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Sunday, April 6, 2025 5th Sunday of Lent - Year C



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# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, Apr. 6

**5pm Vigil:** Rita Oziminski

**6am:** Parishioners

**7:30am:** John Talerico

**9am:** George & Margaret Schmidt

**10:30am: Memorial Society:**

Peter Chuc Pham, Joseph & Marie Gasper, Marianne Dudo, Mario Clemente, Elaine Tieri, Benito Ventre, Jane Piscoglio, Michael Kneisly

**12pm:** Frank, Jr. & Mike

Nadelstumph & Mary Rispo

**4pm:** Joseph Dillon, Jr.

**Sanctuary Candle:** Claire Gregory

## Monday, Apr. 7

7am: Joseph Bilder

9am: Elizabeth L. Milford

## Tuesday, Apr. 8

7am: Ed Calvey

9am: Carolyn Robinson, 1st Anniv.

## Wednesday, Apr. 9

7am: James Pelzar

9am: Joan Sweeney

## Thursday, Apr. 10

7am: Pat Cahill

9am: Martha Vincent

## Friday, Apr. 11

7am: Dominick Family

9am: Stanley, Erlene, Jim & Ann Chrupcala

## Saturday, Apr. 12

8am: Mary Ries

## Next Week: Sunday, Apr. 13

**5pm Vigil:** Rev. Michael Keane

**6am:** Parishioners

**7:30am:** Jim DiSante

**9am:** Patricia Strawbridge

**10:30am:** Lena Vadine

**12pm:** John Talerico

**4pm:** Edward J. Hudock

## Sacraments & Devotions

### Baptism

First-time parents are asked to please attend Pre-Jordan. Baptism scheduling and Pre-Jordan class information can be found on the parish website.

### Matrimony

Engaged couples are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible to enroll in a marriage-prep program at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 330PM-430PM &

Wednesdays: 630AM, 830AM, 630PM

### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

## Prayer List

*Every three months we will remove names from the military and sick list to ensure the list remains up-to-date. Please call the parish office to add intentions.*

### For those that are serving our country:

Brandon W. A'Hara, GySgt Steve & GySgt Shaina Anderson, Petty Officer Katesiree Cannon Bosen, Lt. Mitch Byers, Caytie Castells, Francesca Chindemi, Specialist, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, CPL Daniel A. DiLuigi, Ensign Jude DiMedio, USN, Airman First Class, James G. DiSantis, Cpt Mark Edwards, ROTC, Sargent Ian Fay, James Heisler, LTJG Nathan J. Horton, USN, USN Victoria Jones, SFC Peter Karol, Peter Kurtz, Lt. Col. Paul Lang, Krzysztof Malarz, Col. J. Kevin McKittrick, Capt. Andrew C. Oddo, Pvt. Vincent Romano, 1st Lt. Eric F. Satterthwaite, Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Scalia, Capt. Elizabeth Scheivert, Cmdr. Christopher Schwarz, Jr., SaR. Max Spatola, LT Sean Sweeney and Aaron Thieroff, and Sgt. Stephen Yori

### For those who are sick:

Lidia Arasin, Kevin Bilder, Deb Blazejewski, Baby Botero, Bill Boylan, Dennis Brehany, Ashlyn Brown, Donn Cabott, Sandy Cabott, Nolan Calvey, Maureen Campbell, Terry Campbell, Mary Conners, Tim Connor, Lanai Costanzo, Ryan Coombs, Patricia Cudahy, Mary Ellen Curran, Helen Cupo, Gerry Daney, Kari D'Amore, Baby Kai D'Amore, Dante Daniushenko, Lisa Dawson, Richard Deblasio, Patricia Derelanko, Lori D'Ginto, Robin DiMattei, Lauren Elliot, Jack Falkner, Nicole Ferst, Teresa Fochtman, Michelle Ford, Jeff Ford, Trudi Gauss, Jane Gill, Jim Guiseppo, Sam Graveno, Carol Gray, John G. Haney, Barbara Hartmann, Tom Ippolito, Valerie Graveno Jenkins, Jimmy Kane, Frank Keane, Matthew Keenan, Rose Kuchar, Elizabeth Leisse, Mark Lisney, Jack and Maryann Logan, Deb Lojewski, Jack Love, Bailee Rayne Martin, Charlotte Baker Mascuilli, Rita Masse, Mark Michaels, Rich Miller, Sean Moore, Michelle Murdaugh, Jennifer Murphy, Katie Nejman, Joanna Nicoline, Donald Nicoline, Mike O'Brien & Family, Dave Parker, Tracy Pickett, Lucy Poole, Elizabeth Poole, Adam Recke, Tricia Rios, Jeanette Randall, Valerie Schaffer, Alexis Shaffer, Stephen, Alexis Shaffer, Jaxon Sirhal, Robin Smith, Diana Simmons, Justin Smith, Bill Snyder, Don Sundstrom, Diane Steer, Joshua Tripp, Don and Irene Tuffner, Christian Toner, Nancy White, Richard Whitman, Carolyn Wilson and Howard Wright.

## We remember in our prayers those who have died.

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



# Weekly Letter

April 6, 2025

Dear Friends,

"Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? She replied, "No one, sir. Then Jesus said, neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." And that is the heart and soul of our need for reconciliation my friends, Jesus does not condemn us, rather he forgives us, and he tells us to make sure that we do not sin again. Did you notice how Jesus does not emotionally take the woman to task? He recognizes her extreme discomfort and her sadness and her desire to be forgiven and he masterfully takes the scribes and Pharisees to task by giving them just enough time to recognize where they have made their mistakes.

The forgiveness that Jesus offers to each and every one of us is not something that we have to earn or pay for, it is not a "once in a while" sort of thing, it does not belittle us in any way but rather the forgiveness and the grace that comes from that forgiveness is always going to build us up, call us to a new relationship with the Lord, cause us to turn from our sin, and encourage us to sin no more. This is why Jesus does all that he does for us, this is the reason for his passion, death and resurrection, so that sin and death would lose their grip on our hearts, our souls, and our lives. We are not defined by our sins but rather by the gift of forgiveness that is ours by the grace and mercy of our God.

May these remaining days of our Lenten journey lead us to seek forgiveness for our sins and help us draw closer to our Savior who gives his life out of complete and total love for us, for all of us. Please take advantage of the many Lenten experiences that are available here in our parish. As we prepare for Holy Week and the Triduum may we walk with Jesus each day as he makes his way to the cross for our salvation.

Peace,  
Fr. Steve Leva

## *Easter Memorial Flowers*

This Easter, we are accepting donations to help defray the cost of all our beautiful Easter decorations in and around the church. We ask for a donation of \$10 for each loved one being remembered. **Please return to the office by Friday, April 11th in order to be included in the Easter bulletin**

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3. \_\_\_\_\_





## 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 information, please contact Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631.

For the week of Apr. 7  
Casey Rhoads at 908-489-0174  
Patti Frank at 610-316-7163

For the week of Apr. 14  
Janet Schramm at 484-631-8875  
Meredith DiPietro at 267-481-3873

## Ministry of the Week: Divine Mercy Cenacle

The Divine Mercy Cenacle is an opportunity for people to gather and become more familiar with Jesus as Divine Mercy. The group studies the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowlaska.

The Diary is Sister Faustina's writings which include years of personal conversations with Jesus. Through these writings, each reader has the opportunity to come to know Jesus as an ocean of Mercy for all of humanity and to trust in Him.

### JOIN US

#### Tuesdays in the St. John Neumann Room

- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 9:30 AM (after the 9:00 AM Mass)
- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays - 7:00 PM

For additional information on morning sessions, please contact:

- Dennis Calvey ([papaden@verizon.net](mailto:papaden@verizon.net))
- Sue Schwab ([schwabsue@verizon.net](mailto:schwabsue@verizon.net))

For additional information on evening sessions, please contact:

- Mike Keane ([mfkeane131@gmail.com](mailto:mfkeane131@gmail.com))



### Parish-Wide Survey

# THE DISCIPLE-MAKER INDEX

The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10-15-minute survey can be accessed online or printed copies, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ.

All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

## TAKE THE SURVEY

Online: <https://stjosephrc.org/>

**Need a paper copy?** Printed surveys are available in the St. Katharine Drexel room in church. Surveys can be returned to the parish office, or placed in an envelope and put in the Sunday collection.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH RESPECT LIFE GROUP

# DOLLAR FOR DINNER



## NEXT WEEKEND

St. Joseph's Respect Life Ministry is endeavoring to provide an Easter meal to needy families in Chester County. We are humbly requesting a single dollar from every family in our Parish. We will be collecting your donations on Palm Sunday (Apr. 12-13) after all Masses.

A check will be delivered to The Lord's Pantry of Downingtown, Honey Brook Food Pantry and Mission First Church in Pottstown in time for them to purchase all that they need.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

# Lent 2025

**Stations of the Cross**  
Tuesdays at 2pm | Wednesdays at 7pm

## Confessions

Before daily Masses on Weds, and Saturdays at 3:30pm

### Visit the Parish Library this Lent

*Located in the Parish Office. Open during Office hours.*

The Parish Library offers a large selection of books and movies to assist you and your family with your spiritual reading and devotions during Lent. All Lenten materials are arranged in one bookcase so that you can easily browse through the titles. There is also a display of books on the Sacrament of Reconciliation that provide understanding and guidance for this sacrament of renewal. The Library is in the Parish Office and open during Parish Office hours. All are welcome

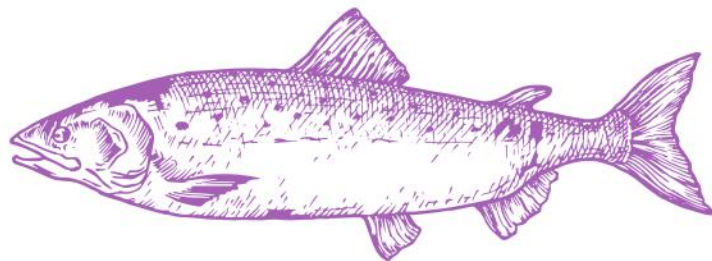


### CRS: United in Generosity as One Global Family

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help ensure that no one goes hungry in today's global food crisis. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-5](http://crsricebowl.org/week-5) to learn more. Did you that 25% of your donations stay in our archdiocese? Thanks for your support!

### Parish Penance Service

Our parish penance service will take place on Tuesday, April 15 at 7pm. Many local and area priests will be available. **This will be the final opportunity for confession at St. Joe's until after Easter.**



### Fish Fry-Days Are Back!

The Knights of Columbus' Lenten Fish Fry will return this year. Please join us in the school cafeteria from 4:30pm-7pm on:

- April 4
- April 18

#### All meals include french fries, coleslaw and dessert

- 1-piece Fish Dinner (\$8.50)
- 2-piece Fish Dinner (\$16.00)
- 1-piece Crab Cake Dinner (\$11.00)
- 2-piece Crab Cake Dinner (\$21.00)
- 1-piece Fish Taco Dinner (\$8.50)
- 2-piece Fish Taco Dinner (\$16.00)
- Combo Dinner (\$19.00)
- Maryland Crab, Lobster Bisque, or New England Clam Chowder (\$8.00)

Dine-In or Walk-In. BYOB welcome.

#### Pre-Orders Open Now:

Mar. 28 - [www.tinyurl.com/FishFryMarch28](http://www.tinyurl.com/FishFryMarch28)

Apr. 4 - [www.tinyurl.com/FishFryApril4](http://www.tinyurl.com/FishFryApril4)

Apr. 18 - [www.tinyurl.com/FishFryApril18](http://www.tinyurl.com/FishFryApril18)

## New This Year

### Palm Sunday Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13

- 6:00 AM
- 7:15 AM
- 9:00 AM
- 10:45 AM
- 12:30 PM
- 4:00 PM

*Saturday, Apr. 12 Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM*



## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12 at 11am  
(Rain Date Apr. 19)

The Knights of Columbus invite you to the annual Easter Egg Hunt, held at the St. Joseph School playground. Children ages 1-12 are welcome. Children ages 1-5 will have a special area designated just for little egg hunters!

**Weather Watchers** - In case of inclement weather, make sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram for any date changes.

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## Designer Bag Bingo

Friday, May 2nd  
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Bingo starts at 7pm

[tinyurl.com/KofCBagBingo](http://tinyurl.com/KofCBagBingo)



## Adult Faith Formation: The Mysteries of the Rosary

Rediscover the power of the Rosary! No purchase of materials needed. We will meet for four weeks on Tuesdays in the PMC skipping over May 6th for 40 Hours. Meeting dates will be: April 22nd, April 29th, May 13th and May 20<sup>th</sup>. Register here:

[stjosephrc.org/glorious-mysteries-of-the-rosary](http://stjosephrc.org/glorious-mysteries-of-the-rosary).

Mysteries of the Rosary is all about entering more deeply into the life of Jesus Christ, through the gaze of The Blessed Mother. This series integrates deeply reflective insights into the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, the creators aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants.

The host of the series, Mark Hartfiel, will take the viewer to these places where Heaven seemed to have reached down and kissed the Earth. He will touch his Rosary to these sacred locations where Our Lord became flesh and dwelt among us. The series also highlights personal testimonies from people of all ages and backgrounds who share their spiritual experiences with the power of the Rosary.

We live in a time of unprecedented evil. St. John Paul II testified that when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of the Rosary. Discover the awesome power of just one Hail Mary and be inspired with an explosion of faith that can move mountains!

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## This Weekend: Welcoming Little Sisters of the Poor

Next week, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit to seek your assistance in their loving and caring work with the elderly who come from a minimum source of income - following in the footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan! Their principle source of support is through donations/beggings as their Foundress expressly discovered as the plan of God in 1839 when she began taking the elderly poor off the streets in France. In 1869, Archbishop Wood of Philadelphia invited the Little Sisters of the Poor from France to come and assist the vast numbers of elderly poor in the city regardless of race or religious belief. Serving the poorest in simplicity, humility and trust in Divine Providence for over 155 years in Philadelphia through their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality, while personally assisting the dying with the firm belief - "It is Jesus Himself whom you are serving in the Poor." (JJ).

They will be visiting us, appealing for your financial assistance to support their work. Your support is greatly appreciated and is God's tangible providential assistance to the poor.



## Congratulations! Religious Scouting Awards Recipients

### Light of Christ Medal

- Aaron Ernst
- Daniel Kalman
- Matthew Kalman
- Thomas Kalman
- Issac Shah

### Parvuli Dei Medal

- Liam Alvarez
- Austin Ernst
- Jackson Frederick
- Oliver McPoyle

*They will receive their medals on Saturday, April 26, at 11:00am  
Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in  
Philadelphia. Congratulations to all!*

## St. Joseph Parish 9th Annual Golf Outing

**Monday, April 28, 2025 at the Coatesville Country Club.** Proceeds to benefit David's Drive and local food banks.

8am check-in with a 9am shotgun start. Lunch and prizes to follow, and snacks & beverages provided on the course. Our new venue includes golf, cart, range, Continental breakfast and lunch buffet. Mulligans, raffles & course games can be purchased.

\$140 per golfer or \$550 per foursome.

Sponsorships are available!

- Lunch Sponsor: \$750
- Beverage Cart: \$500
- Breakfast Sponsor: \$500
- Driving Range Sponsor: \$500
- Hole Sponsor: \$150

### Contact:

Joe Cutolo [jcutolo@gmail.com](mailto:jcutolo@gmail.com)

Dan Brudnok [DanRealEstateMan@AOL.com](mailto:DanRealEstateMan@AOL.com)

## Eagle Scout Project: Good Boy Braids

Jackson Justice from Troop 2 is working on his Eagle project and wants your help. He will be collecting clean used cotton shirts to make dog toys for the Brandywine Valley SPCA.

He will be collecting them in the lobby of the Parish office from April 6th to the end of Holy Week on April 20th.

For more information on how to help please reach out to:  
[goodboybraids@gmail.com](mailto:goodboybraids@gmail.com).



## Stewardship Report

March 30, 2025

Weekly / Monthly / Online:  
\$39,944

**Fiscal Year to Date:**  
\$1,901,200

**Weekly Poor Box:**  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
\$408



## Women of Hope Casserole Schedule

**Group 3:**  
Lasagna

**Group 4:**  
Mexican Chicken Casserole

Requested Items:  
Womens Underwear (L & XL)  
Body Wash, Lotion, Deodorant, Combs,  
Brushes, Small Snack Bags, Bottled Water

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