

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Beacon of Ambler—Where Faith and Family are One
Main and Poplar Sts. Ambler, PA 19002



**“Which is the first of all the commandments?”
Jesus replied, “The first is this: ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”**

Mark 12:28-29, 31

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November 3, 2024

GENERAL

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00 PM
 (Closed for lunch from 12:30PM-1:30PM)
 Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

The Rectory office is closed on all holydays and holidays.

New Parishioners

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!
 If you are interested in joining our wonderful Parish family, please register after any of the masses or: register online at stjoeambler@gmail.com visit our website at stjoeambler.org or contact the rectory office at 215-646-0494.

Prayer Requests for:

Jimmy Cowman	Anthony D'Acunto
Clare Di Donato	Emily Gudas
Kathleen Hart	Jean Stabilito



Please continue to pray all who are ill or in need of prayers. Names are removed monthly unless notified. It is so good to know that prayers are answered!



Mass Intentions

November 2-3

10:00 AM ALL SOULS MASS

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM Mary Silsbee

Requested

Ken/Joan Sheedy

Sunday

9:00 AM Marian Gallagher

family

11:00 AM Helen/Edward Swillo

Swillo family

1:00 PM Mass in Spanish

Monday 6:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday

6:30 AM Father Tully

Joanne Junker

Wednesday

6:30 AM Rev. Edward Windhaus

Joanne McKee

Thursday

6:30 AM Maria Concetta

family

Friday

6:30 AM Father Tully

Joanne Junker

CANDLE MEMORIALS



Sanctuary
Helen Swillo



Mary
Anne Dill



Joseph
In thanksgiving



Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place monthly after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. After the mass is ended, those who wish will be invited gather around the baptismal font. Please write your name on the sign up sheet after receiving the sacrament so it will be recorded in the book. The next one will be on Saturday, **November 9th.**

Sunday Readings

Reading I [Dt 6:2-6](#)

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
 "Fear the LORD, your God,
 and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
 all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you,
 and thus have long life.
 Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them,
 that you may grow and prosper the more,
 in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of
 your fathers,
 to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.
 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD
 alone!
 Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
 with all your heart,
 and with all your soul,
 and with all your strength.
 Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51](#)

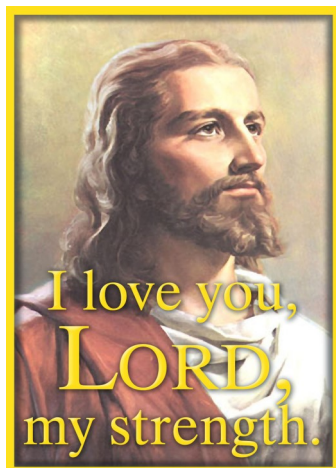
R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
 O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

My God, my rock of refuge,
 my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
 Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
 and I am safe from my enemies.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**



The LORD lives! And
 blessed be my rock!
 Extolled be God my savior.
 You who gave great victories to your king
 and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Reading II [Heb 7:23-28](#)

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many
 because they were prevented by death from remaining in
 office, but Jesus, because he remains forever,
 has a priesthood that does not pass away.
 Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach
 God through him, since he lives forever to make interces-
 sion for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:
 holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,
 higher than the heavens.

He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice
 day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of
 the people; he did that once for all when he offered
 himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high
 priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the
 law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Gospel [Mk 12:28b-34](#)

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,
 "Which is the first of all the commandments?"
 Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
 with all your soul,
 with all your mind,
 and with all your strength.*

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart,

with all your understanding,

with all your strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself

is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding,
 he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

THE SACRAMENTS



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation Role of Sponsors

A baptismal preparation class is mandatory for all parents who are requesting Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled with the Deacon. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

Godparent or Sponsor Requirement- You must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, and attend mass regularly, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Requested eligibility Certificates for another Parish- We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish.

Sacrament of the Sick In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory or call the emergency number if after office hours.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners planning a wedding, contact the office to book an available date at least six months or more prior to that date. Arrange for Marriage Preparation Class by contacting www.philamarriageprep.com or call 610-873-2017. Saturday weddings cannot be scheduled any later than 2:00PM. Non-parishioner weddings are up to the Pastor's discretion. If a couple is not a member of this parish, they should request a letter of permission from their 'home' parish.

Scripture Readings

Sunday Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Monday Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday Phil 3:17—4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Applying this week's Gospel

The most fundamental belief for the Jewish people is that there is only one God and their God, Yahweh, is that one God. The first commandment we heard in today's Gospel summarizes that foundational belief, but it also instructs Jewish people how they should respond to God. The commandment tells them to love God with "all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength." It does not say to love God with some of your heart, some of your soul, some of your mind or some of your strength. The commandment makes it perfectly clear that the only appropriate way to respond to such an awesome God is to love God completely and passionately. That is the way that each one of us ought to love God as well. This week, love God passionately.

Father Jim

OUR LADY OF THE THIRTY-THREE November 8

On April 19, 1825, thirty-three Uruguayan patriots fighting for independence placed the future of their new nation at the feet of an image of the Virgin in a small chapel. National independence was proclaimed on August 25, and the members of the Constitutional Court presented themselves again before the statue to place their nascent country under her protection. Ever since, this image has been known as *La Virgen de los Treinta y Tres*.



We are looking to refresh our "Hospitality helpers" to join our ministry. Unfortunately, many of our members are no

longer with us so we need some new helpers. Please let us know if you are interested and can be willing to help us out for various events. The more the merrier! This also includes our Hospitality Sundays. ☺
Thank you for all you do!

Living Stewardship Now for All Souls Day Nov.2nd

Have a family gathering to celebrate the lives of those you love who have "gone before." Decorate with flowers, photographs, and mementos. Share a meal and send a donation to your parish or a favorite charity to honor their memories.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every four years, we engage in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in “chapter” at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed!

The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in “chapter” by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don’t have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

—Rev. James Field

Living God’s Word

Throughout the month of November, as we move toward the end of the liturgical year, the scriptures continue to focus our attention on the final hope of all baptized disciples of Christ. Will we “abide with the Lord in love” and “live in newness of life”? Will we join our deceased loved ones and rest in peace? Copyright © 2012, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

CELEBRATE ALL SOULS

In this country All Souls it is a day of solemn and quiet remembrance of those who have “gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.” For people of Hispanic heritage it is *El Día de los Muertos* (The Day of the Dead). It emphasizes celebration. People gather to pray and honor the memory of the dead. In Mexico, people visit cemeteries. They decorate their family gravesites and picnic nearby on favorite foods of departed loved ones. The Day of the Dead originated in Aztec culture. Native people joyfully celebrated the end of earthly life with dancing and feasting. Spanish conquistadors were horrified and tried to stamp this out, but Aztec customs gradually intertwined with the Catholic faith. Commemoration of All Souls helps us to recall those separated from us by death, to celebrate their lives and their importance to us, and to pray for them with thankful hearts.

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FAMILY & YOUTH



PREP REGISTRATION

Live, in-person religious instruction will be offered for grades 1 to 7 on Sundays from September 15, 2024 through May 4, 2025 from

10:30 AM to 12 noon in the school. Please contact our DRE Mrs. Suzanne Kuhn if interested.

stjosephdre@gmail.com or 484-746-3414. Mrs. Kuhn is in the office on Thursdays.

National Vocation Awareness

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church’s needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?



It really is a simple question, “Who Will Fill These Shoes?”

More importantly, it’s a shocking image, the image of empty shoes, a priest’s shoes, laying there by the altar. It is a sharp reminder to all of us that without priests, there will be no Eucharist!

Living Stewardship Now

Choose a Saint and a saint to help you in life’s journey. The Saint can be anyone whose life story you admire. The saint could be a family member, friend, or mentor who has “gone before” you. Include your Saint and saint in prayer, ask them to pray on your behalf. Seek their guidance and wisdom in helping you to live like Jesus.

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FINANCE

October 27th

Sunday Collection: \$ 3539.00

World Mission: \$1148.00

Spanish Mass: \$418.00

We are blessed and so appreciative for all you continue to do for St. Joseph's.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS TREINTA Y TRES
8 de noviembre

El 19 de abril de 1825, treinta y tres patriotas uruguayos que luchaban por la independencia colocaron el futuro de su nueva nación a los pies de una imagen de la Virgen en una capillita. La independencia nacional fue proclamada el 25 de agosto y los miembros de la Corte Constitucional se presentaron nuevamente ante la estatua para colocar a la nación recién nacida bajo su protección. Desde entonces, esta imagen ha sido conocida como la *Virgen de los Treinta y Tres Orientales*.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

November 9-10

Celebrants: (subject to change)

SATURDAY

4:00 PM Vigil Father Saban

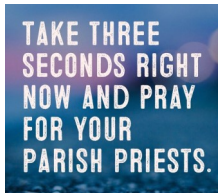
SUNDAY

9:00 AM Father Saban

11:00 AM Father Saban

1:00 PM n/a

We are looking to have 3 Eucharistic Ministers on for Mass, especially the Vigil and the 11. Please step up if you see the need.



MODELS OF FAITH

This feast of All Saints, November 1st celebrates holy examples of living faith—the saints. After the 1994 California earthquake, the Los Angeles Archdiocese decided to replace its ruined cathedral. Our Lady Queen of Angels Cathedral was dedicated in 2002. Artist John Nava was commissioned to design 25 tapestries of 135 people declared saints or beatified by the Church. After careful research, Nava painted larger-than-life portraits that were digitized and woven into tapestries. These make the saints seem to be present and very real. We Catholics are sometimes challenged by those who think that we worship the saints, but worship belongs to God alone. Representations of the saints are the Church's equivalent of a family photo album. We look through our albums and remember those we love who have left this life, we tell the stories about them—we may even speak to them in our hearts—and we may be truly inspired to follow the example of their earthly life.

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Mass book is open.

Masses and candles requested from January 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.

Daily Masses are at 6:30 AM and weekends are Saturday vigil at 4:00 PM. Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Holyday Masses at 6:30AM and 12:05PM.

Candles: \$10 for the week Mass stipend: \$15



Celebration of Music and Piano Dedication

Saint Joseph Church

Sunday, November 17, 2024

3:00 PM

Family and friends, join us for an afternoon of music featuring the music ministries of Saint Joseph and Saint Anthony Parishes. There will be choral anthems by our combined choir, hymn sing alongs, and the dedication of the new piano. We will have fellowship and light refreshments following in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

For more information contact John Keglovits, 610 462-1817





We prayerfully remember all those departed souls who now rest in the arms of our Lord and are blessed with eternal happiness.

St. Joseph Church celebrated Mass for the Faithful departed ... from November 2, 2023 – November 2, 2024

REV. EUGENE M. TULLY (Pastor)

JANUARY 30, 2024

REV. CHARLES J. MC ELROY (Resident)

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

MICHAEL PATRICK CAHILL- JANUARY 29, 2024

JOHN ANTHONY PUGLIESE- FEBRUARY 6, 2024

SUZANNE M. LYDZINSKI- MARCH 5, 2024

SARAH ETTA MURPHY-MARCH 17, 2024

NATALIE N. ALLAN-APRIL 24, 2024

FRANK VOZZOLO- MAY 10TH, 2024

CONCETTA BRETTI-MAY 19, 2024

MICHAEL J. LAGOMARSINO- MAY 19, 2024

DONNA J. MC MULLAN-JULY 11, 2024

WILLIAM M. MULCAHY SR.-JULY 11, 2024

MARY ELLEN CRISTALDI-JULY 21, 2024

MARY L. WOZNIAK-AUGUST 7, 2024

HELEN C. BROWN-AUGUST 13, 2024

THERESA ANN SCARDINO- AUGUST 22, 2024

MOLLY SCALFARO- SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

OUTSIDE NEWS

Martin Saints Classical High School

A Chesterton Academy

Open House Wednesday, November 6th, 7PM

St. Titus Parish 3000 Keenwood Rd.

East Norriton

Call 267-495-4865 or visit our website to schedule a shadow or RSVP for an Open House.

Leadership Day- Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Location: Epiphany of Our Lord Church

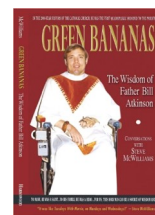
3050 Walton Rd. Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Speakers: Rev. Stephen DeLacy - Main Celebrant and Maria Richardson - Emcee Go to <https://archphilaccr.org/events/> for further information.

Father Bill Atkinson's Cause for Canonization:

Please continue to pray for his intercession.. For favors received or for more information, write Fr. Bill's Cause-Augustinian Provincial Offices PO Box 340- Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330 www.augustinian.org

As you know we continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'. Father Atkinson has a beautiful story of his journey of faith and carrying his cross. Please continue to pray for Father Atkinson and all those whose lives were touched because of him.



Pray for our Nation



Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend". May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!

The Over 50's Club at St Luke Church

The other highlight of this season will be our Christmas Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 12 noon at Sandy Run Country Club, 200 E Valley Green Road, Oreland PA. Tickets will be available from Eileen Marks at the October meeting, or at 215 -594-2111 or eileenm4@aol.com after October 8. Hope to see you soon! Please call Sheila Stieritz @ 267-468-5353 with any questions or concerns.

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ

Monday, December 2 at 4:00 pm —Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 am Private Retreat \$475

Directed Retreat \$580 – limited to 10 participants

The retreat begins before dinner on Monday and ends after morning Mass on Saturday. Information:

visit www.VMbytheSea.com.