

St. Robert Bellarmine Church



FOR THIS I WAS BORN,
AND FOR THIS I HAVE
COME INTO THE
WORLD, TO BEAR
WITNESS TO THE
TRUTH.

JOHN 18:37

November 22nd, 2015
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

5:00 P.M. - Michael Conricode

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

7:00 A.M. - Harold Vincent

9:00 A.M. - Anthony Tuono

11:00 A.M. - Tim McKeivitt

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015

7:00 A.M. - Nicholas Sebastian

9:00 A.M. - Michael Halvorson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015

7:00 A.M. - Ryan Nocero

9:00 A.M. - Bill & Mary Jane Harris

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015

7:00 A.M. - Juanita Morales

9:00 A.M. - Philip Lecklikner

7:00 P.M. - THANKSGIVING FAMILY MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2015

THANKSGIVING

9:00 A.M. - Parishioners

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015

9:00 A.M. - Joseph Lauria ~ 40th Anniversary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2015

9:00 A.M. - Joseph Collier

5:00 P.M. - Drew Panettieri & Margaret O'Hare

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

7:00 A.M. - Margaret M. Lyons

9:00 A.M. - Deacon Len Noonan

11:00 A.M. - Living & Deceased Members of the Sholly & McCann Families



Please pray for our sick parishioners, relatives, and friends, especially:



Nicholas Chess	Frank Waltrich	Kevin McDevitt
Pat Bocchiechio	Bill Zarkowski	Paige LaRosa
Erica Sheehan	Steven Geib	Kevin Christopher Fox
Tom Mullen	Brendan Mullen	Rita Ann Leonard
Dolores McGrath	Brian Charlton	Andreas Shaftacolas
Betty Stella	Joyce Williams	Frank Wagner
Diane Barbier	Ed Barker	Christopher D'Souza
James Kolody	Wilber McCarty	John Golashevsky
Maria Altopiedi	Jarad Callan	Matthew Milosazr

In an effort to keep our prayer list current, all names will appear on this list for 30 days and then will be automatically taken off. We are happy to keep a name on the list, just call the parish office or email stobertsecretary@verizon.net.

Altar Flowers Donated in Loving Memory of :

WALT MULLEN SR. & JR.

This weeks Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of:

Michael & Anna Norris

OUR PARISH GIVING

Sunday (11/15/15): \$ 17,290

Online Bank Services Funds: \$1,990 in 31 envelopes.

Fall Block Collection: \$50,844

Year to Date Totals - Sunday Collections:

FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	Difference
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\$307,274	\$305,443	-\$1,830
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(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

Thank you for your Sacrificial Generosity



THANKSGIVING RAFFLE ~ 4th Drawing



Congratulations to our winners:

\$100 - **Samantha Berneski**

\$150 - **Antonia Mastrocco**

\$200 - **Charles Mannella**

UPCOMING EVENTS (at a glance)

Nov 25 ~ SJR Noon Dismissal

~ Family Thanksgiving Mass

Nov 26 ~ Thanksgiving - 9am Mass Only

Nov 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent



Our Lord Jesus Christ



King of the Universe

Dear Friends,

Today's celebration **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** was established in the midst of the turmoil of the early twentieth century, to remind the world that it is Jesus Christ to whom we owe our ultimate allegiance. Our world continues to be in turmoil, as a glance at any newspaper or television news report would confirm. Now, perhaps more than ever, we need to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and King of our hearts, minds and souls and to live as true believers.

The **CALLED BY NAME** initiative is now in its second phase. I am grateful for all the names of the young men that were submitted to the parish office for consideration. I will now be contacting them by letter to inform them of this recognition and Mrs. Barbara Palo, our Vocation Coordinator, will be following up with them in the weeks ahead. Please continue to pray for these young men whose names were submitted, that they may be open to the possibility to explore a vocation of ministry in the Church.

This Thursday is the National Holiday of Thanksgiving. This is a special time when families gather to share a feast and one another's company all within the spirit of acknowledging the gifts for which each is thankful. Although secular in nature, it is perhaps one of the most spiritual of holidays which embrace peoples from all different religious and non-religious backgrounds, for giving thanks is a human need and a practiced trait. As small children, one of the first lessons taught after the ability to speak, was for us to say thank you for the smallest of gifts. As adults, we begin to appreciate even more the small acts of kindness and love for which we are bound to give thanks. To assist in this wonderful spirit, I invite you and your family to come to church to offer a perfect prayer of thanksgiving, the Mass, on Wednesday evening at 7PM or Thanksgiving Day at 9AM. From this act of thanksgiving we receive from the bounty of God's grace the perfect gift, Jesus Christ. Please come to that Mass bearing gifts for the poor – any non-perishable food item- that we can then share with the needy and the hungry among us. At these Thanksgiving Masses we will also share with you a loaf of blessed bread, to unite the Eucharistic table with your family table, both filled with love and devotion.

Next weekend we begin a new liturgical year with the celebration of the Advent Season. This very busy season is filled with many opportunities of grace in preparation for the great season of Christmas. Perhaps this weekend, before it all starts, you would want to promise yourself that this season of Advent will not go unnoticed, and that you will set aside some time to allow the spirit and grace of the season to overcome the distractions of busyness and shopping. Next week's bulletin will list for you the Advent opportunities. Please accept the list as an invitation for you and your family!

I am grateful for your prayers for my annual retreat. It was a time of blessings for me and the other priests who accompanied me to the Abbey. You were prayed for in a special way all week – I hope it helped!

During this time of thanksgiving, I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the clergy and staff of the parish, to **THANK** all of you for your continued support and cooperation. It is a pleasure to serve you and to assist you in any needs we can throughout the year. **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

May Saint Robert Bellarmine inspire us to live a life of gratitude and thanksgiving!

With prayers,

Monsignor Beisel

OUR ANNUAL PARISH GIVING TREE Any parish family that may be in a difficult situation this year that would benefit from the services our 'Giving Tree' provides; please call Msgr. Beisel at the rectory to discuss. **All requests will be kept confidential.**

Due to the church renovation, we will have only ONE collection weekend. Please return all gifts to Monsignor Marley Hall the weekend of December 5th and 6th. DO NOT place any gifts under the Giving Tree this year. However, store certificates can still be placed in the box under the trees.





SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

On December 31, 2014, 23 pieces of Pennsylvania State legislation were enacted that impact the way we prevent and report child abuse. As a result, all people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are required fulfill the following obligations:

CLEARANCES:

- ◆ PA State Police Criminal Record Check
 - ◆ PA Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Check
 - ◆ Federal History Fingerprint Clearance ~ ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Checks & Clearances
- *** MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 3 YEARS *****
- ◆ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Information for Volunteers

TRAINING:

- ◆ Safe Environment Training
- ◆ Technology Addendum
- ◆ Mandated Reporter Training
- ◆ Signed Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement Form
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Required Training

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to families, providing food, utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!



STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRAGEDY IN PARIS

FROM ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. CAP.

God is the source of love and life. People who kill in his name are not martyrs or saints, but murderers. Pilgrims from Paris and across France traveled thousands of miles in September to take part in the joy of World of Meeting Families. Their presence graced us all. We join with the Church in France in this moment of national suffering. I ask the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to pray in a special way in the coming days for the families of all those killed in Paris.



+Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Please call the parish office with the name and branch for relatives who are on active duty.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS :

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

US Navy:

Michael W. Zarkowski
Barbara Ann Mullen
Jenny Malandra
Joshua Velas

Edward W. Devinney II
Connor Fitzgerald
John Wurtenberg III

US Army:

Rev. Stephen Mc Dermott
Danny Pritchard
Michael McBride
Matthew Sawaya

Robert F. Leimer
Keith Carter
Ryan T. Krawczyk
Philip Mc Cusker

US Coast Guard:

Brendan Williams
Todd J. Warga

Daniel Moschitti

USMC:

Joseph Mc Menamin
Daniel Harvey
Clint Hajek
Vincent J. Flannery, Jr.
Kevin A. Daly
Michael Malandra
Nicholas Sabatini
Mark Geib

James McMenamin
Elizabeth Harvey
Leo J. Keller Jr.
Anthony Taylor
Mark Piccirelli
Lisa Ann Burgy
Patrick Kilkenny

US Air Force:

Karl Weinbrecht
Max J. Sempowski
Anthony Comtois
Thomas Rook

Francis Lemma
Michael Sempowski
Andrew J. Velas

CLERGY/MUSIC SCHEDULE (11/28 & 11/29)

- ◆ 5:00 PM Msgr. Beisel **Cantor**
 - ◆ 7:00 AM Msgr. Beisel
 - ◆ 9:00 AM Fr. Stokely **Cantor**
 - ◆ 11:00 AM Fr. Cornely/Dcn. George **Adult Choir**
- Subject to change without notice*

ARCHBISHOP WOOD UPCOMING EVENTS



Performing Arts Department Presents

Mary Poppins
December 4 & 5 at 7:30 pm
December 6 at 2pm

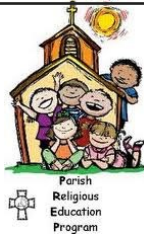
For more information contact abwtickets@gmail.com

Black Friday Basketball Skills and Drills Clinic

November 27 from 10am-2pm
Contact: Coach Mosco at mosco425@comcast.net

ST. ROBERT PREP PROGRAM

Phone: 215.343.9433



CALENDAR

November

Mon 23 Class, Service Project
Wed 25 Thanksgiving Family Mass -- 7:00 PM

Mon 30 Class

December

Mon 7 Class, Confessions Grades 4-6
Mon 14 Class, Advent/Christmas Program
Mon 21 NO CLASS
Fri 25 Merry Christmas!
Mon 28 NO CLASS

On Monday, November 16th, our 1st graders came to class dressed as one of their favorite saints. They shared a few facts about their saint in a presentation to their classmates, parents and grandparents. They also parades through the other PREP classes to the song "When the Saints Go Marching In". The children, with the help of their parents, did a marvelous job! They are a good reminder to all of us that we are all called to be saints.



Mrs. Horan's Class



Mrs. Fellmeth's Class



Mrs. Murphy's Class



ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 215.343.5100 Web: www.stjstr.org

FROM THE DESK OF

MRS. JASTER

APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the first students who were recognized for doing something good: Mavis Brookreson, Antonio Caputo, Joseph Horan, Grace Moffett and Haley Stefanik



TUITION ASSISTANCE: The application for tuition assistance through BLOCS is now available. Please note the new regulations – if you have received assistance through BLOCS this year, you must submit your application by December 31, 2015 or the window closes! You can access



the online form either at www.blocs.org or go directly to www.smartaidforparents.com. The directions for completing the form are linked here and are also on the website. A PDF form to be downloaded and submitted in hard copy is not available to date but will be soon from Smart Aid. If you did not receive assistance through BLOCS this year but plan to submit an application your deadline is not so soon but you would be wise to submit ASAP.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS: Important dates:

Little Elf Shop Raffle: Chances will be sold during lunch tomorrow and Friday for the opportunity to win a \$25 Little Elf Shop certificate. Chances cost \$1/each or 5 for \$3. Ornament Forms are in this week's communication if you would like to order an ornament.

CYO Christmas Dance: Dance is for Grades 6, 7 and 8. See flyer in this week's communication for more information. We need parent volunteers on Friday Dec 4th for the dance or we will not be able to have the dance. Please have parents contact me if they want to volunteer. (kathleen314@aol.com or 215-791-4231)

SJR CYO NEWS: St. Joseph's St. Robert's CYO Mass will be celebrated November 22, 2015 11 AM at Saint Robert's church. All CYO members and their families are encouraged to attend. There will be light refreshments and beverages served in Monsignor Marley Hall after Mass.

Our CYO program offers sports for children from first to eighth grade. Stop by after Mass and learn more about what is offered. Like us on Facebook. www.facebook.com/sjrcyo

JUST A THOUGHT: "The people in darkness have seen a great light". Those words kept going through my mind during the events in Paris last week. There, the "City of Light" went dark because of the horrific attacks. As we approach the season of Advent, it seems ever more important that we hold fast to our faith in Christ, the Light of the World. Let's work and pray that we can spread the Light of His love and work for a peace-filled world!



Parish Youth Ministry

Mrs. Barbara Palo (Director of Teen Ministry—mompalo@aol.com) •  Facebook: St. Robert Teen Ministry Program



LOCK IN - Friday, November 27th
from 10pm to 8am Saturday the 28th in the gym.
All 8th to 12 grade students welcome.

Music, pizza, ice cream
sundaes, gym, card and board
games and catching up with
friends. We will also do a group cook
and package "Aid for Friends"
meals contact mompalo@aol.com for
mandatory permission form.
sleeping bags optional, dress modestly
casual, layers for activities



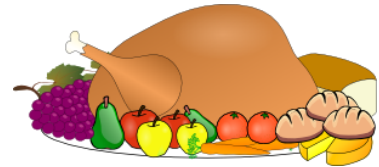
Cost \$15pp which includes all of the above. Bring
snacks, movies, music to share if you like
***** Adult chaperones are needed for this event. If
you are interested/willing to help with any or all of
the night, it would be appreciated.**

FEAST Feed Everyone at Special Times

This organization will be preparing and packing meals for approximately 150 needy families this coming Thanksgiving. They service the Warrington, Hatboro, Doylestown, Chalfont and surrounding areas.

How can we help?

Donations are needed...6 to 10lb fresh turkey breasts, boxed potatoes, stove top stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables and pies.



Do you know a family who could benefit from this organization's work?
Contact Bob Abecasis at 215 534 9896 for more information.

THE TEEN MINISTRY WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday December 12th at 7pm THE LIVE NATIVITY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



We have a limited understanding of kings today, and when we think about them, it tends to be from history and/or memory rather than from our immediate experience. This Sunday we celebrate a King whose Presence and power we have experienced: Christ, whose kingdom is not territory but virtue, not power but service, not wealth but grace.

How is Christ's reign visible each and everyday in your life?

ADVENT RELECTION BOOKLETS

Remember to pick you your Advent Reflection booklet at the church entrances.

A WALK THROUGH THE DOOR OF MERCY

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

@ 7:00 PM in MMH

Presenter: Sr. Maureen Colleary, FSP
Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

This Holy Year will begin on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Join us on December 2 as Sr. Maureen leads us through a presentation and reflection on this Jubilee of Mercy, focused on the Pope's proclamation. He has asked that we contemplate just how merciful God has been to us and how we are called to be merciful to others in turn. Pope Francis has a "burning desire.." for us to reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 30 so we can be sure to seating and handouts for everyone. Joan Fitzpatrick 215.343.0315 or jfitzaff2@verizon.net



Praying with the Advent Gospels of Luke

10:00 AM OR 7:00 PM in the Chapel—December 9



Prepare to celebrate Christmas by reflecting on the Advent Gospels, waiting and praying in "joyful hope."

Fresh baked Christmas cookies are most welcome! Beverages provided.

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOSSEED A LOVED ONE THIS PAST YEAR..



Good and gracious God,

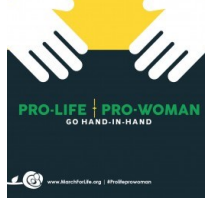
We gather today to express our gratitude for your many blessings! You have given us everything we need to live a peace-filled life. We are richly blessed and it is right to acknowledge that you are the Source of all good things. Yet this day also brings a mix of emotions to us. We give you our thanks, but also offer our sadness as we mourn the loss of our loved one. We know that death and sorrow were not in your original plan, but we also know that you use difficulties to draw us closer to you and to one another. Fill the void in our hearts. Teach us to savor the moments we have with one another, to rightly remember what we have lost, but to look forward in hope to what you have promised in the future. Thank you for all your blessings for we know that even through the trials and loss you always reveal your goodness and love to us.

We ask all of this in Jesus' name.

AMEN.

RESPECT LIFE

"If you keep thinking of your life—which is utterly unique in the entire universe!—as a true gift, you will draw nearer to the Giver of that gift. So, Happy Thanksgiving!"



**43RD MARCH FOR LIFE
NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON D.C.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016
SAVE THE DATE - JOIN US**

Plan ahead - make your arrangements to join 400,000 people at the March this year. St. Robert's will once again provide bus transportation for parishioners who want to attend the March. Weather permitting the bus will leave St. Robert's parking lot after the 7am Mass and return between 9 and 10 pm.

More info: call Jan @215/343-4572

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL "GIVING HOPE" UPDATE

To date our parish has contributed \$65,955, from 466 donors, towards our goal of \$65,364. Percentage wise, this puts us over the top at 101%. Congratulations to all of you who give support to this worthy cause. Obviously, our ongoing support is always needed.



In loving the poor, we are witnesses to man's dignity. We affirm that man is worth more for what he is than what he has. We bear witness to the fact that this dignity cannot be destroyed, whatever the situation of poverty, scorn, rejection or powerlessness to which a human being has been reduced. We show our solidarity with those who do not count in society by which they are rejected spiritually, and in many cases, physically. We are particularly drawn with material affection toward those children who, through human wickedness, will never be brought forth from the womb to the light of day, as also for the elderly, alone and abandoned.

The Catholic Charities Appeal touches the lives of many, and our charity continues to **Give Hope** to those in need.

FEAST's First Annual Sky Lantern Launch

In an effort to celebrate the meaning of the Thanksgiving Holiday, FEAST is providing Sky Lanterns to all meal recipients to be lit and launched at 7:30 on Thanksgiving. Please access the link below for more information. For those wishing to purchase their own Sky Lantern for use on Thanksgiving, they will be sold after Mass this Sunday outside the front entrance. Thank you for your support,

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1661051754180887/>

FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. CYPRIAN FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for St. Cyprian Parish's food pantry the weekend of Dec. 5th & 6th to coincide with the giving tree gift delivery. Please place your bagged food items in Msgr. Marley Hall this that weekend.

Suggested food items are: complete meals in a box, canned meats (ham, chicken), canned tuna, canned soups/stews/potatoes/fruits/vegetables/milk, complete-just add water pancake mix, pancake syrup, coffee, powdered coffee creamer, dry milk, Gatorade, juice (other than apple, which is donated from another source), peanut butter, jelly, iced tea mix, pasta sauce (only need sauce-pasta is donated from another source), boxed potatoes, crackers, cereal, pop tarts, animal crackers, pretzels, cookies, lunch box size puddings, juice boxes and snacks. Pop-up cans and items that can be micro waved are helpful.

If you have any questions, please call Patti Hessler 267.250.5721.



ST. ROBERT E. P.'S -

- Tuesday Dec. 1st.
Board meeting 10:00 am MMH
- Tuesday Dec. 15th Christmas
Party Giuseppe's 11:30a to 2:30p



The EP's wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season

NO regular meeting in December

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD BLOOD DRIVE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD FROM 2 TO 7 PM
585 W. STREET ROAD, WARMINSTER**

To make an appointment on-line go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>
Enter Sponsor code: Nativity of Our Lord

To schedule an appointment, or for more information,
Call Terri Carr 215-833-1283 or
Mary Alice Shane 215-313-2694.



**25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
Saturday, Dec. 5th**

**Douglas Fir (6-8ft) \$35 • Fraser Fir (6-9ft) \$45
Pick Up (rain, snow or shine) 7:30-9:30 am**

To order call Rich Visco 215.491.9983
Ordering/Payment Deadline - Mon. Nov. 30th
Trees are sold on a pre-paid basis. Selection is first come first serve.

Volunteers are welcome to help the day of pickup.
Proceeds benefit St. Robert's Parish.

CHRIST THE KING

A KINGSHIP THAT BEARS WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

Each year at the conclusion of the liturgical year, we fittingly celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the Apostle St. Paul teaches us, “In [Jesus Christ] everything in heaven and earth was created... and continues in being” (Col 1:16-17). He is the ‘Alpha and Omega’, the ‘Beginning and End’, the ‘Way, Truth, and Life’. Indeed, Christ promises to His faithful friends the gift of salvation, the pledge of everlasting life through His Resurrection. Therefore, faithfulness to Christ, our King, opens the door to our eternal happiness.

Origin of the Feast: In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in the encyclical *Quas Primas* (from Latin, “In the First”) to respond to secularism—the adoration of ‘idols’ of the earthly world, such as money and fame, above God. Pope Pius XI recognized that secularism would breed hostility against the Church. In fact, during the 20th century, governments in Mexico, Russia, and Europe, infiltrated by secularism, threatened not only the Catholic Church but also civilization itself. *Quas Primas* gave Catholics the hope that while governments may crumble, Christ’s Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, would last forever.

Christ’s Kingship: Although *Quas Primas* was written almost 90 years ago, it continues to ring true today. For instance, secularism continues to separate people from God, as evidenced by the rejection of Church teachings and the denial of God Himself. In addition, recent Pew Research Center data shows the worldwide increase of religious hostilities. Now more than ever, we must celebrate that Jesus Christ is King of the Universe, including in the following ways:

• **In Christ, we must preserve our fundamental rights.** Jesus Christ reveals the fulfillment of the truths of creation found in the book of Genesis: “God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good” (Gen 1:31). Therefore, “made in [His] image and likeness,” each of us possesses an immeasurable goodness (Gen 1:26). And, this goodness from Christ, given to the heart of man, calls us to fight for what is justly ours: the right to life, freedom of conscience and religious freedom.



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• **In Christ, we must evangelize in love.** Christ, both meek and humble of heart, is the perfect servant of God: Through His teaching and His life, Jesus intended to confirm, not to coerce, others in faith (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11). Through our daily action, let us follow Christ’s loving example of showing the truth to others.

• **In Christ, we must proclaim the truth.** Christ’s Kingship “bear[s] witness to the truth” (John 18:37). In bearing this witness, Christ acknowledges government authority, “rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s” (Matthew 22:21). Nonetheless, we are asked to speak out “against governing powers which oppose the holy will of God” (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11).

Bearing witness to the truth in this age can be difficult. But Christ has shown us that ‘kingship’ must always be at the service of the good of mankind. Therefore, with His grace and in hope of His gift of salvation, let us bear witness to the truth, even when it is unpopular or costly to do so. In this way, we become faithful servants of Christ, preparing the way for His Kingdom, both on earth and in heaven.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?
Text the word “Freedom” to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty.
Also, please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for more information on how you can protect religious liberty.

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:00 am
 9:00 am
 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 & 9:00 am - Monday/Friday
 9:00 am - Saturday
 Summer:
 Weekday - 8:00 am
 Saturday - 9:00 am

HOLY DAYS

7:00 am
 9:00 am
 12:00 noon
 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm
 Closed on Holy Days

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First & third Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm. Baptism Classes for parents and godparents are held on an announced day in January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 pm in the Church. Call the Parish Office to pre-register.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

You must be a registered member of the Parish and must notify the priest **at least six months** prior to your marriage date. Visit the parish website for detailed information

Pre-Cana classes (2nd Sat. in March. & 2nd Sat. in November) are required. Contact Parish Office or visit the parish website for registration forms. Forms are due 2 weeks in advance of the Pre-Cana Class

COMMUNION CALLS

Monthly to shut-ins by the priests. Weekly - Extraordinary Ministers if requested. In an Emergency a Priest Should Be Called Immediately.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please ask one of the priests after a weekend Mass to register your family. Please notify the parish office if you are moving from the parish or if you have changed your address.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration - **Each Monday (except Summer & National Holidays)** after the 9 am Mass, with simple Reposition (No Benediction) at 4 pm. **At 3 pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited.**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All parish staff and volunteers who have **regular contact with young people** must attend a Protecting God's Children Awareness Session. In addition background checks **must be updated every 3 years.** **Links to background checks can be found on the website. Visit our website, click on Community, then Safe environment. It will direct you to the Child and Youth Protection Site. If you have not completed your background checks and the class YOU MAY NOT VOLUNTEER.**

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Monday 11am - Turn in material typed, with your name & phone number at the parish office or strobertysecretary@verizon.net.

PARISH RESOURCES

Adult Faith Formation	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Afghan Guild	Claire Coleman	215-343-2299
Al-Anon Contact		215-222-5244
Altar Servers	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Bereavement Committee	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Bloodmobile	Mary Marquis	215-343-8635
Catholic Charities	Bill Fehrman	215-343-1752
Charismatic Prayer Group	Dolores Seif	215-343/8775
Christ's Housekeepers	Eleanor Crowley	215-675-8955
Crisis Pregnancy	24 Hour Hotline	610-626-4006
E.P.'s (Seniors)	Jack Forbes	215-343-1625
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Family Fellowship	Bob Abecasis	215-343-8113
Knights of Columbus	Rob Hessler	215-491-0648
Liturgical Environment	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Men's Prayer Group	Norman Racine	267-968-5905
Minister of Hospitality	Peter Vreeland	215-343-2091
Ministers of the Word	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Mother's Prayer Group	Chris Trodden	215-491-2542
Msgr. Marley Hall	Jonathan DeMent	215-421-4407
Music Ministry	Kevin Lutz Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com	
Pastoral Council	Tom Utermark	215-343-9528
Pre-Cana	Ellen/Don Cericola	215-343-3275
Pre-Jordan/RCIA	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Prison Ministry	Ray Rugarber	215-672-7678
Respect Life	Len Cline	215-343-4572
St. Cyprian	Patti Hessler (cell)	267-250-5721
St. John's Hospice	Msgr. James Beisel	215-343-0315
St. Francis Inn	Candy Bakasy	215-343-1002
St. Vincent De Paul Society (Answering machine)		267-644-8189
Parish Youth Ministry	Barb Palo	215-343-2083

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