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Rev. Donato P. Silveri, In Residence

March 20, 2016

Catholic School
Holy Family School
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Principal: Ann Marie Braca
www.myholyfamilyschool.org

Parish Religious Education Program
PREP Director: Andrea Jackowski
September- May
Sunday: 8:45 – 10:35 AM Grades K-8
610-850-4228
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- **Baptism:** Sunday 12:30 PM by appointment.

- **Marriages:** Couples contemplating marriage must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance to make an appointment to discuss marriage preparations.

- **Ministry to the Sick:** Anyone unable to attend Mass due to illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion. Hospital visitations are made as time permits. If any family member is hospitalized please inform the Rectory to arrange a visit and to be remembered in our prayers.

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held daily from 8am until 7pm. On Tuesday Evenings, a Holy Hour will begin at 6:00 pm with Private Prayer, followed by the Rosary at 6:15 pm; The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said at 6:30 pm. Devotion Prayers and Litany of Sacred Heart will begin at 6:45 pm followed by Benediction.

**Mass Schedule**

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**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 20th, 12:30pm, PREP Bldg.
Penn State Diabetic Class, March 22nd, 11:00am, Basement.
Good Shepherd Pre School Program, Tuesday, March 22nd, 12:30pm in the PREP Building.
Holy Hour, Tuesday, March 22nd, 6:00-7:00pm, Church.
Charismatic Prayer Group, Tuesday, March 22nd, 7:15pm in the Church.
Reconciliation, Wednesday, March 23rd, 7:00-8:00pm
Holy Thursday Mass, March 24th, 7:00pm.
Stations of The Cross, Friday, March 25th, 2:00pm.
Commemoration of the Last 7 Words, Friday, 2:30-3:00pm.
Good Friday Liturgy With Communion, Friday, March 25th, 3:00 And 7:00pm.
Blessing of Food Baskets, Saturday, March 26th, 2:00pm.
Reconciliation, Saturday, March 26th, 3:00-5:00pm.
Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 26th, 7:00pm.

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Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00pm
Good Friday, March 25
Stations: 2:00pm
Commemoration of the Last Seven Words: 2:30pm to 3:00pm
Good Friday Liturgy w/Communion: 3:00pm & 7:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 20th at 12:30pm, rain or shine at the PREP Building. We invite all kids through 4th grade to join us on the lawns for some fun and chocolate. Be sure to bring a basket!
St. Joseph Devotions

Charismatic Prayer Group

"Prayer, praise, worship and song in the power of the Holy Spirit!" We meet every Tuesday at 7:15pm in the Church. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Ray (610-933-5244) or Andrea (610-850-4228). “Praise You, Jesus!”

First Saturday Devotion & Mass

Held on Saturday, April 2nd, for Our Lady of Fatima Devotions and Rosary in Honor of Our Blessed Mother followed by Mass at 7:25am in the Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Servants of Mary

Please join us the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm following Holy Hour in the Church Foyer. (Narthex) Please plan to join us. For any additional information, contact the Prioress: Mary Frank at 610-310-4675 or e-mail frankdvoa@aol.com.

PLEASE NOTE

ALL OF THE ABOVE CANCELLED APRIL 5TH DUE TO CONFIRMATION AT 6:00PM

HOLY HOME —HAPPY HOME

HAPPY PALM SUNDAY

Take time to make today a celebration.

A few suggestions:

♦ Have a Palm Procession to your family prayer space. Wave the palm. Put it in a vase next to the Family Bible. Welcome Jesus into your home. Thank Jesus for coming to heal us, coming to take us out of darkness into light. Declare him King of your Home.

♦ Keep some palm to “exchange” with friends and relatives. Palm is a sign of peace. Some families use this Palm Sunday “Exchange of Palm” as a sign of and a prayer for peace between and among all family members.

It takes a parish to P.R.E.P. a child

St. Joseph’s Parish Religious Education Program

Upcoming PREP Events:

First Eucharist Parent/Child Meditations
6:30-7:45pm in the rectory basement
Session 5: Centurion’s Servant Mar 31 or Apr 4

CGS 3-6 yr olds next Session: Mar 22 12:30-2:30
Easter Sunday—NO CLASS: Mar 27
Red Team next session: Apr 3 8:45-10:35
White Team next session: Apr 10 8:45-10:35
(9:00am mass Lvl 4)
(9:00am mass Lvl 6)

Confirmation

Practice: Will be held at 2:00pm Sunday April 3 in the church. Both the confirmand and their sponsors are to attend.

Confirmation Mass: Will be celebrated by Most Reverend John J. McIntyre at 6:00pm Tuesday April 5. Confirmandi are to arrive at 5:30pm.
St. Joseph Fair Planning Meeting—
Next Meeting Tuesday, April 12th
at 6:00PM

The St. Joseph Parish Fair is scheduled for May 10th - May 14th. This is a huge undertaking and requires many volunteers. It is also the largest fundraising project that takes place at St. Joseph. We are asking every parishioner to do their part to make sure that it succeeds. The work for the Fair has been subdivided into several committees. We need help with some of the following committees: Set Up, Food Trailer, Parking Ride ticket sales, Raffle ticket sales, Silent Auction, Trash and Bathroom Facilities, and Teardown. If you would like more information, please contact the Rectory or Diane @ crafty1954@hotmail.com.

REDNER’S MARKET REMINDER

Redner’s Market offers 1% back on all sales receipts when you use your Save-A-Tape card. Only tapes imprinted with “Save-A-Tape” logo are eligible for cash back rebates. Drop the complete tapes in the box in the vestibule.

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels for Holy Family School. Please put them in the Redner’s box.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Easter Egg Hunt and Hope for Life Easter Baskets for the homebound.

2015 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to obtain a receipt for your 2015 charitable contributions to Saint Joseph Church please notify the rectory at 610-948-7760 or st.joes@comcast.net. Be sure to include envelope number, the name on the envelope and mailing address.

3rd Annual Balls & Beer Benefit for the Bragg Boys on Saturday, April 16th, American Legion, 25 N. Main Street, Spring City. 6:00-10pm. Meatballs, Beer & Wine, D.J. Entertainment, 50/50 & Raffle Baskets. $20.00 per person. “Carribean Fest” attire encouraged. In loving memory of Darrell & Christopher Bragg. Proceeds to provide a bat cage at St. Joseph Church youth baseball field. For tickets call: Julie 484-363-1340 or email julieabragg@comcast.net or email Melissa at Melissahfb@gmail.com. Buy early as tickets are limited!

Daily Scripture Readings

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Holy Family School News: Did you know our kindergarten program is staffed by certified teachers all day? We offer half-day, full-day or a hybrid. Our afternoon program is run by the same certified teachers who teach our students in the morning. In addition, our kindergarten students are taught by the same specialists our older students see in art, music, Spanish, library, physical education, and technology! Our students experience all this in a faith-filled environment. Come check us out and see why we are a great choice. Registration is now open. Visit our website or stop in to see us anytime during the day! For more information or to schedule a personal tour, email us at office@myholyfamilyschool.org or call 610-933-7562.
The Lectio of Symbols

For the next few Sundays this column will focus on a Lectio of the sacred symbols of the season.

Today, of course, the symbol is Palm. We started Lent with Palm—the blessed Palm of last year over which we prayed our Lenten resolutions. This Palm was burned as a symbol of offering ourselves to God: the ashes then placed upon our foreheads: a public witness of both our sorrow for sin and our hope in Christ’s Cross of Healing and Redemption. Certainly we could spend HOURS just thinking, praying, doing Lectio about all that!

This Sunday we meet Palm again. We remember the event of Palm Sunday: the people waving those Palm branches in greeting to Jesus.

In the ancient Near East palm was a symbol of victory, peace and eternal life. The waving of palm branches in Roman society was a welcoming gesture to royalty. Today we celebrate the meaning of Palm:

*Let us find in our homes a prominent place for this Blessed Palm.*
*Let us proclaim Jesus King of our Home and share with Him His Victory of peace and promise of life eternal.*

**Holy Week:**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

If you are feeling a heavy burden and want to get closer to our Lord, come celebrate God’s forgiveness...

Wednesday, April 23rd, 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, April 26th, 3:00—5:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY - SECOND COLLECTION**

The Second Collection on Good Friday is for the Support of Christianity in the Holy Land. This collection allows for the care of Christianity’s holiest sites and for God’s people living in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support.

Please begin to return the CRS Rice Bowl Donations to the box provided in the Narthex. Christ gave us everlasting life through his death and Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As Easter approaches, we too, are called to give life to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. When you give alms to CRS Rice Bowl, you live in imitation of Christ by serving the poor and vulnerable in a concrete, life-saving way. Help honor Jesus’ call to serve the world’s poor and give to your CRS rice bowl today.

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