

# 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 17, 2019

### 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 the first and third Sundays of the month after the 11AM Mass. First time parents are required to attend a Pre - Jordan (Baptism Preparation) Session. The sessions are held the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm in church. Registration is required. **Only when Certificates of Eligibility from godparents are presented, then a date for the Baptism can be set.** Please call the rectory to set up an appointment for Pre - Jordan and the Baptism.

### 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 17, 2019*  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- Sun, 02/17** 8AM Bennett Family  
11AM Guido Verdecchio  
6PM Celebrant's choice
- Mon, 02/18** 8AM Patricia Smith & Family
- Tues, 02/19** 8AM George, Agnes & Thomas Shanahan
- Wed, 02/20** 8AM Regina Marie Quintiliana
- Thu, 02/21** **St. Peter Damian, Bishop/Doctor of the Church**  
8AM Tony & Barbara Petracci
- Fri, 02/22** **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
8AM Rev. Raymond Scott – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Sat, 02/23** **St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**  
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 – Daniel & Helen Switliski - Baby Jackson & his mother Leah – Jacob Rohs – Ray Torello – Lorraine McGlinchey – Carol Acker – Denise Gordon – Remyte Boyer – Brett Damadio. *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  
**Tuesday** 6:30pm – 7:30pm **Friday** 9am – 10am



The Mothers Club of Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast is sponsoring a Brunch and Fashion Show on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at The McCall Golf & Country Club. Cost is \$35 a person. For information and/or to reserve your seat, please contact Marie at (610) 259-0280 ext. 1218 or [russo@bonnerprendie.com](mailto:russo@bonnerprendie.com).



**Holy hour will be held on Monday, Feb. 18 at 6:15pm in church. Please join us for some quiet time with the Lord.**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**



- Sunday 2/17/19**  
10AM – 11AM Scrip sales in rectory basement
- Monday 2/18/19**  
**6:15PM Holy Hour in church**  
7PM Narcotics Anonymous in rectory basement
- Tuesday 2/19/19**  
6:30PM - 7:30PM Scrip sales in rectory basement
- Wednesday 2/20/19**
- Thursday 2/21/19**  
7PM Pro Life Group in rectory basement  
7:30PM Legion of Mary in Rectory basement
- Friday 2/22/19**  
9AM – 10AM Scrip sales in rectory basement  
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous in rectory basement
- Saturday 2/23/19**  
3PM – 4PM Confessions in church

† **Parish Organizations and Activities**

- † **Pre-Jordan class for Baptism:** Monday, February 25, 2019 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm in rectory basement.
- † **Knit, Crochet & Pray Ministry** is held 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10am in rectory basement.
- † **Flame of Love** Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month in the rectory at 7pm.
- † **Holy Hour:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 6:15pm (Oct-May)
- † **St. Joseph Novena:** Thursdays after 8am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION ~ THANK YOU!**

February 9/10, 2019: \$5,781.75

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

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



**Bequests to your Parish.** You can make a bequest to **St. Joseph Parish** by having the following statement in your will: "I leave to St. Joseph Parish, Collingdale, PA the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for its religious, educational and charitable works." This is one way that will ensure that St. Joseph Parish will continue into the future.

**2018 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS:** Please call the rectory to request a statement of your 2018 church contributions. Statements may be picked up at the rectory, or you may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will mail your statement or we can e-mail your statement.



## REFLECTIONS FROM A CARPENTER'S ANGLE

### LIVING IN AN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD

In the Twenty Century Fox 1972 movie titled "The Poseidon Adventure" a ninety foot tidal wave capsizes a luxury liner killing 1400 people on board. However a small number escape the disaster by following the leadership of the brave men who realized what had to be done to reach the surface by traveling to the bottom hull of the ocean liner. Watching that movie often makes me think of my own life as a priest in these times when so many values have been flipped upside down. For example: Marriage no longer requires a husband and wife to be a man and a woman respectively; sexual identity is self determined; sterility is prized more than fertility; Christianity is no longer viewed as an organized religion but only as an individual experience where I determine my own dogmas; and the most upside down of all is celibacy. In a world of sexual revolution, what loving God would expect countenance?

The Beatitudes reveal a world that is upside down. Jesus tells us that the poor will inherit the Kingdom of God. He says those who mourn and repent now will laugh later. He says that those who are hated and despised now will be greatly rewarded in heaven. So also for the rich, powerful, and popular that they will go hungry and weep later. A humble and obedient servant of the Lord may not look like the way to Heaven for the rich and famous. But Jesus Christ did not tell us he would show us a short cut to Heaven. What he said was: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Saint Joseph foster our love for Jesus,  
Father Sodano

**Please call the rectory for parishioners who are sick,  
those who have died or anytime you need a priest.  
We can't help if we don't know!**



### ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, February 23**

**4:30pm** Gabriel & Mary Diallo

**Sunday, February 24**

**8:00am** Charlie Cronmiller & Emmanuel Bryemah

**11:00am** Thomas Ohrt & Bobby Barth

**6:00pm** Nicholas & Matthew Taylor, Gabriel Diamond

### PREP (CCD)

(Levels K -7). **TUESDAYS at 6:30pm in the Hall.**  
2-19 & 26: Regular class

### Volunteers needed:

**Anniversary Book Committee.**

**The Pastoral Council has decided to go ahead with publishing an Anniversary book. Meetings will commence soon. Please call the rectory if you can help! Thank you.**



**St. Joseph Sunshine Club –**

Volunteers are needed to perform tasks such as sending anniversary cards one year following a death, birth, or marriage, sending a birthday card for milestone birthdays such as turning 90 or 100, etc. Call the rectory if interested!



**Looking ahead –  
Lent is approaching!  
ST. JOSEPH FISH FRY**

**Fridays: March 29, April 5, April 12  
5PM – 7PM**

**In the Parish Hall before Stations of the Cross –  
MENU: Crab Soup, crab cakes, flounder, chicken fingers for the kids, cole slaw, chips, drinks and desserts. Save the date and join us!**



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life. Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

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### **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 13, 2019**. To register, please contact the rectory at 610-583-4530. For questions about the workshop, contact Bobbi Shimkus at 610-259-0875.



**FILL THE BABY BOTTLE WITH COINS TO BENEFIT THE MOTHERS' HOME**

**Please pick up a bottle at the doors of church and return them by Feb. 24**

**filled with coins or bills or a check made payable to Mothers' Home.**

**There is a box behind the altar rail in front of the Blessed Mother statue for returns. Thank you.**

Once again, the **St. James Alumni Association** will be sponsoring **high school scholarships for the 2019 – 2020 school year**. The applications are available upon request at **610-876-2006** or email: [stjdoghouse@comcast.net](mailto:stjdoghouse@comcast.net). These are partial 4 year high school scholarships with required enrollment at a Philadelphia Archdiocesan High School. The scholarship applicant must be a practicing Catholic from a Delaware County parish. The students eligible are graduating 8th graders and current high school students. All completed applications must be returned by **Friday, April 5, 2018**.

**The St. James Alumni Association will host a Scholarship Program Open House on Tuesday, February 19th at 7 PM at the St. James Headquarters, The "Doghouse" located at 1499 E. 9th St. Eddystone, PA.**

**OLA Wine & Cheese Bingo**

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**Friday, March 8, 2019 7:00 - 11:00PM**

**Ticket Cost \$25. For tickets please contact Angela Merkle - 610-209-2824 or email [angpace@msn.com](mailto:angpace@msn.com).**

**Like to cook? Looking for flexible work hours?**

**Help Wanted – Part-Time Cook!**

Part-time, experienced cook needed for St. Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Rd, Haverford, PA . Flexible hours; Dinner meal prep. Call Sr. Lyan at 610-642-5715 for an interview.

**Flame of Love First Saturday Devotion**

March 2, 2019

Mass 8:30 am – Concludes at Noon.

St Charles Borromeo Parish, Drexel Hill, PA

Refreshments, Teaching. Call 610-622-4257 for info.

**Charis Young Adult "What's Next?" Retreat**

**March 1 - 6:30pm to March 3 - 1:00pm**

*Considering making a transition in life? Unsure about what lies ahead next for you? Trying to find meaning in your experiences?* Join us for the "What's Next?" Retreat to: Grow in Faith, Connect with others, Encounter God

Date: March 1-3, 2019 (arrive 6:30pm, depart 1pm)

For Whom: Young adults in their 20s and 30s; Cost: \$180.

Registration: Register online at [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org),

email us at [straphaelacenter@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelacenter@gmail.com) or call us at 610-642-5715.

**Saint Eugene School** is now accepting new student registrations. Please call the school office at 610.622.2909 for an appointment. Registration information: [www.sainteugeneschool.org](http://www.sainteugeneschool.org).

**St. James Regional Catholic School**, Ridley Park, has open registration for PK3, PK4 and Kindergarten. Call 610-583-3662 for prices and a tour. Cheaper than daycare. Quality education.

**11th Annual Man Up Philly**

On Saturday, March 9, 2019 at **Neumann University's Mirinda Center**, men are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **11th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference**.

Our speaker lineup is acclaimed author and speaker **Matthew Kelly** and former NFL quarterback and Philadelphia Eagle, **Ron Jaworski**. We welcome back **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**, globally recognized Catholic speaker, and acclaimed Irish tenor, **Mark Forrest**, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the **Most Rev. Timothy Christian Senior**. Lunch is included. **To learn more: [manupphilly.com](http://manupphilly.com).**

**The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities**, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org), or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.

**FREE! Outstanding Speaker:**

**Our Lady of Peace Church, Milmont Park, PA, Sunday, February 24: 2pm - 4pm**

Might you or someone you know be struggling with a despair, fear, anxiety, anger, jealousy, relationship issues, the inability to forgive, or a deep hurt? We all have things that bind us and hold us back from living our lives abundantly. Join us at Our Lady of Peace Church (208 Milmont Ave., Milmont Park, PA) as Catholic speaker, Meghan Cokeley (Director for the Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese), **talks about a simple prayer process that will help you find freedom in your life**. For more info, contact Patrick Ireland at 484-620-7149 or [pireland9@yahoo.com](mailto:pireland9@yahoo.com).



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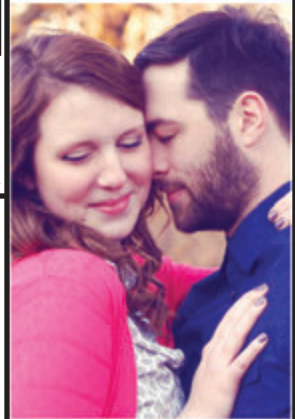


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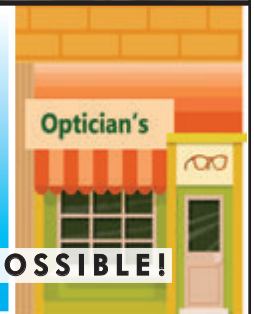
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