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Sunday, February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

### Served By

Rev. Christopher B. Rogers, *Pastor*  
Rev. Andrew J. Auletta, *Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Louis J. Monica, *In Residence*  
Deacon Matt Coyne  
Deacon Michael Murtha

### Parish Office

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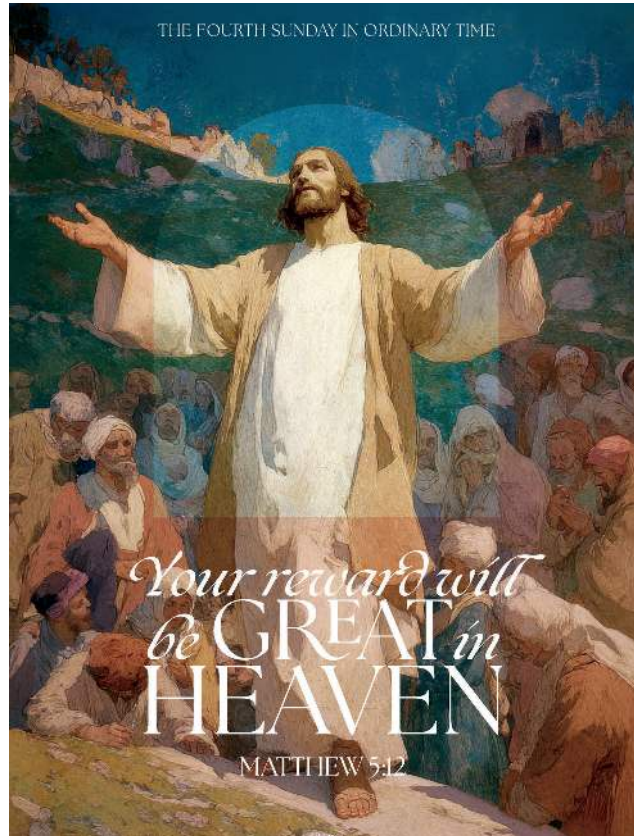
340 Manor Avenue  
[www.StJosephRCSchool.org](http://www.StJosephRCSchool.org)  
610-269-8999  
Sister Lisa Ann Golden, I.H.M., *Principal*  
Sister Diane Licordare, I.H.M., *Vice Principal*  
Mary Jane McGeehan, *Administrative Assistant*

### Parish Religious Education Program

[www.StJosephRC.org/PREP](http://www.StJosephRC.org/PREP)  
610-873-8798  
Kathleen Greco,  
*Director of Religious Education*

### Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass (M-F):** 7AM & 9AM  
**Saturday:** 8AM & 5:00PM Vigil Mass  
**Sunday:** 6AM, 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM, and 4:00PM



#### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM  
Wednesdays: 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 6:30PM

#### Baptism

Sundays after Noon Mass. Please visit [www.StJosephRC.org/Baptism](http://www.StJosephRC.org/Baptism) for details.

#### 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.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Available 24/7 in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, located in the Parish Office building.

#### Daily Devotions

The Holy Rosary: Daily before 9AM Mass.  
Miraculous Medal: Tues after 9AM Mass.  
Novena to St. Joseph: Weds after 9AM Mass.  
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thurs after 9AM Mass.  
Sacred Heart Litany: First Fridays after 9AM Mass.  
First Saturday: First Saturdays at 830AM.

### Parish Mission Statement

*Motivated by our belief in Jesus Christ and bound together by our Roman Catholic faith, we are a parish that seeks to respond to the Gospel invitation by living as God's people. Baptized into Christ Jesus, confirmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Eucharist, we are a community that gives glory to God and proclaims His message of love and salvation.*



## Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekly Collection Totals  
January 25: \$28,166

January Poor Box  
The Lord's Pantry: \$242

2025-2026  
Fiscal Year to Date  
\$1,472,820

2024-2025  
Fiscal Year to Date  
\$1,444,107

Parish Debt Collection  
\$7,070



## Join the Parish

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish! We are happy that you have chosen us as your parish family and we look forward to meeting you.

Registration can be completed online by visiting:

[www.stjosephrc.org/join-the-parish](http://www.stjosephrc.org/join-the-parish)

## Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, January 31</b>	8:00 a.m. - Florence C. Popadick 5:00 p.m. Vigil - Peter Chuc Phan
<b>Sunday, February 1</b>	6:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners 7:30am - Lorenzo P. Capili, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9:00 a.m. - Elaine Tokar 10:30 a.m. - <b>Memorial Society:</b> Dominic Binh Than, Pasquale Paoli, Michael T. DiPuppo, Joseph & Marie Gasper, Joe Lyons, Diane Pambianco, Camelo D'Urso. 12:00 p.m. - Daniel Kanouse 4:00 p.m. - Marie Slinkard
<b>Monday, February 2</b>	7:00 a.m. - Becky Diane George 9:00 a.m. - David Thomas Boyle
<b>Tuesday, February 3</b>	7:00 a.m. - Ronald Mill 9:00 a.m. - Patrick & Elizabeth Fabrizio
<b>Wednesday, February 4</b>	7:00 a.m. - Solnosky & Wilber Familie, <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> 9:00 a.m. - Gino DiSantis
<b>Thursday, February 5</b>	7:00 a.m. - Peter J. Mento 9:00 a.m. - Edna & Gene Kimbill
<b>Friday, February 6</b>	7:00 a.m. - Jim McBryan 9:00 a.m. - Georgene Kaster
<b>Saturday, February 7</b>	8:00 a.m. - Leon Carroll 5:00 p.m. Vigil - Gina Baicco
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	6:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners 7:30am - Thomas F. Mento 9:00 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. James Mullin 10:30 a.m. - Stuart & Gallagher Families 12:00 p.m. - Mary Ritter Nagy 4:00 p.m. - Patricia Downs

The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of: **Jeanie Barry**

## Please Keep in Your Prayers

**For those that are serving our country:**

GySgt Steve & GySgt Shaina Anderson, 1 Lt. Mitch Byers, Specialist, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, Ensign Jude DiMedio, USN, Airman First Class, James G. DiSantis, SFC Peter Karol, Alexis Mary Linkins, USN, Timothy Linkins, USAF, Col. J. Kevin McKittrick, Cpt. Joseph Rule, Capt. Elizabeth Scheivert and LtCdr. Sean Sweeney

**For those who are sick:**

John Alexander, Stephen Atz, Baby Botero, Jean Brinzer, Ashlyn Brown, Sandy Cabbott, Kathleen Cirucci, Donita Considine, Mary Conners, Eva Connor, Edward Cooney, James Curley, Mary Ellen Curran, Gerry Daney, Kari D'Amore, Baby Kai D'Amore, Alice DePompeo, Robin DiMattei, Tommy DiOttavio, Thomas Egan, Anne Eversman, Danielle Glowacki, Carol Gray, Anne Grosso, Jen Francis, Liam Hawk, Gerry Hoekzema, Joanne Stevens Hoetz, Doug Jordan, Frank Keane, Matthew Keenan, Carolyn Lauver, Kiki Lauver, James & Elizabeth Laisse, Mary Lou Lewandowski, Mark Lisney, Jack and Maryann Logan, Kimberly Lomeli, John Lyons, Laura Mandarano, Anna Mae Marklay, Sandy McCarragher, Mary McDonald, Josh Mellinger, James Mento Jr, Mark Michaels, Abigail Miller, Susan Nichols, De Anna Ousey, Angelica & Melissa Peluso, Stephen, Bernadette Sardella, Valerie Schaffer, Tracey Shaw, Jaxon Sirhal, Justin Smith, Donald Stewart, George Stuhl, Edward Aaron Stoltzfus, Monda Spool, Don Sundstrom, Douglas Thomas, Joshua Tripp, Anna Marie Urbine, Donna Geary Walsh, and Paul Zahner.

Please call the parish office to add names. Names are removed after 3 months.

My Dear Parishioners,

Praise Be Jesus Christ! While I do not know what Phil the Groundhog will see this week, seeing you this week fills me with great joy! How grateful I am to have the past two weekends behind us! As you might imagine, snowy weekends are tough for Church communities: not just rescheduling of planned events, lower collections and snow removal costs; but also, the loss of our routines, being with friends and participating in parish ministries. Be that what it may, I'm glad January is done and I rejoice Spring is coming!

While it does not bring Spring, the arrival of February brings a change of gears: the end of Football Season, the arrival of Lent and the 40<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas. That day, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of our Lord's Presentation and it's a good day for our attention. First, it's the World Day of Consecrated Life! Be sure to express gratitude to our religious Sisters Judy, Lisa, Diane, Christina or Megan, when you see them this week. And 2<sup>nd</sup>, spend some time with the reflection below! Use this feast to present all in yourself to God, as Mary did!

Peace  
Fr. Rogers



### **Mary offers Jesus to the Father.**

"And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts."

Jesus arrives at the Temple in the arms of his mother Mary. According to the Jewish law, the first-born male had to be presented to the Lord forty days after his birth. Due to the action of the Holy Spirit in their souls, Simeon and Anna are the only people who recognize the Messiah in this ordinary infant.

There were two precepts of the ancient law concerning the birth of first-born sons. According to Leviticus, a woman who bore a child was unclean. The period of legal impurity ended, in the case of a mother of a male child, after forty days, with a rite of purification. With regard to first-born sons, it is written in the Book of Exodus: The Lord said to Moses, 'Consecrate to me all the first-born; whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.'

Our Lady prepared her soul to present the Son of God to the Father and to offer herself to Him. In doing this she renewed her fiat, her be it done unto me, and once again put her whole life at the disposition of the Lord. Jesus was presented to the Father in the hands of Mary. This was a very special offering at the Temple which would never be repeated. More than thirty years later, Jesus would make the supreme offering of himself outside the city on Calvary.

Today's feast is an open invitation for us to renew our dedication to the Lord. We should offer him our entire being, our thoughts, our works, everything we are, everything we do.

We can make this offering in many different ways. Today we might make our own this moving prayer of Saint Alphonsus Liguori: Today, Oh my queen, I also, in imitation of thee wish to offer my poor heart to God... Offer me as thine to the eternal Father and to Jesus, and pray him that through the merits of his Son, and by thy favour, he may accept me, and take me for his own.

*This excerpt is the first section of today's meditation from [In Conversation with God, Volume 6](#)*



## 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. Volunteer drivers are always welcome and needed! *This parish transportation ministry is a vital life-line for those who can't drive.* Can you help? Please contact Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631.

### For the week of Feb. 2

Casey Rhoads  
908-489-0174

Patti Frank  
610-316-7163

### For the week of Feb. 9

Patti Frank  
610-316-7163

Janet Schamm  
484-631-8875

## Women of Hope Casserole Schedule

### Group 3:

Beef Puffs w/ Mushroom Sauce

### Group 4:

Swiss Potatoes and Ham

### Requested New Items:

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

*Please leave items in the Loaves and  
Fishes closet in the designated basket.*

## Ministry of the Week: Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle

Our Flame of Love Prayer Group meets Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Chapel. Meetings consist of a brief teaching, followed by prayer and recitation of the rosary. Zoom access is available.

Learn more:

[stjosephrc.org/flame-of-love-prayer-cenacle](http://stjosephrc.org/flame-of-love-prayer-cenacle)



## Cub Scout Pack 2 Lenten Supper

Cub Scout Pack 2 is now taking online pre-orders for Lenten Supper Pizza Fundraiser. **Pre-Order:** <https://pack2dtown.square.site>

Dinner:

- Pizza: Twelve delicious varieties to choose from! pizzas are made fresh from scratch to be baked or can be frozen for other occasions.
- Stromboli: Eight amazing stromboli flavors available. The Stromboli's are frozen and can be baked or remain frozen to enjoy for future dinners.

Desserts:

- Cookies: We are offering 3 lbs cookie dough to make fresh made Chocolate Chip Cookies and Variety Pack Cookies (Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin and Peanut Butter).
- Cheesecakes: Three 4" Plain Cheesecakes and Variety Pack Cheesecakes (Plain, Chocolate Chip and Chocolate)
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**Orders open now! But hurry, fundraiser closes 6:00 PM on Sunday, February 8.**

Pick up Date: Tuesday, February 17, 3:30PM - 7:00PM, Parish Ministry Center.

Thank you for supporting the Cub Scouts!



## Save the Date: 2026 Lenten Fish Fry-Days!

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer 3 Fish Fry-Days then Lent. Please plan to join us on February 27th, March 6th and 13th.

Our menu will include all your favorites - Baked or Fried Fish, Crab Cake, Fish Tacos, Combo Meals, Maryland Crab Scoup, Lobster Bisque Soup and New England Clam Chowder.

More information and pre-ordering links coming soon!

## Calling All St. Joe's Scouts

Join Pack 2, Troop 2, and Girl Scout Troop 4159 to celebrate Catholic Scouting and our Duty to God at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, 2/9.

Scouts from other local packs and troops are welcome.

Please arrive by 8:45 AM to process into church in your Class A / Field Uniform.

### Questions?

Contact Stacy Melesky, Cubmaster at [pack2dtown@gmail.com](mailto:pack2dtown@gmail.com)



## Rosary Talk with Meigan Kelly

Monday, February 9 at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Center

Join Meigan Kelly, Founder of Growing Catholics, for an engaging, down-to-earth presentation on how two years ago, the rosary altered her life forever! Learn a variety of ways to say the rosary and have a direct connection with Jesus through His beloved Mother.

If you are looking for purpose, hope, or a new way to pray this talk is for you. Oh! one more thing... you will learn how the Blessed Virgin Mary will POUR graces down on you.

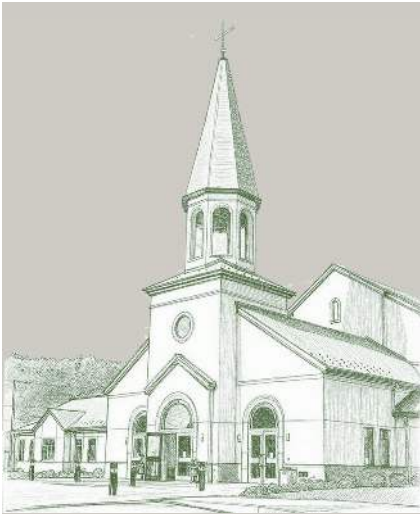


## What Our Faith Teaches Us About... Racism

*Brought to you by the St. Joseph Faith and Justice-CRS Team*

"Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and—all too often—hatred. ... Every racist act—every such comment, every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin—is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, and in our world."

US Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*



## Holy Moments

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Let us unite our prayers with the Holy Father:

### FEBRUARY: For children with incurable diseases

*Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*

**Consider:** Did you know St. Joe's has a multitude of dedicated prayer groups that meet at various times throughout the week? Groups include the Divine Mercy Cenacle, Charismatic Prayer Group, First Saturday Devotion, Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle and many more. All are open to join and would welcome new members

Learn more:



## Adult Faith Formation: Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary Series

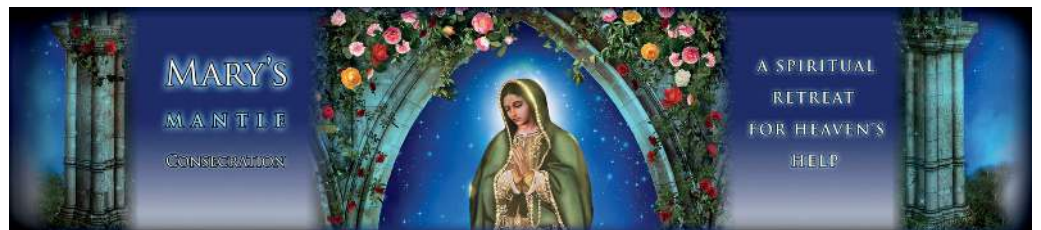
Starting Thursday, February 12th. Offering both morning and evening sessions!

- Morning Sessions meet after the 9 am daily Mass in the St John Newman room in church.
- Evening Sessions meet at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Center.

Participants can encounter, contemplate and discuss the key mysteries in the life of Jesus Christ as contained within the Rosary.

The Mysteries of the Rosary series integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art and inspiring music.

Register here: <https://stjosephrc.org/sorrowful-mysteries-of-the-rosary>



## Mary's Mantle: A Lenten Journey

Planning on giving up candy for Lent? Consider doing something for our Lord instead of giving something up. St. Joseph parishioners and families are invited to join in Mary's Mantle, a 46-day spiritual journey from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. It is great for busy families!

### Learn more about Mary's Mantle:

Visit: <https://www.queenofpeacemedia.com/marys-mantle/>

### Sign up:

Visit: <https://forms.gle/r7ys1AhHtVxPn2JQA>

### Questions:

Email: [meigankelly@yahoo.com](mailto:meigankelly@yahoo.com)

## Unemployed or Underemployed?

Joseph's People can help! We are a free, faith-based, job search support group that helps you along your journey to being employed. We generally meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 7PM in the St. Luke room at St. Elizabeth Church. Joseph's People started in 1995 at St. Joseph Church by two of its parishioners. We are currently looking for volunteers to restart the ministry at St. Joseph Church.

If interested in volunteering or to donate please contact Mike Schreiber at [mike.schreiber@josephspeople.org](mailto:mike.schreiber@josephspeople.org) and visit our website <https://josephspeople.org>



The Knights of Columbus council for St. Joseph is sponsoring its annual council-level Basketball Free Throw contest on **Sunday February 1, 2026 after the 10:30 AM CYO Mass until 1:00pm.**

The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 9 through 14 (as of January 1, 2026) and is held in the school gym.

Registration 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 where based on success, may proceed to region and state level competitions.

For more information email Joe Cutolo ([jcutolo@gmail.com](mailto:jcutolo@gmail.com)).

## St. Joseph Classic: Golf Tournament

April 27 at 9am Shotgun Start | Coatesville County Club  
Join the Knights of Columbus Council #7208 as we celebrate St. Joseph Parish 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Proceeds will benefit David's Drive, Honey Brook Food Pantry and the Lord's Pantry of Downingtown.



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## CYO CORNER

*Spring Registration Now Open*

Happy New Year! Registration is open from 1/1/2026-3/1/2026.

PLAYER REGISTRATION SPRING 2026:  
[registration.teamsnap.com/form/42287](http://registration.teamsnap.com/form/42287)

COACH REGISTRATION SPRING 2026:  
[egistration.teamsnap.com/form/44783](http://egistration.teamsnap.com/form/44783)

### CYO Mass | Feb. 1 at 10:30am

Athletes, please arrive at 10:15am and meet in the chapel. Please wear your uniform jersey over your normal church attire.

### Winter CYO Fundraiser

The St. Joseph's CYO Winter teams are asking for donations to benefit local veterans. Coaches and families, please bring items to our Winter CYO Mass on Feb. 1 at 10:30 AM

### Junior Boys and Girls Teams

Monetary donations.

### JV Boys Basketball

Men's undershirts and underwear (Med & Lg).

### JV Girls Basketball

Women's sanitary products and underwear (Med, Lg, XL).

### Varsity Boys Basketball

Socks.

### Varsity Girls Basketball

Personal hygiene products.

### Cheerleading Team

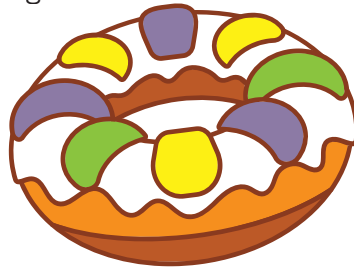
Personal hygiene products.

# Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner



Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner February 7th 6 pm to 8 pm in the Nest.

High Schoolers, please join us for a Mardi Gras themed Pot Luck Dinner! We'll each bring a dish to share. We'll feast and then fill some pans for our Caring for Friends Ministry. Please sign up to bring something



## TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH




### Trivia Night - Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

Winning team receives Bundle of Gift Cards to local restaurants that host weekly Trivia Nights:

- Ron's Schoolhouse
- Appetites on Main
- Al Pastor
- Liberty Union
- Marchwood Tavern
- Timothy's
- Liones
- Animated Brewing

There will be lots of door prizes in between rounds including \$40 Amazon gift cards, a free couples dance lesson, ice skating passes, gift cards for Chik-Fil-A, Handels Ice Cream, Pelican Snoballs, Oasis Family Fun Center and more! \$20 per person - all proceeds benefit Youth Ministry at St. Joe's. Sign up today!



Scan QR code or visit: <https://stjosephrc.org/quizzo>

### Questions:

1. Anne Shirley is the primary character in what 1908 novel?
2. Which ocean name loosely translates into "Sea of Atlas?"
3. Where will you be at 7pm on Feb. 13th?

Answers:  
 1. Anne of Green Gables  
 2. Atlantic Ocean  
 3. Trivia Night of course!

## Adopt a Highway Clean Up Day



### Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Service Day: Open to Parishioners in 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Through the support of the Faith and Justice-CRS Team, St. Joseph Church is taking part in Pennsylvania's Adopt-A-Highway Program to be a "good neighbor" in Downingtown and to help care for God's creation.

On **Saturday, February 21, 9-11 AM**, Faith and Justice-CRS are inviting the youth of our parish to participate in a much-needed winter litter pickup.

St. Joseph's route is along Lancaster Ave/Business Route 30 between Manor Ave. and the Wawa near Quarry Road. **This event is open to students in grades 7th - 12th and parent volunteers will be needed.**

To sign up for the February outing, please visit <https://stjosephrc.org/youth-ministry-service>.

Once we have your sign up information, we will send you more details with meeting place, training videos, etc.



# God is Beauty Retreat for Artists and the Artistically Minded

Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 8:15 AM - 1:00 PM  
320 North Church Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Join the Theology of the Body Institute's Bill Donaghy as he guides us on a discussion inspired by John Paul II about our role as artists and the ways in which God uses beauty to reach us.

## Schedule:

8:15-8:45am: Sign-in and continental breakfast  
8:50am: Welcome  
9:00am-12:00pm: Retreat  
12:15pm: Mass at St. Agnes  
1:00pm: Optional lunch at Church Street House



To Register, Scan QR Code:



**REGISTER NOW!**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026  
7:00 - 9:30 PM  
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110 St. Elizabeth Dr, Chester Springs, PA

# REBOOT

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

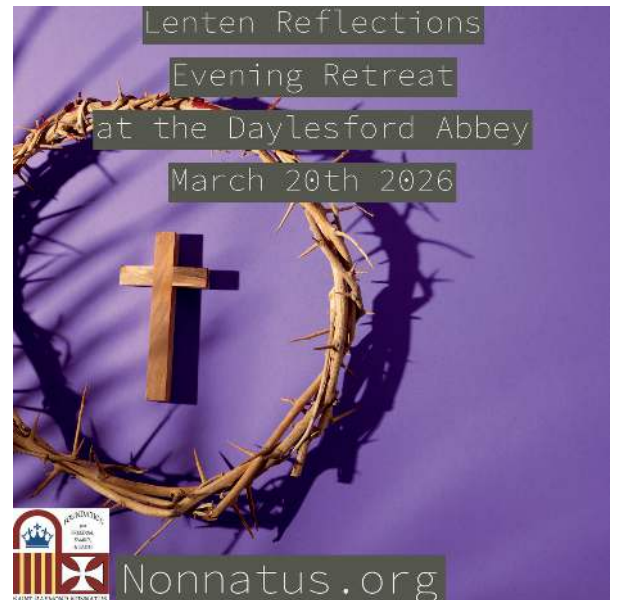
This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



SCAN QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT OR GO TO:  
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/1785111](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1785111)





## Lenten Evening Retreat Opportunity

Friday, March 20, 2026, 4 – 8 pm  
Lenten Evening Reflections Retreat

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for an evening retreat at the Daylesford Abbey during the Lenten season. The retreat features: inspiring talks, prayer time, fellowship, a delicious dinner at the abbey, and Confessions. Bring a friend!

Address: Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031

Speakers: Dr. Anne DeSantis and Julieanne Bartlett

Cost: \$65 per person payable online

Register: <https://www.nonnatus.org/retreats>

Questions: [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)

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