

**Sacred Heart Parish
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024**

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "is this not the carpenter's son?" He wasn't rich, for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified, he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves, or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. We know Joseph loved Mary and Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him.

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Apocryphal Date for Joseph's birth is 90 BC in Bethlehem and the Apocryphal Date of his death is July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. Many places and churches all over the world are named after St. Joseph.

This coming week is our last week before Holy Week. We have additional Confessions at 6:00 pm and Masses at 6:30 pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6:30 pm. Please come to the church and make this Lent very special.

With my blessings,

Rev. Tadeusz Gorka



Full Lenten calendar and more ideas on how to make your Lent count this year.
<https://www.sacredheartroyersford.org/lent>

Saint Of The Day

March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

"Make your fold with the sheep; flee from the wolves: depart not from the Church," Cyril admonished catechumens surrounded by heresy. These were prophetic words, for Cyril was to be hounded by enemies and heretics for most of his life, and although they could exile him from his diocese he never left his beloved Church. Cyril's life began a few years before Arianism, (the heresy that Jesus was not divine or one in being with the Father) and he lived to see its suppression and condemnation at the end of his life. In between, he was the victim of many of the power struggles that took place. St. Cyril is also remembered for his exhaustive Biblical knowledge, and his endurance in the face of misunderstanding and opposition.

March 19 - St. Joseph



We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. March 19 has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1. St. Joseph is important because of the role he played in the lives of Jesus and Mary - and ours.

To honor St. Joseph, you can ask him to help you in your work, honor him with a statue in your home, or pray the St. Joseph Novena. Spend time getting to know him. Our website has articles, videos from Formed, and much more! www.sacredheartroyersford.org/stjoe

*St. Joseph, pray for the Church,
the mystical body of Christ,
and guide us to eternal peace. Amen*

March

Decade-A-Day Rosary Group
Prayer Intentions

For the month of March we pray
that we may experience the
Sacrament of Reconciliation with
renewed depth, to experience the
infinite mercy of God.

Mass Intentions

MON, Mar 18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem - Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 AM Pro Populo
- 6:30 PM Patrick Cassidy
Requested by The Campbell Family

TUES, Mar 19 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 AM Lisa D'Annunzio - Living Intentions
Requested by PREP -
in loving appreciation for volunteering.
- 6:30 PM Joseph D. Nesspor, Sr.
Requested by The Children of Martin and Anne DePaoli

WED, Mar 20

- 8:00 AM Liz Campbell - Living Intentions
Requested by The Campbell Family
- 6:30 PM Geraldine A. Goldschmidt
Requested by The Lynch Family

THUR, Mar 21

- 8:00 AM Special Intention

FRI, Mar 22

- 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
Requested by the Gonsalves Family
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

SAT, Mar 23

- 8:00 AM Pro Populo
- 4:15 PM Salvatore Prevete
Requested by Beverly and Ronald Greco
- SUN, Mar 24
- 8:00 AM Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Frank and Irene Byrne
Requested by The Jucker Family
- 10:00 AM Ted Nypaver
Requested by The Robert Nypaver Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.

Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGuiseppi, Garrett Rogers, John Slanga, Baby Briana, Tara Clarke, Eileen Barone, Aria Gessner, Dan Dordea, John Hoff, Max Good, Johanna McLaughlin, Helen Gallagher, Dex Volpe, Hank Edleman, Alex Stadelmaier, Jake Dailey, James McManus, Lauri Ronan, John Durante, Cecelia Ricci, John Breslawski, Ed Reynolds, Steve Curnl, Jackie Zabicki, Alyson Layser, Charles Crowder, Keith Garnett, Grace Giuffre, Patricia Berner, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, Nancy McNamara, Patricia McMinn, Anna, Doug Dunne, Maureen Yust, Mary Jane Durante, Josephine, Madison D'Annunzio, Casey Glennon, the Gonzalez Family, Jimmy D'Annunzio, Annalies Frisco, Taylor O'Neill, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Mike Mehle, Genevieve Tuski, Deirdre Magolon, Rosemary Buchanan, Orville Otis, Heather Murphy, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Moira Randazzo, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Andrea and Jim McManus, Connie Udicous, Alfred DePaoli, Susan Krepps, Diane Dziedzic, Patricia Werczynski, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand.

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!

Please Pray For Those Serving

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Save the date for our next

Faith Formation Class.

March 21 at 6:30pm

in the Katharine Drexel Room

Topic: God's Covenants with Mankind.

Join us for a casual discussion to discuss our Faith.



March's prayer intentions are for Bishop Christopher Cooke.

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18TH



A candle burns this week next to the **Blessed Virgin Mary Statue** For Karen Alwine - Living Intentions for Your Birthday
Requested by Jeanne and Barry Bowers



A candle burns this week next to the **St. Joseph Statue** for Patrick Cassidy
Requested by The Campbell Family



A candle burns this week next to the **Divine Mercy Image** for Joan Przasnyski
Requested by Regina Golie



PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul I pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, having in mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus:
**"They have pierced my hands and my feet;
they have numbered all my bones."**

Say one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the Catholic Church and the intentions of the Holy Father.



Have you lost a unique Rosary at Sacred Heart? Please contact Susan in the Parish Office: 610-948-5915. Items of value will be kept in the office. Other items can be found as you exit the Café.

Life Advocate Resource Conference

Saturday, April 6, 2024. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Matthew Church Hall

219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

All are invited to attend this conference to learn how to get involved with pro-life activities and see all the pro-life resources offered in the Philadelphia area. This conference is free, and a free lunch will be provided, but registration is required.

To register, please send your name and phone number to: lifeconference@prolifeunion.org or call 215-885-8150.





FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ HAPPENINGS



We are closed today, March 17th.

This Week's Fish Fry Special - March 22:

Shrimp Salad Wrap: Our jumbo shrimp gently blended with celery, onion, and just the right amount of seasonings. Served with a bag of chips.

PALM SUNDAY: 3/24

Breakfast Buffet!

Scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit, coffee. \$12

Kielbasa will be for sale 3/24. Limited quantity. \$8 a pound.

Butter Lambs are \$5 and can be picked up

or extras can be purchased on Palm Sunday - 3/24.



Deacon Thoughts with Dave

"The effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost." Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1302).

The Catechism also points out that the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- "perfects Baptismal grace; it is the Sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith and words accompanied by deeds." (CCC 1316).
- "imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christians soul; for this reason, one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life (ccc 1317).
- "is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace" (ccc 1285).

Have a blessed week as we continue our Lenten journey together.
Deacon Dave



National Centre for Padre Pio Events:
111 Barto Road - Barto, PA
www.padrepio.org

Blessed Miriam Teresa: A "Little Flower" from New Jersey:
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Novena to Padre Pio for Our Children: Tues. April 23 to Wed., May 1, 2024 following the 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
In person or live-streamed: www.facebook.com/PadrePioInc
Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Beatification of Padre Pio. Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Keith Chylinski.



Join us as we make our church as beautiful as the Lord's gift to us this Easter Season.
All are welcome to come decorate!



Join us to pray the World Mission Rosary on our Anniversary!

Monday, March 18th at 8:00pm

as we celebrate our fourth Anniversary of the Archdiocesan Rosary!

Four years ago, our Archdiocese looked to the power of prayer and the protection of Mary. Faithful Catholics from around the diocese gathered to pray the Rosary. We hope you will join us again! We will have special guests and would like to share pictures of our Rosary Family.

Pictures can be sent to pofaith@archphila.org

Link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>



Boy Scout Troop 231 - Come Join Us!

We invite all Boys ages 11 years and up to check out our faith and fun-filled camping and high adventure programs! The Troop meets **Thursday evenings at 7 PM** in the old school building - 2nd floor Conference room. Questions? Troop Leader, John Kelly: Troop231royersford@gmail.com

Villa Maria Academy High School 7th Grade Admission Fair

All 7th-grade girls and their parents/guardians are invited to experience Villa Maria on **May 1st at 4:30 p.m.** Hear from administrators, faculty, and staff; take a student-guided stroll around our beautiful campus; and discover how you can become **UNSTOPPABLE** with Villa Maria's robust academic, athletic, spiritual, and social offerings. To register for this event, the 7th Grade Practice Exam, Visit Days, and more visit: vmahs.org/events. Questions? admissions@vmahs.org



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Other News and Events

- **Marian Day Conference:** Saturday, April 13, 2024. "What we learn from the Church's Prayer about the Blessed Virgin Mary" & "The Celebration of the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary." A Marian Eucharistic day of Prayer, Talks, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Adoration, and nourishment (both physical and spiritual). Sponsored by the Philadelphia Senatus of the Legion of Mary. Location: St. Helena Parish; The Empress Room, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422. **More Info:** Alice at 610-803-4467 or JoAnn at 267-918-2536. Cost: \$30. Registration required @ philadelphiasonatus.org/upcoming-events.
- **Father Judge High School Class of 1974 - 50 Year Reunion.** Sat, April 27th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge. Cost is \$80 per person. Please contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information.
- **Cardinal O'Hara High School 50th Reunion for the Class of 1974:** 10/19/24 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico at jcaramanic056@gmail.com or 610.633.0783.
- **Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 50th Reunion:** Friday, Sept. 27, 6-10 p.m. at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Rd., Broomall. The Committee is searching for current email addresses to send out notices with the details. Class members are asked to send name and email address to: bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com.
- **Marriage Enrichment Day.** Sat, April 20th, 8:30am - 4:00pm. For Engaged and Married Couples of all ages to Renew, Strengthen, & Enhance your Marriage. Register with QR Code or Link: bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace2024 Enjoy a day with Dynamic Speakers, Breakfast, Lunch & 4 PM Vigil Mass. St. Helena's Church 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422. For more information: 215-587-0500.
- **Villa Maria by the Sea:** Offering special retreats by the sea. Plan ahead for summer months! For events and to register, visit them online: www.VMbytheSea.com
- **Hope and Light at the End of Life:** a series of beautiful, short videos offering hope, truth, and guidance for those facing the end of their life. <https://sistersoflife.org/end-of-life/>



Holy Cross 5th Grade Highlights

Miss Venezia's fifth grade Social Studies classes have enjoyed learning about the economy! They recently finished learning about the role the economy plays in the state of Florida. "Business partners" were randomly assigned a Florida tourist attraction and created a *Shark Tank*-style presentation to show their knowledge of the economy. They could market an idea for Walt Disney World, the Universal Orlando Resort, SeaWorld, or the Kennedy Space Center (NASA).

Students created business plans using the terms royalty, equity, inflation, and entrepreneur.



In other fifth grade news, students have worked hard to master fraction operations. They have learned to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions and mixed numbers. They are also reading non-fiction science texts about natural disasters, and learning the parts of the Mass. Lots of fun and engaging learning is happening in fifth grade.



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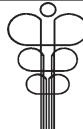
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