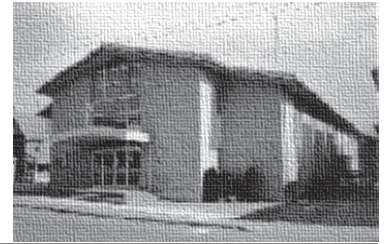


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Masses for the Week

Masses for the Week of February 7th, 2000 will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

- Monday 9:00am Parishioners
Tuesday 9:00am Frank & Connie Zolenski
(Rose Olise)
Wednesday 9:00am George Bodnar
(Dorothy Bodnar)
Thursday 9:00am Pauline Sajda
(Rose Olise)
Friday 9:00am Mary O'Reagan Herlihey
(Helen Popovich)
Saturday 9:00am Adele Kowicz
(Joseph & Ann Romanoski)

Saturday, February 12th, 6:30pm
Andrew Cigas Jr. (Agnes Novotny)

Altar Servers J.Zelina/V.Florian/P.Florian
Eucharistic Minister Seymen
Lector Cy

Sunday, February 13th, 10:30am
Casper Hracho - Anniversary (Betty Hracho & sons)

Altar Servers D.Neff/M.Neff/M.Swinty
Eucharistic Ministers Krupansky/Mersereau
Lector Sara

Your Prayers are Requested

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Mary Shesko, Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Maxanne Sushinski and son Kenneth, Mary Riley, Jean Moister, Lyndsey Conner, Carolyn Pechin, Ann Hook, Joan Emery, Cecilia Shesko, Olivia Monko, Ann Hoskins, Liz Bradford, Anthony Paladino and the Dead: Theresa Salkowski, Stella Misiewicz.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 6th, from 9:45 to 10:15am, prior to the Morning Mass.

Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 12th, from 5:45 to 6:15pm, prior to the Evening Mass.

Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request at anytime.

Weekly Jubilee Year Event

This week's Day of Eucharistic Exposition will be conducted on Tuesday, February 8th, in St. Joseph Church. The Exposition opens immediately following the 9:00am Mass and continues throughout the day until a closing Prayer Service at 5:00pm. Keep in mind, please, the Eucharistic focus on every Tuesday in the Jubilee Year 2000.

St. Charles Seminary Appeal

This weekend, we welcome to our pulpit seminarian Christopher Markellos, speaking in behalf of the Annual Appeal for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. Mr. Markellos is a student in the Third College Year of our Archdiocesan Seminary, pursuing a vocation to the priesthood. Upon ordination, he will serve in the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey. We are glad for his presence and his message.

The St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal will open next weekend, February 12th/13th. Contributions may be made in several ways. Using the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope mailed to each household, you may forward your donation directly to the Seminary. Also, a special collection will be taken up in our Parish Church at the Masses of next Saturday and Sunday. Your donation may be made then, using either the Appeal envelope received at your home or the pew envelope for the Appeal which is attached to today's Parish bulletin.

When you financially support our Seminary, you make an investment in your parish and your family, for today's seminarians are tomorrow's priests. Please be as generous to the Seminary Appeal as your means permit. Thank you very much!

Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony

At the 10:30am Mass, next Sunday, February 13th, a brief Ceremony of Enrollment will take place for those children of the Parish preparing for Confirmation. We have twenty fifth & sixth grade youngsters who will be formally acknowledged as candidates for the Sacrament, and will be entering a more defined period of preparation on several levels. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Holy Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Pentecost Sunday, June 11th.

An Official Pat on the Back

Our Annual Parish Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1999 has been acknowledged by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In the letter, the following special comments were made: "The competent financial administration of the Parish and the support of the Archdiocese are gratefully acknowledged. The dedication and sacrificial giving of the parishioners serve as a living witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ."

In receiving this official affirmation, we must thank Mrs. Stella Grubb, whose loyal and dedicated efforts keep all our financial matters in balance. Thank you, also, to our kind and generous parishioners for their ongoing support of the Church and its good works. God love you!

The Rosary Society

Intentions for February

- 1. For our Holy Father, the Pope, and for all Pastors of God's people that we may see their goodness.*
- 2. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

*Jesus Group - Glorious Mysteries
Mary Group - Sorrowful Mysteries
Joseph Group - Joyful Mysteries*

**Creating, Caring God,
release in us the power of your Sons Resurrection,
so that even in the darkest coldest days of February,
we may not lose sight of your saving light.**

A Family Perspective

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us that as our families struggle with both physical and spiritual afflictions, holding on to our faith in the healing power of Christ will restore us to wholeness and peace.

Retreats for Healing after Abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat on March 24th, 25th, 26th, 2000. This retreat will be held in Darby, PA, which is located just outside of Philadelphia. For more information call Mary Alice 1-877-HOPE4ME or reach us on-line at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

To Live Again

To Live Again, a support group for widows and widowers, will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 8th at Highgate in Paoli Pointe. Orientation for newly widowed or those desiring counselling starts at 7:15pm, followed by a short business meeting. The program this evening is a talk by the well

known Architect, Vincent Kling. Spend an evening with friends that understand your loss and enjoy a snack. For information, directions or what to bring call Bea Locke at 610-644-0233 or Joe Cavanagh at 610-363-0639.

Women's Club News

Women's Breakfast

Just a reminder!!! A Women's Breakfast will be held next Sunday, February 13th, 2000, immediately following the 10:30am Mass at the Downingtown Country Club. The cost of the breakfast will be \$10.00. A featured speaker will be Sister Ruth Catherine, S.B.S., who will speak to us about the life and journey to sainthood of Blessed Katherine Drexel, S.B.S. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andy Levenite at 610-384-4665 no later than Wednesday, February 9th. We also are asking those attending the breakfast to sit together in the front of the church and make this a true Communion of the women of the parish.

Sorry!!

Due to inclement weather and the inability to get enough help, we had to cancel the Pierogi Session which was scheduled for last Wednesday, February 2nd. Hopefully, we will get a better turnout at the next session and the weather will cooperate.

Next Pierogi Session

The next Pierogi Session will be held on Saturday, February 19th at 8:00am in the School Cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend. We will be peeling potatoes on Friday, February 18th at 7:00pm.

Kifli Session

The first Kifli Session will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:30pm. If you are willing to make a batch of dough for us, please contact Andy Levenite at 610-384-4665.

Remember, the monies raised by these efforts benefit "YOUR" parish of St. Joseph's. We would like to add a few more volunteers to our roster; please consider giving us a few hours of your time. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.