-320-8065 to inquire about scheduling a prayer session.

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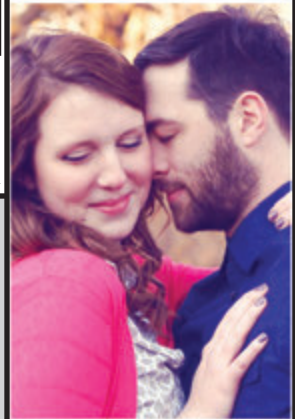
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