

St. Joseph Catholic Church • Iglesia Católica de San José

1018 N. 8th St. • Reading, PA 19604
Phone: 610-376-2976 • Fax: 610-376-2825

March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Welcome
Bienvenidos

Ignited by the Eucharist to Love & Serve / Encendidos por la Eucaristía para Amar y Servir” For more than a 150 years, the Catholic community of St. Joseph Parish has come together to follow Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament, in the education of our young, and in the service of all our sisters and brothers.....Durante más de 100 años, la comunidad católica de la Parroquia de San José se ha unido para seguir a Jesucristo en la Palabra y Sacramentos, en la educación de nuestros jóvenes, y en el servicio de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas.



“Sir, leave it for this year also...it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.” Lk 13, 8-9

“Señor, déjala todavía este año...a ver si da fruto en el futuro. Si no, el año que viene la cortaré.”

Contact • Contacto

Office Hours • Horario de Oficina

By appointment only • Solamente por cita

Monday—Thursday • Lunes—Jueves 10:00am - 4:00pm

E-Mail: sjcparish@comcast.net

Website: www.sjcreading.org

Pastor • Párroco Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish

Priest • Sacerdote Fr. Quyet Pham

Deacon • Diacono Carlos Pinto

Parish Assistant •

Asistente Pastoral ... Sr. (Hna.) Patricia Michael Godoy, IHM

DRE • Educación Religiosa Kelley A. Eroh

Parish Secretary • Secretaria Mary Lou Vazquez

Worship • Adoración

Saturday Vigil • Vigilia del Sábado

4:00 PM St. Joseph..... English

6:00 PM St. Paul..... Español

Sunday Masses • Misas del Domingo

8:30 AM St. Joseph..... English
(2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month)

8:30 AM St. Paul..... English
(1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the Month)

10:00 AM St. Paul..... Vietnamese

11:00 AM St. Joseph- Español

12:30 PM St. Paul..... Español

Daily Mass Schedule • Misas Dias de Semana

Monday • Lunes

9:00 AM English

Tuesday • Martes

6:00 PM Español

Thursday • Jueves

9:00 AM English

Mass Intentions/
Intención de las Misas

Monday/lunes, March 24th
9:00 AM †Catherine Mish

Tuesday/martes, March 25th
6:00 PM (esp) †Julio Collazo
y †Esmeralda González

Thursday/jueves March 27th
9:00 AM †Joseph and Theresa Gandolfo

Saturday/sábado, March 29th
4:00 PM María Guzmán (BD)

Sunday/domingo March 30th
011:00 AM †Pedro Vara



Church Sanctuary Lamp/Vela de la Iglesia
†Helen Chelius

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp/Vela de la Capilla
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers of St Joseph

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- ♦ St. Joseph's – Mondays: 6:00 PM –Stations of the Cross (Bi-lingual) in church, followed by a rice bowl meal in the parish center.
- ♦ St. Paul's – Thursdays: after 6:00 PM Mass – Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
- ♦ St. Paul's – Fridays: 12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross (English)
- after 6:00 PM Mass – Stations of the Cross
- Vietnamese)

HORARIO DE ACTIVIDADES CUARESMALES

- ♦ San José - 6:00 PM – Estaciones de la Cruz (bilingüe) en la iglesia, seguido por una comida sencilla en el centro parroquial.
- ♦ San Pablo – jueves: después de la Misa de las 6:00 PM – Vía Crucis (español)
- ♦ San Pablo – viernes: 12:00 del mediodía – Vía Crucis (inglés)

TALLER BAUTISMAL El próximo taller será el día sábado, 5 de abril a las 10:00 AM. Para registrarse llame la Oficina Parroquial al 610-376-2976.

ATTIC TREASURES ! ATTIC TREASURES will be held the weekend of March 28-30, 2025 at Saint Columbkil Family of Faith, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown, PA 19512. Contact: Chris Karver at ckmay22@aol.com.

SOUP KITCHEN

Our Parish will be hosting the soup kitchen at the Kennedy House located near St. Peter's Church on Saturday, April 19th. It is a time to make a nice home and warm cooked meal to the less unfortunate. We normally serve over 200 people. We can only make this happen with your help and generosity. For donation ideas, please contact Monica Krick at 484-336-3625.

Nuestra parroquia estará sirviendo comida en la Casa Kennedy cerca de la Iglesia San Pedro, el sábado, 19 de abril. Es un momento para preparar una buena comida caliente para los menos desafortunados. Normalmente servimos a más de 200 personas. Solo podemos hacer que esto suceda con su ayuda y generosidad. Para obtener ideas de donaciones que se pueden dar, comuníquese con Mary Lou Vazquez al 610-376-2976.

NEW PARISHIONERS/ NUEVOS FELIGRESES

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH

Are you officially registered in our parish? If you are not receiving our offering envelopes or the AD Times in the mail you may not be registered. Please call the Parish Office Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at 610-376-2976 to register.

¿Está registrado oficialmente en nuestra parroquia? Si no recibe nuestros sobres para la colecta o el periódico del AD TIMES por correo, es posible que no esté registrado. Llama la Oficina Parroquial al 610-376-2976 para inscribirse de lunes a Jueves, de 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Weekly Expenses/ Gastos Semanales
\$7,010.50

March 16, 2025

Weekly/Ofrenda \$2,525.00

Maintenance/Mantenimiento \$1,091.11

Thank you/Gracias!

March-marzo/April-abril 2025

Sunday offering / ofrenda dominical

- March 23rd Weekly/Ofrenda
Easter Flowers/Flores de Pascua
- March 30th Weekly/Ofrenda
Home Missions/Misiones
- April 6th Weekly/Ofrenda
Maintenance/Mantenimiento

Scripture Readings/ Lecturas

The week of March 24th / Semana del 24 de marzo

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,11
Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. 2
Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FLEA MARKET

1040 N 8th st, Reading PA 19604

Saturday April 5
9:00am to 1:00pm

Breakfast tickets for purchase after Mass
or by calling at the office 610-376-2976

Adults \$10 (\$12 at the door)
Childrens \$5 (\$6 at the door)

IN THE PARISH CENTER

All proceeds benefit the building fund



Facebook : Sj Church

sjcreading.org

Join HGA at Chick-Fil-A (4205 North 5th Street Highway Temple Location) from Monday, March 24 - Saturday, March 29, 2025 for our Dine Out Week! A percentage of all sales during this week will be donated to HGA Regional School. Show our flier or mention HGA when ordering or use code: Angels on the Mobile App. You can also direct catering orders during this week to our cause! Thank you for your support.

The 34th "We Are Remembered Ministry" Easter Mass
The 34th Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan "We Are Remembered" Ministry will be celebrated by Reverend Joseph Kweder on Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall. "We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one," says the ministry. Monday, April 14, 2025 is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Times. We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. "The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support." Please call the Parish Office at 610-376-2976 for the enrollment form.

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado: 3:00 to 3:45pm

Also by appointment/También por cita

Baptism/Bautismo

Call/Llame a Mary Lou Vazquez

Parish Secretary/Secretaria

(not during Lent/No hay bautizos durante la Cuaresma).

Weddings/ Matrimonios &

Anointing of the Sick/

Unción de Enfermos

Call the Parish Office for detailed information/

Llame a la oficina parroquial al 610-376-2976 para más detalles

EL ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL de Reading



les hace la cordial invitación a todas las parejas casadas por la iglesia al próximo Encuentro Matrimonial 2025. Se llevará a cabo el 27, 28, y 29 de junio 2025, en el Centro de Santa Maria de la Providencia en Everson.

Habrà transportación gratuita. Si están interesados y quieren saber más detalles acerca de este encuentro matrimonial por favor acercarse a nuestros hermanos Encuentristas que llevan puestos las camisetas del Encuentro o pueden llamar al 610-763-0483.

Que la Sagrada Familia nos bendiga,

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

SATURDAY 4/12
10AM-3PM
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“Where is God Calling You?”----- Vocations Discernment Retreat

Are you a young adult seeking clarity about your calling in life? Are you discerning married life, single life, priesthood or religious life? This retreat will allow you to encounter speakers from all these callings and give you a space to listen to God's voice in exploring your vocation.

St. Mary's Church 14833 Kutztown Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530

Contact: Zelenda Hodgskin, zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator/ Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia a Víctimas

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC.
Direct Line: 800-791-9209

Office of Safe Environment/ Oficina de Ambiente Seguro

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Secretary,
Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services
P.O. Box F, Allentown PA 18105.
610-871-5200 x 2204

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

ST. JANE, EASTON
- 3/16, NOON MASS

ST. AMBROSE, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN
- 5/4, 10:30AM MASS

ST. THOMAS MORE, ALLENTOWN
- 8/24, NOON MASS



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, READING
- 9/7, 11:30AM MASS

ST. JOSEPH, SUMMIT HILL
- 11/23, 11:00AM MASS



Join us for the second annual
St. Monica Ministry weekend retreat



“His Mercy Endures: Harboring Hope for the Fallen-Away”

Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27
Peace Retreat House, Weatherly, PA



Dr. David Carollo
Executive Director
World Apostolate of Fatima USA/
National Blue Army Shrine



Dr. Carmina Chapp
Dean, School of Theological Studies
Associate Professor, Dep't Systematic Theology
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary



Dr. Michael Behe
Professor of Biological Sciences
Lehigh University
Author, *Darwin's Black Box*



Sarah Robsdottir
Two-time CMA award winner
Author, *Brave Water* and *Joan of Arkansas*
Catholic convert

“Irish Music Night” with Rev. Alexander Brown

Friday Holy Hour - Saturday and Sunday Masses
Wine & cheese social - Outdoor rosary - Pietra fitness - Art 'n' Soul collaging

The retreat fee of \$225 includes two nights' accommodations plus all meals and incidentals. The \$50 Saturday-only option includes lunch.

Please note that **SPACE IS LIMITED**. For information, email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

THE BURNING BUSH
IN CHURCH WE ARE ON HOLY GROUND

Today's first reading from the book of Exodus describes God appearing to Moses in the burning bush: An angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out from the bush, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Every church is holy ground, and our behavior should show respect by how we dress and how we conduct ourselves. Before Mass and during Mass we should be focused on praying and just greeting others, but not carrying on a conversation with them. Children should be quiet and not moving around distracting other people. Church is no place for food or drink. Hymnals should be handled with care, not offered to children to play with. Yes, in church we are on holy ground.

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Luke's Gospel presents a parable about God's patience with us: There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?" He said to him in reply, "Sir, leave it for this year, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down."

This parable describes God's patience with us. Like the generous gardener in the Gospel story, how many times has God given us the opportunity to produce good fruit by our prayer as well as our service to others?

LA ZARZA ARDIENTE
EN LA IGLESIA ESTAMOS EN
TIERRA SANTA

La primera lectura de hoy del libro del Éxodo describe la aparición de Dios a Moisés en la zarza ardiente: Un ángel del Señor se le apareció a Moisés en fuego que salía de una zarza. Mientras miraba, se sorprendió al ver que el arbusto, aunque estaba en llamas, no se había consumido. Cuando el Señor lo vio acercarse para mirarlo más de cerca, Dios lo llamó desde la zarza: "¡No te acerques más! Quitate las sandalias de los pies, porque el lugar donde estás es tierra santa".

Cada iglesia es tierra santa, y nuestro comportamiento debe mostrar respeto por la forma en que nos vestimos y cómo nos comportamos. Antes de la Misa y durante la Misa debemos concentrarnos en orar y simplemente saludar a los demás, pero no mantener una conversación con ellos. Los niños deben estar callados y no moverse distraendo a otras personas. La iglesia no es lugar para comer o beber. Los himnarios deben manejarse con cuidado, no ofrecerlos a los niños para que jueguen con ellos. Sí, en la iglesia estamos en tierra santa.

El Evangelio de Lucas presenta una parábola sobre la paciencia de Dios con nosotros: Había una vez una persona que tenía una higuera plantada en su huerto, y cuando vino en busca de fruto, pero no lo encontró, dijo al jardinero: "Hace tres años que vengo a buscar fruto en esta higuera, pero no lo he encontrado. Así que córtala. ¿Por qué habría de gastar la tierra? Él le respondió: "Señor, déjala para este año, y yo cultivaré la tierra alrededor de ella y la fertilizaré; puede dar frutos en el futuro. Si no, puedes cortarla".

Esta parábola describe la paciencia de Dios con nosotros. Al igual que el generoso jardinero de la historia del Evangelio, ¿cuántas veces Dios nos ha dado la oportunidad de producir buenos frutos con nuestra oración y nuestro servicio a los demás?