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JANUARY 19, 2025

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

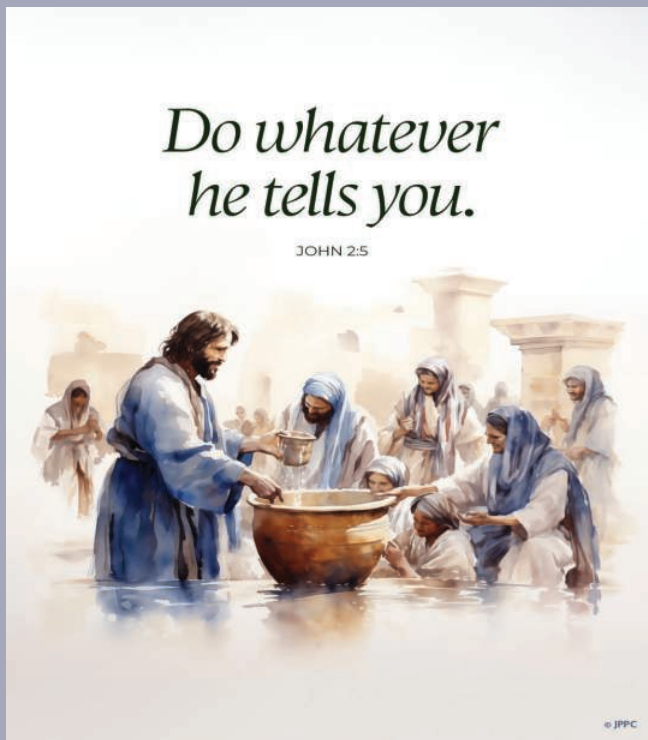
MASSES

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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

1st Reading:

Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm

19: 8, 9, 10, 15

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel:

Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

1ST 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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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Anne Pulsifer, Formation Leader

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For those in need call 484-447-8947

January 19, 2025 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Healing Service

Saturday 11am

January 25th
St Joseph Church



Monday January 20	<i>Charles Zaremba</i> <i>Req. by Peggy Yokemick</i>
Tuesday January 21	<i>Joan Rodenbaugh</i> <i>Req. by Stan, Chris & Kathy</i>
Wednesday January 22	<i>Mario R. DiNardo Jr.</i> <i>Req. by Andrea Jackowski</i>
Thursday January 23	<i>Dennis O'Hara</i> <i>Req. by Pat & Marie D'Angelo</i>
Friday January 24	<i>Regina Luskoski</i> <i>Req. by The Lederer Family</i>



If you would like a letter summarizing your 2024 offerings to St. Joseph Church, please email your request to st.joes@comcast.net or call the Rectory at 610-948-7760



Bulletin Date	Date Due
February 2-	January 23
February 9-	January 30
February 16-	February 6

Bulletin Submission Schedule
Please submit any items for the bulletin to St.Joes@comcast.net



Leslie Staab
Mike Culver
Megan Flynn
Joe Leaf
Marianne Quinty

Lector Schedule

<u>January 18</u> 4:30 - E Slanga	<u>January 25</u> 4:30 - H Coggins
<u>January 19</u> 7:30 - J Kelly 9:00 - J Michael 11:00 - S Lorenca	<u>January 26</u> 7:30 - C Staab 9:00 - B Keeley 11:00 - M Benton

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

<u>January 18</u> 4:30 - H Coggins	<u>January 25</u> 4:30 - K Cabot
<u>January 19</u> 7:30 - J Zona 9:00 - S Prestia 11:00 - T Duffy	<u>January 26</u> 7:30 - W Rigsby 9:00 - S Prestia 11:00 - C or G Reece

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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

SUNDAY, January 19

9:00 am - Inscription Mass Confirmation - Church

MONDAY, January 20

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus - Trailer 1

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting - Trailer 3

TUESDAY, January 21

6:00 pm - Holy Hour Devotion- Homebound - Church

7:00 pm - MOJO Meeting - Trailer 1

8:30 pm - Building Committee Meeting - Trailer 1

SATURDAY, January 25

11:00 am - Healing Service - Church



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

It becomes a large bush

The small seed becomes a tree. It grows into an annual bush with treelike limbs. The average height is between four and five feet tall. Along the Sea of Galilee, it may even grow to be nine to ten feet tall. 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
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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

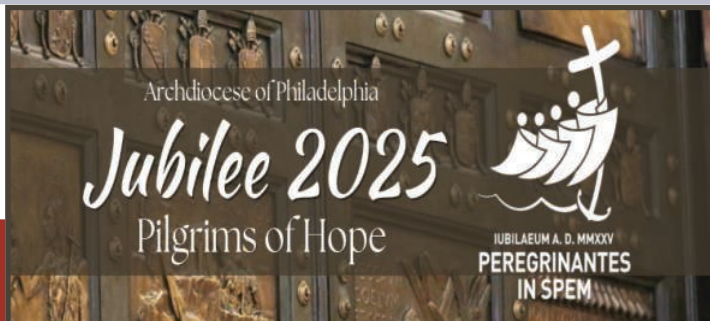
Chef Boyardee Items

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!



For full information about our Archdiocese of Philadelphia observance of the Jubilee and how you can participate, visit archphila.org/hollyear.



Congratulations To the Newly Baptized:

Matteo Vincenzo Picone

Parents Giuseppe and Emily Picone
Baptized December 1, 2024

Rian Jose Orsu

Parents Akhilesh Orsu & Jithu Jose
Baptized December 29, 2024

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1

The week is an opportunity for Catholic schools to showcase their commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development, and community involvement.

If you are interested in learning more about our school, please contact us today at advancement@myholyschool.org



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Long Christmas -

This Sunday always surprises me: Advent, Christmas, Mary Mother of God, Epiphany, The Baptism of the Lord, and then, here we are: All of a sudden this is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time! Does anyone ever remember that The Baptism of the Lord, last Sunday, is really the First Sunday in Ordinary Time?

Well, you know, I'm never, ever, fully prepared for Christmas. I'm not sure I'm ready for Ordinary Time either. But maybe I don't have to be...

Long Christmas – I had never heard that expression until a few weeks ago. When I learned what Long Christmas is, I realized I had had a wonderful experience of it many years ago.

When I was a young Sister our convent received a parishioner's invitation to join her for dinner over the Christmas holidays. We were stationed at a distance from our own families' homes, so our holidays were spent away from the parish.

Christmas passed. New Year's passed. School was back in session. As busy as we were, so was Mrs. Hogan reminding us of her invitation.

Only by late January did our little band finally find our way to Mrs. Hogan's. Together we stepped into her home and found ourselves stepping into a marvelous Christmas wonderland.

We were so embarrassed! Had she really kept all of this up for us? Christmas tree included! (*Even we Sisters can be guilty of thinking it's all about us!*)

No, it wasn't for us. She kept the custom of cherishing the Spirit of Christmas for 40 days from Christmas Day until February 2nd – Candlemas Day – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – a Long, wonderful Christmas indeed!

Long Christmas and Ordinary Time – As our

Stable loved its gradual preparation for Christmas, the old custom of Long Christmas invites us to a slow, measured pace as we leave this beloved Feast behind.

For myself, I've put away my stable but left the Baby Jesus amidst my Christmas candles.

These are lit in my windows each January evening, to proclaim, in their own way - The Light has come!



Today's Gospel seems to fit a Long Pondering of Christmas, for in a true sense, today we witness Mary giving birth to Christ again. On this day, at Cana, she might have remembered Him as that babe in Bethlehem, where she held Him, with the soothing whisper of her voice, held him close in the embrace of her arms. Yet, on *this* day, at her asking, with her own voice, she would release Him. Today would be another birth – His Mission to the World.

S. Mary Ann

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