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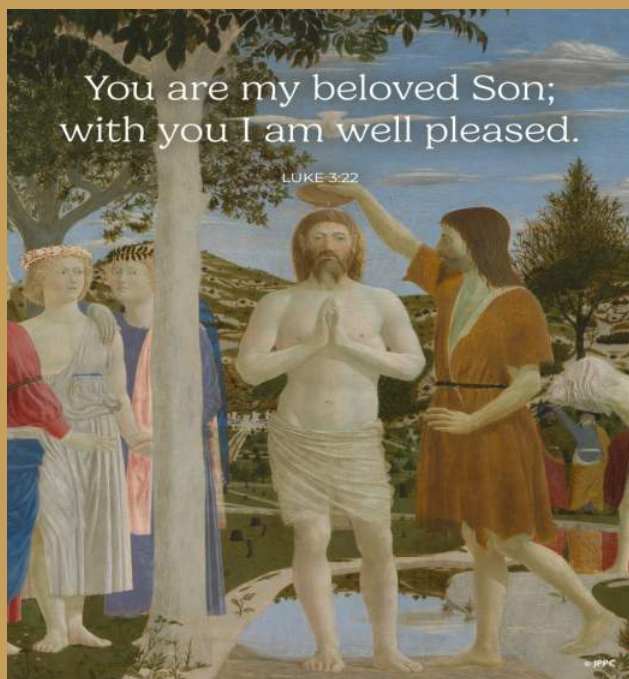
## MASSES

Daily Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM, Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 (streamed) & 11:00 AM

## Confession

Saturday, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday are shared here to give you a chance to meditate on them in preparation for Mass.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm

96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel:

John 2: 1-11

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY DEVOTION & MASS

7:20 AM Rosary followed by Mass

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Daily from 8 AM until 7 PM

## BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12:15 PM by appointment

Baptismal Prep by appointment

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those unable to attend Mass due to illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion.

## Hospitalization

If a family member is hospitalized, please inform the Rectory so that we may remember them in our prayers.

## MARRIAGE

Couples contemplating marriage must contact the priest **at least 6 months in advance** to make an appointment to discuss marriage preparations.

## EDUCATION

### ***Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)***

Andrea Jackowski, Director

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# January 12, 2025 - Baptism of the Lord



We at St. Joe's Parish would like to invite all our parishioners to consider joining our hands together in **caring for the poor** in our community. We will be accepting donations for both PACS (Phoenixville Area Community Services) and Project Outreach located in Royersford that help contribute the necessary items to struggling families in our area. Please watch the bulletin regularly to learn what donations are needed.

### Current Needs:

**Soups**

**Ready to Eat Canned Goods**

**Chef Boyardee Items**

**Cereals**

**Canned Tuna & Chicken**

**Pasta Sauce**

You may place the donated items in the large cabinet in the Narthex. We are very grateful to all of you for your support in the mission to Care for the Poor!

<b>Monday</b> January 13	<i>William F. Mullen III</i> <i>Req. by Danielle Galia</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> January 14	<i>Margo Zanzinger</i> <i>Req. by Dennie &amp; Kathy O'Hara</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> January 15	<i>Barbara Bralski</i> <i>Req. by Sister Mary Ann Johnston</i>
<b>Thursday</b> January 16	<i>Theresa Sheetz</i> <i>Req. by Louie DiGuiseppa</i>
<b>Friday</b> January 17	<i>Mario R DiNardo Jr.</i> <i>Req. by Kevin &amp; Paula Thum</i>

Bulletin Date	Date Due
January 26-	January 16
February 2-	January 23
February 9-	January 30

Bulletin Submission Schedule  
Please submit any items for the bulletin to [St.Joes@comcast.net](mailto:St.Joes@comcast.net)



### Lector Schedule

<u>January 11</u> 4:30 - H Coggins	<u>January 18</u> 4:30 - E Slanga
<u>January 12</u> 7:30 - C Staab 9:00 - R Keeley 11:00 - M Arnold	<u>January 19</u> 7:30 - J Kelly 9:00 - J Michael 11:00 - S Lorenca

### Eucharistic Minister Schedule

<u>January 11</u> 4:30 - C Narducci	<u>January 18</u> 4:30 - H Coggins
<u>January 12</u> 7:30 - K Thum 9:00 - Sr Mary Ann 11:00 - M Arnold	<u>January 19</u> 7:30 - J Zona 9:00 - S Prestia 11:00 - T Duffy



Ever think of joining the St Joseph Music Ministry?

We'd love to have you! Instrumentalists, cantors both.

Please see Leslie or Megan after Mass.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Masses 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
CGS Level I 8:45 am  
PREP every other Sunday 8:45 am  
PREP Confirmation Class 6:00 pm

### MONDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### TUESDAY

Mass 8:00 am  
CGS Level I - 9:00 am  
CGS Level II - 4:30 pm  
CGS Level III - 4:30 pm

### Holy Hour & Devotion -

**6:00pm**

### WEDNESDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### THURSDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### FRIDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### SATURDAY

Confession 2:30 - 4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass 4:30 pm

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

**Vigil Mass** 7:00 pm

**Holy Day:** 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00

## EVENTS & PROGRAMS

### MONDAY, January 13

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus - Trailer 3

### TUESDAY, January 14

6:00 pm - Holy Hour Devotion- All Children - Church

7:00 pm - Men's Spirituality Meeting - Trailer 1

7:00 pm - Servants of Mary - Narthex

### THURSDAY, January 16

7:00 pm - St Vincent dePaul Meeting - Narthex

### SUNDAY, January 19

9:00 am - Inscription Mass Confirmation - Church



Healing Service

Saturday January 25th

11 am St Joseph Church

## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

It is the smallest of all the seeds

The Gospel tells us the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, no bigger than a head of a pin. It is easily overlooked. With the youngest children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, we focus on just one of these tiny seeds and wonder what happens to it when it has been planted. He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown, it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" – Matthew 13:31-32

For more information contact Anne Pulsifer  
484-431-5156 or [cgstjoseph@comcast.net](mailto:cgstjoseph@comcast.net)



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## Around the Archdiocese

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**+Every Wednesday and Second Saturday, 12-1 PM**

### Event: Lunch in the Park with Christ in the City

Join Christ in the City missionaries as we serve over 50+ men and women experiencing homelessness, building relationships while enjoying lunch.

- Every Wednesday, 12-1 PM on the lawn next to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia (required training for new volunteers begins at 11:15 AM)

Second Saturdays, 12-1 PM on Logan Square (required training for new volunteers begins at 10 AM)

**More info:** Registration is required and all new volunteers must attend a training prior to the event. Full details and registration available at: <https://christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/>

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**+Mondays, January 6 through February 24 @7:00p.m.**

### Event: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: An 8-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so

complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to get the 'big picture' of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

**Location:** Saint Aloysius Church, Lower Level of Gathering

Center 223 Beech Street, Pottstown.

**More Information:** Cost- \$30 for workbook. Register at <https://forms.gle/mwTvMEr8GZV5L8d69> OR contact Sophie Schneible, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator 610-326-5877 ext. 426, [sschneible@saintalloysius.net](mailto:sschneible@saintalloysius.net)

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**+Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

### Event: Retreat- Mothers Be Still and Know That I Am God.

This retreat offers a space for faith sharing and reflection with other mothers. Come as you are and let God delight in you. It's a meditative retreat designed for mothers to slow down, be present to God, breathe, relax, and start the New Year with a spiritual reset. The retreat costs \$55 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

**Location:** Mother Boniface Spirituality Center (3501 Solly Avenue, Phila, PA 19136)

**More info:** For more information and to register, [click here](#). Any questions, or to register by phone, please call 267-350-1830.

**National Centre for Padre Pio  
111 Barto Road Barto PA 19504  
February 7, 2025**

**Event: First Friday Mass** is celebrated at 10:30 AM every month in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre of the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follow morning Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary.



**For full information** about our Archdiocese of Philadelphia observance of the Jubilee and how you can participate, visit [archphila.org/holyyear](http://archphila.org/holyyear).

### Redner's Save-A-Tape Grocery Receipts

**\*\*\*End of Year Update: We've collected \$2,300 for 2024!!!!!! \*\*\***

Thank you to all for helping with this campaign...you deserve a PAT ON THE BACK!

**Keep shopping and saving your tapes...we'll be participating in 2025!**

PLEASE...keep turning in your REDNER'S Save-A-Tape grocery receipts or consider joining the program to support this project! There is a container in the Narthex on the credenza under the TV waiting for your receipts—St. Joseph Parish receives benefits from your receipts and they **PAY OFF!**





## The Baptism of the Lord - Another Epiphany -

Over the days of the  
Christmas Season,  
we have actually  
been invited to  
enter *Three*

**Epiphanies** – for the Church sees Christmas, Epiphany of the Magi, and the Baptism of the Lord as **Three Wonders bound together: Revelations that open ourselves and our world into the Mystery of the Divine Plan: Christmas – the Wonder of God born as one of us; Epiphany of the Magi – the Wonder of this Gift given for all the peoples of the world; the Baptism of the Lord – the Wonder of Christ – revealed as the Father’s Beloved Son come to bear upon Himself the sins of the world.**

Our guide for Advent and the First Two “Epiphanies” was our own Christmas Stable. I miss Stable. He was gracious guide, helping me see so many things as if for the first time. He seemed to enjoy the slow, gentle unfolding of the Mystery and I longed to share the slowness of that pace.

His wonderings became my wonderings – not just for Advent, but for every step of my life:

Who is this Child? Who is this Child to me?

Is this Child the Center of my life?

Am I a Shelter where others can experience His presence and find in Him, their Lord?

## The Blessing of the Waters



The Baptism of the Lord contains many Wonders. We see the Heavens open and hear the voice of the Father. We see Christ undergoing Baptism reflecting that the sinless One will bear the sins of the world.

The Eastern rite Churches see in the Baptism another Wonder taking us back to the very beginning of Creation. In Genesis it is written that the Spirit “moved over the face of the waters.” In a similar way, the Spirit appears as a dove as Christ is immersed in the Jordan.

St. Maximus of Turin gives us this reflection on Christ’s Baptism: “Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by His cleansing to purify the waters which He touched.”

In the Spirit, Christ plunging into the water purifies not just the Jordan but touches all the waters of the earth. Perhaps this image shows another wonder – for, by our Baptism, we have been plunged into Christ – through Him, may we bring The Holy to all that we touch.

*“Let the heavens rejoice  
let earth be glad, let the sea resound,  
and all that is in it.” Psalm 96: 11  
and we, too! S. Mary Ann*

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