



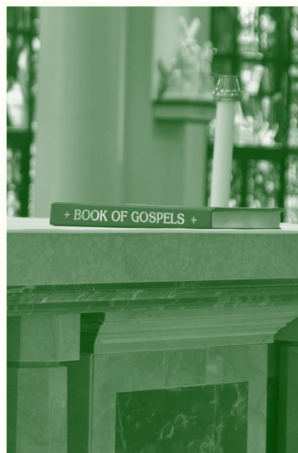
Rev. Stephen F. Leva.....Pastor
 Rev. John E. Donia.....Principal, Bishop Shanahan High School
 Rev. Samuel A. Verruni.....Chaplain, Saint Martha Center
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332 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335

January 23, 2022 | 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Parish Staff

Mr. Allan Anderson, CPA	Business Manager
Mrs. Joyce Castaldi	Parish Secretary
Mrs. Kelly Ennis	Elder Care Manager
Mrs. Tracy Hoffmann	Ministries Coordinator
Mrs. Dodie Milano	Receptionist
Mrs. Mary Beth Mostyn	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Carol Orphanos	Bookkeeper
Mr. Darrin Preston	Facilities Manager

Parish Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 8 A.M.-7 P.M.
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8 A.M.-4 P.M.
 Sunday 9 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

School

Phone: 610-269-8999

Fax: 610-269-2252

www.stjosephrc.org/school

Sister Lisa Ann Golden, I.H.M.	Principal
Sister Diane Licordare, I.H.M.	Vice Principal
Mrs. Mary Jane McGeehan	Administrative Assistant

Parish Religious Education Program

Phone: 610-873-8798

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www.stjosephrc.org/prep

Mrs. Kathy Thomas	Director of Religious Education
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Convent

484-593-4352

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22, 2022

5pm: Jeffrey Divito

Sunday, January 23, 2022

6am: For Our Parishioners

7:30am: Marie Pedersen

9am: Edward & Pat Pocus

10:30am: Ann McLaughlin

12pm: Rodolfo Ramos

4pm: Angelo & Lucy Stefanelli

Monday, January 24, 2022

7am: Alfina Tomarchio

9am: Anthony Casenta

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

7am: Ray Laub

9am: Vincent, Margaret and
Robert O'Reilly

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7am: Ann McLaughlin,
4th Anniversary

9am: Linda Hoegg

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7am: Bob Inforzato,
3rd Anniversary

9am: Margaret Donohue

Friday, January 28, 2022

7am: Concetta Amante-Living

9am: Benjamin Ginnelly

Saturday, January 29, 2022

8am: Evelyn Tomarchio

5pm: Susan Masino

Sunday, January 30, 2022

6am: For Our Parishioners

7:30am: John Potluntas

9am: Susan Masino

10:30am: Gerry Mento

12pm: Joe Keenan

4pm: Gregory Kasper

BAPTISMS

Parents of babies to be baptized are asked to please register for Pre-Jordan, a baptism preparation program at Saint Joseph Parish, recommended by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You can find the class dates and register either online via our website. For more information, please visit www.stjosephrc.org/sacraments/baptism, or contact the Parish Office at 610-269-8294.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible after their engagement and to enroll in a marriage-prep program (Pre-Cana) at least six months prior to the wedding. Registration forms can be found on our website at www.stjosephrc.org/sacraments/marriage. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 610-269-8294.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Every three months we will remove names from the military and sick list. This is to help ensure that our lists are always up to date. Please call the parish office to add/remove/re-add names. Thank you for your patience.

...those who are serving our country:

Brandon W. A'Hara, SSGT Steve Anderson, Pvt. Daniel Barron, Petty Officer Katesiree Cannon Boson, Caytie Castells, PV2 Francesca Chindemi, Ensign Morgan S. Dankanich, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, Nicole Doyle, Capt. Mark Edwards, Pvt. Corinne Riley Estrella, Sargent Ian Fay, James Heisler, Nathan J. Horton, Christopher L. Hume, USN Victoria Jones, Zachary Kish, Peter Kurtz, Lt. Col. Paul Lang, 1st Lt. Sean Maddux, Krzysztof Malarz, Capt. Andrew C. Oddo, Pvt. Vincent Romano, 1st Lt. Joseph W. Rule, 1st Lt. Eric F. Satterthwaite, Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Scalia, Cmdr. Christopher Schwarz, Jr., Corporal Jeremy Solnosky, LT Sean Sweeney and Aaron Thieroff and Sgt. Stephen Yori

...those who are sick:

Roseann Barnes, Daniel Barron, Deb Blazejewski, Baby Botero, Ashlyn Brown, Donna Buckalew, Lisa Butcher, Kim Buttner, Kenneth Burk, Joseph Cahill, Mary Ann Cardelli, Joseph Carter, Joan Dawson, Lucy DeSanctis, Cesar Estrella, Earl Fearnside, Martha Louise Ferraro, Joan Garber, William Gilland, Carrie Grosso, Scott Hastings, Liam Hawk, Danielle Horack, David Horack, Tonya Jennings, Anita Kelly, Bob Luebbbers, Chris Litwinko, Sue Loch, Michael Lyons, Elena Mammarella, Angelo Mango, Ashley Margetich, Kellie Martin, Joseph P. Massaini, Kevin McBeth, Mary McDonald, Jim McGowan, Bob Mersereau, John Mullen, Katherine and Mark Michaels, Deborah Nejman, Katie Nejman, Bettyrene O'Connor, Jeanette Randall, William Reed, Dave Robey, Joan Scalia, John Schreiber, Anthony Sgro, Ed Smith, Tyson Sirlopte, Anita Suleski-Conant, Geraldine Talucci, Neil Thomas, Agnes Timothy, Stella Ursini, Lucia Vacchiano, Kyle Webb, Mary Wirshup, Pat Wood and Thomas Zech

Celebration of the Blessed Eucharist

(Saturday Vigil: 5PM)

Sundays: 6AM, 730AM, 9AM,
1030AM, 12PM, 4PM

Mon-Fri: 7AM & 9AM

Saturday: 8AM

Holy Days of Obligation

As announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 330PM-430PM

Wednesdays: 630AM, 830AM, 630PM

Anointing of the Sick

Any sick or hospitalized parishioner who is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick should contact the Parish Office.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Available 24/7 in the Holy Family Center.

Morning Prayer

Monday—Friday at 630AM in Church.

Devotions

The Holy Rosary:

Recited before the 9AM Mass daily.

Miraculous Medal Devotions:

Every Tuesday after the 9AM Mass.

Novena to Saint Joseph:

Every Wednesday after the 9AM Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Every Thursday after the 9AM Mass.

Litany to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month after the 9AM Mass.

First Saturday Devotions:

The First Saturday of each month at 830AM



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died.

Dennis McCarraher

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon them!

WEEKLY LETTER

Jan. 23, 2022

Dear Friends,

In our readings this weekend, we hear from the Gospel of Luke how Jesus begins His Galilean ministry and as the people listen to His words they are spellbound and as Luke tells us, “He was praised by all.” Then when Jesus goes into Nazareth, “where he had grown up,” He goes into the synagogue on the Sabbath and reads from Scripture for all of those gathered. When He finishes reading, He hands the scroll back to the attendant, He sits down and with “the eyes of all in the synagogue looking intently at Him,” He states, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” Imagine hearing those words come from the mouth of Jesus in the synagogue that day. Jesus proclaims the fulfillment of this passage from the Prophet Isaiah and that fulfillment is Jesus Himself (but I do not want to get ahead of myself here.)

We should take a moment and really consider those things that Jesus proclaims fulfilled by Him on that day in the synagogue, “He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” These words of Isaiah are the center of what Jesus’ mission was during His public ministry and what we as His new disciples are supposed to be doing here and now. Notice Jesus does not speak about making millions of dollars or having multiple homes or big, expensive cars and grand vacations (there is of course nothing wrong with any of those things, but as disciples of Jesus our concern should be about other more important matters.) To help others, to bring about a new way of living with the Lord, to be examples of his mercy to one another, to strive to bring peace to our world and understanding instead of hate, to be Christ for one another, that is the mission of the Christian disciple in this world in 2022.

When Jesus said these things on that day in the synagogue, we are told that “all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.” The people were amazed at what they heard but soon, because of their own sinfulness or jealousy or confusion, that amazement would turn to suspicion and sadly that suspicion would lead some of them to hate Jesus and His works and His words. We know better, Jesus calls us to more and with our lives we are asked to witness to His love and the gift of His forgiveness for all of us. That is how we help to change the world, by loving as Jesus loves and forgiving as we are forgiven, by being the heart of Jesus for one another

*Peace,
Fr. Steve Leva*



HOPE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

HOPE is a transportation ministry which provides rides to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, the pharmacy, and other necessary errands. Rides require a minimum of 48 hours notice and can be requested a week in advance. For more info contact Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631.



To request rides the week of Jan. 24

Please contact Nancy Coccetti at 610-269-3036
Or Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631

To request rides the week of Jan. 31

Please contact Casey Rhoads at 908-489-0174
Or Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631

FREE THROW CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JAN. 23, 2022 AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS | GYM

Registration (open to boys & girls aged 9-14 as of 1.1.22) occurs at the door and requires a parent or guardian's signature. Winners in the gender/age category move on to compete in the district level competition and may proceed to region and state level competitions. For more information email Jack Ousey (john.ousey@verizon.net).

Draw Me After You

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Do I strive to listen attentively to the Word of the Lord?
Both in public and in private? Do I take care to listen
and understand?
Will I trust in the law of the Lord?
Do I recognize that I am part of the body of Christ? Do I
see others as part of the same body?
How can I become a better listener? How can I become
a better member of the body of Christ?



DESIGNER BAG

bingo

FEB. 11 AT 7PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

tinyurl.com/MaintenanceBingo



Join us as we raise funds for our incredible St. Joe's Maintenance team!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL GREEN & WHITE GALA

*A Night of
Beads and Bourbon*

**TICKETS
ON SALE NOW**

**\$80/COUPLE
\$45/INDIVIDUAL**

PURCHASE TODAY FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN RESERVED SEATING/PARKING
AT EASTER MASS

**[HTTPS://SJSGALA.
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ON SALE UNTIL 2.18.22

WOMEN OF HOPE CASSEROLE SCHEDULE

Group 1—Chinese Chicken & Noodles
Group 2—Meaty Macaroni Bake
Please call Gail for more info at
610-269-9574.

Requested Items:
Single-Size Blankets/Comforters
Body Sprays
Small Snack Bags

Please leave in the Loaves &
Fishes closet in designated
basket

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NOW HIRING!

PLEASE CONTACT SR. LISA
(SISTERLISA@STJOSEPHRC.ORG)

Kindergarten Teacher

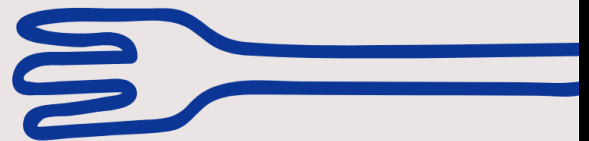
Morning Aide



St. Joseph School has a volunteer security patrol called "Hawkeyes", consisting primarily of students' Dads. The program is designed to help further secure the school with watchful eyes. We are looking for parishioners who would be interested in helping patrol the campus perimeter and checking doors, etc. Please consider signing up for a 2 hour shift to help keep God's children safe.

Contact Brian Poppe for more information: briangpop@icloud.com or (610) 873-5549, or contact the school office. All clearances, including Safe Environment Training, must be submitted to the school.

**DO YOU KNOW A FRIEND OR
NEIGHBOR WHO IS ISOLATED
OR ILL AND HOME BOUND
WHO IS FACING DIFFICULTIES
GETTING MEALS?**



**Contact Caring For Friends
to learn how we might be
able to help! Send an e-mail to
Debby at dokeefe19@hotmail.com.**

**If you are interested in delivering meals,
please contact Debby!**



A THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN
IN GRADES 7, 8 AND 9

Wonderfully Made

Feb. 4-6, 2022



ST MARY OF
PROVIDENCE CENTER
FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT EILEEN AT
610.716.1840 OR
EILEENCHRISTIAN@USA.NET

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Contact Sr. Brenda at 610-942-4166 or
seniorliving@stmaryprov.org for further
information and to arrange for a tour.
Check out the website:
www.stmaryprov.org

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Jan. 16 Monthly/Weekly Cash & Check: \$28,005
Jan. 16 Monthly/Weekly eGive: \$9,070
\$37,075

Annual Total as of Fiscal Year July 1
2021-22 2020-21
\$1,161,802 \$1,080,610

POOR BOX

The Poor Box in January will benefit:
Honey Brook Food Pantry
Jan. 16: \$234
January Total: \$637

CRS Bishop's Overseas Appeal Total: \$4,636



PRAY AS VOLUNTEER HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

A CATHOLIC DEVOTION THAT
INCLUDES MASS AND ROSARY PROCESSION TO P.P.

Saturday, Feb. 5 | 8AM

St. Agnes Church, West Chester

Celebrant: Rev. Dennis M. Weber

Rosary procession following Mass to Planned Parenthood

SACRAMENT NEWS

REMINDER:

The scheduled date for
First Reconciliation is now
Thursday, February 3rd
at 7:00 PM in the Church

We ask everyone to keep these children in prayer as they approach Jesus in this wonderful Sacrament of healing, forgiveness, and love. Our hope is that they will want to seek out this same forgiveness many times in their lives after this first experience.



SAVE THE DATE

— April 25, 2022 —

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
#7208 SIXTH ANNUAL
GOLF OUTING

MORE DETAILS TO COME!





MAY THE
LORD
SOFTEN
OUR HEARTS
WITH
COMPASSION,
THAT WE
MAY TREAT
EACH PERSON
WITH RESPECT
THAT AFFIRMS
THE GIFT OF
LIFE

Prayer from Intercessions for Life

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN