

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

First Sunday of Lent • February 18, 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, February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sun, 02/18 First Sunday of Lent

8AM Kresmer & Laskowski Families

11AM Pro Populo

6PM Celebrant's choice

Mon, 02/19 8AM Francis Dunbar

Tues, 02/20 8AM George & Agnes Shanahan

Wed, 02/21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop/Doctor of Church

8AM Clifford Bobb

Thu, 02/22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8AM Rev. Raymond Scott – 6th Anniversary

Fri, 02/23 St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8AM Clara Avella Walter

Sat, 02/24 8:30AM Joseph Follo

4:30PM Pro Populo



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackson Roche - Linda Holmes – Mary Pat Hee – Cheryl McKee – Gina Swentner – Marie Watson - 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 – Judith Holmes - Baby Jackson & his mother Leah - Chelsea Marie Davis – Richard Lacombe – Jacob Rohs – Bill Gilmore – Frank Hagan – Susan Kershaw – George Gallen – Donna Burr. *Either you or a family member should 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 rectory front door

Tuesday 6:30pm – 7:30pm **Friday** 9am – 10am



HOLY HOUR will be held this Monday,
Feb. 19 at 6:15pm in church.



Parish Coffee Social and Conversation
Thursday, February 22 following the 8AM Mass
in the rectory basement ~~~ please join us!



Lent is good for the soul.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH



Sunday 02/18/18

10:00AM – 11:00AM Scrip sales in rectory basement

Monday 02/19/18

6:15PM Holy Hour in church

7PM Narcotics Anonymous in rectory basement

7:30PM Zumba in Hall

Tuesday 02/20/18

10AM Knit Crochet Pray Ministry in rectory basement

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

Wednesday 02/21/18

7:30PM Bible Study in rectory basement

7:30PM Zumba in Hall

Thursday 02/22/18

8:30AM Coffee Social in rectory basement

7:30PM Legion of Mary in rectory basement

Friday 02/23/18

9AM – 10AM Scrip sales in rectory basement

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous in rectory basement

Saturday 02/24/18

10AM Divine Mercy Cenacle in rectory basement

3PM – 4PM Confessions

† **Parish Organizations and Activities**

† **Pre-Jordan class for Baptism:** Monday, February 26, 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.

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

† **Padre Pio Prayer Group** meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 7pm in the rectory.

† **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

† **Zumba:** Monday & Wednesdays at 7:30pm in Hall

† **Low impact exercise:** Tuesday 10am rectory basement

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION – THANK YOU!

February 10/11, 2018: \$6,018.15

February 11/12, 2017: \$7,063.00

On line giving: Parish Pay has switched to LPI.

If you give on line, go to www.saintjoseph-collingdale.churchgiving.com to verify your email and activate your new account. Call the rectory for assistance.



REFLECTIONS FROM A CARPENTER'S ANGLE

THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT

Back in the 70's when I still had bangs to brush aside there was a popular comedian, Flip Wilson, who loved to say those words: "The devil made me do it." Somehow that would get him off the hook for some fresh, inappropriate action or words. The audience would laugh. Today he would probably be censored for the things he said and did to women. For the record the Catholic Church does not believe the devil can make us do anything. However, the Roman Catholic Church does believe and teaches that the devil and the members of his kingdom can and do influence our actions. "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls "a murderer from the beginning." (C.C.C.394)

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus is tempted by the devil. Our Lord and the father of lies are dueling in the desert. Jesus, the Son of Light, easily defeats the Prince of Darkness. But will we defeat this viper? How will we meet the challenge when temptation comes to each one of us, as it surely will. Lent is the time we strengthen our resolve to combat evil. Our faith provides us with all the weapons necessary to overcome the evils and even the evil one that confronts us in the desert times of our own lives. We combat doubt with faith; despair with hope: fear and loneliness with love.

Saint Joseph foster our love for Jesus,
Father Sodano

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday, February 24

4:30PM Gabriel & Mary Diallo

Sunday, February 25

8AM Charlie Cronmiller

11AM Emily & Gavin Dawson, Jackson Moritz

6PM Taylors & Emmanuel Bryemah



PREP (CCD) (Levels K - 6)

Tuesdays at 6:30pm in Parish Hall classrooms

Feb. 20: Regular class & student Confirmation class

Feb. 27: Regular class

March 6: Regular class with Penance practice in church

Return to the Lord, your God.



LENT

† **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed every Friday at 7PM in church.

† **Please pick up a Daily Reflection booklet at the doors of the church for your Lenten prayer.**

For Contemplation: Create a 40 day desert this Lent. Remove everything but what you need to see clearly.

Act: Many often choose something to give up during all of Lent—not just on Fridays—as a way of fasting. Practice self-discipline and choose something to refrain from until Easter. Challenge yourself! - USCCB

From Pope Francis: "I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."



Attention all engaged couples!

St Joseph's offers a one-day **Pre-Cana** workshop for all couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church. Our next workshop date is **Saturday, April 7, 2018**. To register, contact St. Joseph rectory at 610-583-4530. For questions about the workshop, contact Bobbi Shimkus at 610-259-0875.



Our Food Pantry will be open on Sunday, February 25: Food will be distributed the ½ hour **after** all Sunday Masses in the Parish Hall! **If you or someone you know is in need of food, please stop over!** Thank you.

2017 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS: Please call the rectory to request a statement. Statements may be picked up at the rectory, or you may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will mail or *we can e-mail your statement.*

Our annual **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese will be taken up on this weekend. Through your love and gratitude, God will continue to watch over them and care for them for their remaining days. Thank you.



Bonner & Prendie Friar Fest

Plan to join Bonner & Prendie on **March 3** at the Springfield Country Club for the 29th Annual **Friar Fest**. This always fun event begins with an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. To purchase tickets, make a donation or become a sponsor: [610-259-0280 x3230](tel:610-259-0280) or <http://bonnerprendie.maestroweb.com/>. This year's theme is "**Back to the 80's**"!

St. James High School Alumni Association will again be sponsoring high school scholarships for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Applications are available upon request at 610-876-2006 or email: stjdoghouse@comcast.net. These are partial 4-year high school scholarships with required attendance at a Philadelphia Archdiocesan High School. Completed applications must be returned by Friday, April 6 The St. James Alumni Association will host a **Scholarship Program Open House on Wednesday, February 21st at 7 PM** at the St. James headquarters, The Doghouse, located at 1499 E. 9th St. Eddystone, PA.

TUITION TRANSFER GRANT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS: Notre Dame de Lourdes School in Swarthmore is excited to offer public, private, and charter school students a 2-year tuition transfer grant! Available for students currently in grades 1st through 6th, the grant provides \$1,000 for the 2018/2019 school year and \$500 for the 2019/2020 school year. They may be eligible for additional financial aid to offset the cost of tuition. Call 610-532-8081 for details.

St. Madeline Parish Quizzo Night
Saturday, March 3: 7pm – 10pm Doors open at 6:30pm.
School Gym/Parish Center – Bring own food, prizes, etc.
\$20pp. \$160 per table. Reserve online by Feb. 23 at <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-3369480/>.

Exposition of Sacred Relics - Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018
You are invited to pray in the presence of more than 100 Sacred Relics from 8:30 am (Mass) until 6:30 pm at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, 120 Allison Rd. Oreland, PA. Included is the True Cross of our Lord, relics from Mount Calvary and the Birthplace of the Lord, the Cloak of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Anthony of Padua, St. John of the Cross, St. John Neumann, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Damian of Molokai, Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin, St. Therese, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, Servant of God Fr. Walter Ciszek, and many others. www.holymartyrschurch.org. **Information call 215-884-8575.**

Sacred Heart Thrift Shop is relocating, so everything is on sale! Sale dates are Wed, Thu, Fri, Feb 21 -23 from 10am – 2pm and Sat, Feb 24 from 2pm-6pm. The convent is located on Holly & Berkley Streets in Clifton Heights. **050**

Emmaus Home's "Building Our Family" –

We are a small faith-based, non-profit in Aston and Swarthmore offering the following services for Adults with ID: Adult Day Program, Residential, Home and Community Habilitation and Companion Services. We appreciate your financial, spiritual, or volunteer support. If you would like to work with us or know of someone needing our services, call us at: 484-490-5623. Thank you!

Tuesday evening **February 20 at 7:00 pm** the second of the Ridley Area Catholic Churches **Lenten Series** talks entitled **The Ten Commandments** will be held at **Our Lady of Fatima Church** (1 Fatima Drive, Secane). The program will consist of Evening Prayer, Benediction, and a talk entitled "**Remember to keep holy the Lord's day**". The speaker will be Ms. Kelly Anderson, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. A social will follow the program. All are invited to attend. Please bring a friend.

Blessed Virgin Mary's Community education program will present a six week - six part program: *Personal Finance, preparing for your family's financial future. The classes will be presented free to the public by parishioners Harriet Sarblee, a professional in the financial services industry & Harold Finigan, a retired Philadelphia School District teacher & lifelong private investor.* **All programs are free and will be held Sundays from 12:30 till 2:00pm in the BVM Old School Hall, 1101 Main St, Darby, PA from March 11th - April 22nd.**



St. Joseph Parish Knights of Columbus Lenten Crab Cake/ Soup /Fritters Sale

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Number of quarts of soup _____ Cost _____

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Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus 8924 and return your *pre-paid* order to: Knights of Columbus, 500 Woodlawn Ave, Collingdale, PA 19023 or orders can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in collection basket marked "K of C Crab Cake Sale." For questions, call (610) 716 - 3945.

We will notify each person when the order can be picked up at the parish hall. Thank you!

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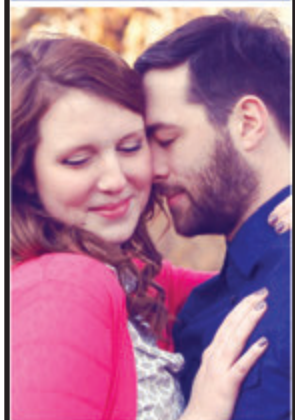
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Matthew 17:20

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