

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves He said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture. Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and

said to Him, "What sign can You show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body. Therefore, when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While He was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in His name when they saw the signs He was doing. But Jesus would not trust Himself to them because He knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well. ~John 2: 13-25

The Feast of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph falls on **Friday, March 19, 2021**. In celebration of this Feast Day, and in recognition of the *Year of St. Joseph*, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **3:00 PM on March 19th** and conclude with the Solemn Reposition (not Benediction) before Mass begins at **5:00 PM**. Please join us in the following prayer, which will be prayed at Mass beginning on **Sunday, March 21st**: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. ~Amen.*



Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the *second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM*. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$100 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian witness.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please contact the Rectory Office *Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (temporary hours)*. Standard cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend.

Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you or a friend needs temporary food assistance, please contact Mrs. Batten at 610-237-1633. All calls are confidential. Donations of non-perishable food items, in addition to turkeys and hams during the holidays, are always welcome. Gift cards to local supermarkets are also welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church *every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass*, unless otherwise announced.

Quotes of the Week

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." - Ven. Fulton Sheen

"If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendor of the saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men." - St. Clare of Assisi

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. Ignatius Marneni, Retired in Residence

Rev. James McBurney, OSA and Rev. James McCartney, O.S.A., Weekend Assistants

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Parish, Secretary/PREP Coordinator Ext. 101

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Mrs. Chris Guidetti, Youth Minister, Ext. 125

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Mr. Keith Tomson, Accountant, Ext. 104

Mr. Al Zeller, Hall Manager - 610-237-1633

Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller, Business Manager, Ext. 104

Parish Information

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Summer Hours: 9AM to 4 PM daily
For more details, see page 5.
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Mrs. Patricia Dinan
Secretary: Mrs. Lynda J. Batten
Parish Business Manager:
Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller

Convent

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Office of Religious Education

Director of Adult Faith Formation
Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ
Phone Number: 610-237-1633
Fax Number: 610-237-9626

PREP Coordinator

Mrs. Lynda Batten: 610-237-1633
Mondays Only 4-6 PM: PREP Office
484-425-7390 (Temporarily suspended)

Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

Bingo Program

Mr. Al Zeller

Holy Name Society

Mr. Al Zeller

Legion of Mary

Mrs. Theresa Murray

Ministry Outreach Program

Mrs. Lynda Batten

Choir Director and Music Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

Youth Group

Mrs. Christine Guidetti

Join us on Twitter!



Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays
Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Readings & Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 7: Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25;
John 2: 13-25; **3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Joseph Koperna
Requested by: Family

10:30 AM Rev. Augustine Esposito, OSA
Requested by: Joanne White

Monday, March 8: 2 Kings 5: 1-15b; Luke 4: 24-30
4:00 PM Larry Gilchrist
Requested by: Marie Lightcap

Tuesday, March 9: Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Matthew 18: 21-35
4:00 PM Jack Finnegan
Requested by: Cathy Stefano

Wednesday, March 10: Deut. 4: 1, 5-9; Matthew 5: 17-19
4:00 PM Larry Gilchrist
Requested by: Tillman Family

Thursday, March 11: Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Luke 11: 14-23
4:00 PM Jack Finnegan
Requested by: Ann O'Connor

Friday, March 12: Hosea 14: 2-10; Mark 12: 28-34
4:00 PM Bernard Gabrielle
Requested by: Mary Wizda

Saturday, March 13: Hosea 6: 1-6; Luke 18: 9-14
8:00 AM Sean Dolhancryk
Requested by: Martin & Fran Deeney

4:30 PM Jerry Dinan
Requested by: Pat Dinan

Sunday, March 14: 2Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Ephesians
2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21 - **4th Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Pro Populo

Sunday continued...

10:30 AM Edmund Ferguson
Requested by: Mary Ann Ferguson

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM Saturday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days

As Announced

Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM

Contributions and Mass Count

Sunday, February 28 \$5,305

Mass Counts

4:30 PM=55 8:00 AM=40 10:30 AM=74

Total=169

Percentage of attendance=7%



St. George Parish has online giving. You can donate simply by visiting <https://www.osvhub.com/stgeorgeparish/funds/offertory> and then click the icon that reads "Give Now." This allows for electronic contributions to be transferred without the need of writing a check or dropping off your envelope at the Rectory Office.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The shock and sadness that most Americans felt exactly two months ago today when the United States' Capitol building was under siege by an uncontrolled mob sprang from our common agreement about the symbolism of the great building. Commentators at the time rushed to call the building "The Temple of Democracy." Emotions ran high that fateful day, not the least of which was a certifiable anger on all sides.

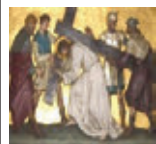
The justifiable anger of Jesus that compelled Him to make a whip to drive out commercialism from the Temple sprang from His belief that the building was the House of God, a symbol of His Father's covenant relationship with the nation of Israel. It was not to be desecrated.

We Christians of today view attacks of vandalism and destruction of our churches as desecration. Whether we are considering our local parish church or churches in far off lands, we somehow feel violated. They are our houses of worship. They "speak" to us of our baptismal covenant and our consequent relationship with God as our Father.

St. Paul goes further and demands that we think of our very bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. The vandalism we choose to wreak on them through sin springs from our inherited weakness but still involves choice. So, too, for the cleansing. That is one way to describe the main direction of Lent. It certainly involves pain. Pain such as a whip would make on our backs.

Of course, ridding ourselves of a habit takes determination. Something like watching porn makes a demand on one's will power, as millions would acknowledge. It's a relatively new item in the catalog of addictions, joining older entries like those attached to food and drink, gossip or rash judgment, to name a few. Yet the rewards of our cleansing are heavenly, like a hot shower after a run. One feels like a new person. This Temple cleansing episode offers another important secondary lesson. It is that anger of itself is not sinful. Otherwise Jesus would never have let it grow inside Him to burst out in His dramatic action. We have the right to be angry about a lot of things. Take, for example, with Catholic politicians who leave their faith at the legislature door and vote in favor of abortion. But what hits home even more are the times we can be angry with ourselves by ignoring our consciences and fall for the devil's enticements to sin. We know he is the deceiver who makes evil decisions like cheating at business, somehow look good. Finally, we have the right to be angry with purveyors of the lie when we know Christ's unerring truth. On the other hand, unjustified anger will always be sinful, such as that directed at an innocent spouse or children, or at an unsuspecting co-worker two cubicles over at the office. We must respect their temples of the Spirit also. There is in all our Lenten penance the overarching comfort of knowing God's all-embracing love for us and our efforts at reform. During the November, 1940, World War II blitz in England, Coventry Cathedral was destroyed. Workmen picking through the rubble found a large number of nails from the Middle Ages. The nails were gathered up, fashioned into crosses and plated with silver. One cross of nails was set up on an altar in the ruins of the old cathedral. On the wall behind that are the words "Father, forgive." Many little crosses made of these nails have since been sent to churches in other countries that had been engaged in World War II. Thousands of picture postcards depicting the Coventry Cross of Nails and the words "Father, forgive" have been distributed all over the world. The Coventry Cross of Nails has become for many a symbol of forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace. Let that symbol speak to you this Lenten season. God love you and give you His peace.

Lenten Observances



Stations of the Cross

Stations for the Cross are being held on *Friday afternoons during Lent following the 4:00 PM Mass*. Please join us for this Lenten devotion.

Sacrament of Penance

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays during *Lent from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM, on Mondays following the 4:00 PM Mass, on Saturday, March 27, from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM, or by appointment*. Please check upcoming bulletins for other confession schedules in the area.



Lenten Fasting and Obligation

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on *all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday*. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



Light Up Our Church for Lent

Candle's at our Blessed Mother's altar, St. Joseph altar, and our Jesus with the Children Shrine are available for your prayer intentions. As we pray for an end to the pandemic, for peace in our country and in our world, for our military, and for those who are sick and have died, we invite you to join us by lighting a candle this Lenten season for your personal intentions as well.

Parish and Local



Don't forget to watch Father Oswald's weekly reflection at www.stgeorgeparish.org or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA.

***"God bless you all.
It's wonderful to have you back!"***



Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week a happy and healthy year ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Happy Birthday, one and all, and may God bless you with a healthy year ahead.

From the Mouth of Babes

- Q: When is the best time to run a marathon?
A: During Lent. That's when you fast.
- Q: How do you make holy water?
A: You boil the hell out of it!
- Q: What time of day was Adam created?
A: Just a little before Eve.



How Can I Keep from Singing!!!

Choir practice will be held this **Wednesday March 31st from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the church. Social distancing and masks are required, but this isn't going to keep us from singing! New members are always welcome. All voices blend together in song.

Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group meets on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM**. To ensure social distancing, we gather in the church. All are welcome and invited to join us as we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for your personal intentions. Masks are required.



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Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember **Reverend Daniel J. Dougherty and all those who have died from the coronavirus**. May all the faithful departed, through the mercy of god, they rest in peace.

Combined Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting

There will be a combined meeting of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils on **Sunday morning, March 14, immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass** in the church. All members are asked to attend this important meeting. If you are **not** able to attend, please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at 610-237-1633 **prior to March 13th**. Thank you.



Vocation Corner

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."
~St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa gives us a great reminder about the importance of peace in the process of vocational discernment. Visit www.HeedTheCall.org.

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Parish and Local



Priest Schedule

March 13-14, 2021

4:30 PM	Father Oswald
8:00 AM	Father Marneni
10:30 AM	Father McBurney

Together for Life

*Spirituality: Celebrating the Joy of
Love in the Family*



On the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Family), John Bosio reflects on the importance of the family in the life of the Church and society. During a time when many families are suffering, we are reminded that the Lord is present in our homes; praying together as a family can help us grow in our ability to love one another.

Communication: St. Joseph, My New Patron Saint

St. Joseph is the patron saint for happy marriages. The qualities that he embodied - silence, action, and calmness - serve as models for healthy communication in the lives of couples.

Romance and Intimacy

Tens Way to Keep Romance Alive in Your Marriage

Calls for romance between couples can even be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which inspired this lovely blog post. The author offers ten ways to keep romance alive in your marriage and calls you and your spouse to put these into action, reminding yourselves of your love for and dedication to each other.

Visit www.togetherforlifeonline.com for more details.

Something to Think About During Lent



Jesus called each one of us to a vocation, not just our priests and religious. Our Church needs committed lay ministers to spread the Gospel in our world.

Some of us have heard the Word of God preached by lay ministers at a special time of year in our parishes. Some of our parishes may have lay pastoral associates who administer the parish because there is no full-time priest/pastor.

Most of us encounter lay ministers of the Eucharist at our Sunday celebrations, as lectors and altar servers. Many of the homebound are regularly visited by lay ministers of care who pray the Scriptures with them and distribute Communion. These are but a few of the ministries that lay people are called to.

Ask yourself - "How can I serve?" Do you have your "shoulder to the wheel?" Are you "pulling an oar in the ship of our Church?" Can you befriend the lonely, visit the sick, assist the elderly, read at Mass? If so, sound off! Let us inform our pastors of the talents we are ready to freely offer to serve our parish.

Christ said, "I came to serve, not to be served." How about you?

Source: Delchester Serra Club, March 2021 (with revision)

2021 Catholic Charities



Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to tens of thousands of people. These individuals are served by a myriad of organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal are grouped into five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Evangelization, Parish & Spiritual Life
- Clergy
- Local Mission Activities

To see a full listing of 2021 beneficiaries, please visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org. With many thanks to our dear parishioners and friends, who helped us reach last year's goal, we ask for your continued support of this year's appeal. You can give through a pledge gift, gifts of cash, matching gifts, electronic funds, transfers (EF), gifts of security and planned gifts. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215-587-5650 or email cca@thecfcp.org.

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2021 WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

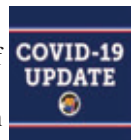
7:15 PM to 9:00 PM

Saint Andrew Church, Drexel Hill

All ministers who have not yet attended a workshop are asked to attend. Please register at worship@archphila.org.

Covid-19 Vaccine Information and Updates

The Office of Life and Family has compiled a list of resources for parishes to access during this pandemic. Please visit our Covid-19 Vaccine web-page to learn the latest updates regarding Covid-19 vaccines research and information. Visit www.phillycatholiclife.org.



Parish Religious Education and Local



First Holy Communion 2021

Students in PREP and Catholic school will gather together on **Sunday, March 21** for rehearsal for First Penance in St. George Church from **11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. All students are required to attend. First Penance has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 27, at 1:00 PM** in the church. Parents were mailed official notification of these dates changes on January 7th. Please direct any questions or concerns to Mrs. Lynda Batten at 610-237-1633 or st.georgesec@rcn.com.

Confirmation 2021

Lessons continue this **Monday, March 8, from 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM** in the church. **ALL** candidates for Confirmation are asked to be present, including Catholic school students. Students are asked to bring the *Confirmed in the Spirit* workbooks with them for lessons.

PREP

PREP lessons continue with a weekly video, in-home reading of lessons, followed by reviews and completion at www.loyolapress.com. All students are expected to complete reviews weekly to ensure credit for attendance and so progress can be evaluated.

First Penance

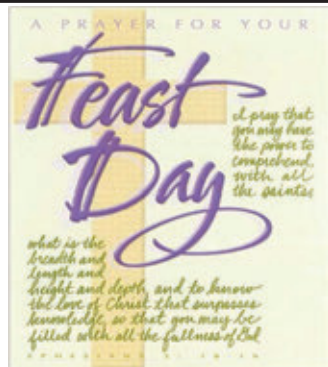
Saturday, March 27, 2021
1:00 PM in the Church
All students are expected to arrive by **12:45 PM**.

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 1, 2021
4:30 PM in the Church
All students are expected to arrive by **4:00 PM**.

Confirmation

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021
10:30 AM in the Church
Details will soon follow.



Feast Day Tips

Definition of Feast: Feast, also called festival, day, or period of time set aside to commemorate, ritually celebrate or reenact, or anticipate events or seasons, agricultural, religious, or sociocultural, that give meaning and cohesiveness, to an individual and to the religious, political or socioeconomic community.

Lent

Do you know where pretzels come from? When the Lenten fast was more stringent and included abstinence from dairy products, pretzels were created by a monk as bread specifically for Lent. Even their shape dates back to their beginning. The crossed ends of the pretzel replicate the prayer posture of the day, arms crossed over the chest, and the three represented the Trinity. Connect with Catholics through the ages by including pretzels in your fast.

Samaritan Day

On the fourth Friday of Lent, **March 12**, in Oaxaca City, Mexico, the people hand out agua frescas, or flavored water, and ice cream in celebration of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well. The most popular agua fresca flavors are horchata (based on rice and taste like rice pudding) and jamaica (made with red hibiscus flowers). Celebrating in your home might be a small celebration compared to Oaxaca, but a refreshing drink with your family might make Dia de la Samaritana a special part of your Lent.

Forming a People of Life—Exploring the Urgent Social Issues of Our Day

March 24 and June 16, 2021 - 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul. Visit www.archphila.org for details.



Powerful Virtual Event

March 28 and March 29 at 7:00 PM

Two Powerful nights with noted Author, Speaker and Former Jewish Harvard Professor, Roy Schoeman.

The son of German Jewish Holocaust

refugees, Roy received a solid Jewish formation from three of the most notable Rabbis in America at the time. After losing his faith in God, while MIT University, he went on to Harvard business School where, shortly after receiving his degree, he joined the faculty at the age of 29. Without God, life seemed entirely meaningless, despite his worldly success. Then, entirely unexpectedly, God revealed Himself to Roy. Come and hear the amazing account of Roy's supernatural encounters with Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, which resulted in his enthusiastic entry into the Catholic Church. Registration is required to receive the link to attend. To register, visit www.olphmorton.org and look for Lenten Events with Roy Schoeman.

Year of Saint Joseph

The Gospel attributes to Saint Joseph the title of "just man" (cf. Mt 1, 19): he, guardian of the "intimate secret that is found in the depths of the heart and soul," depository of the mystery of God and, therefore, the ideal patron of the inner forum, he prompts us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in the fulfillment of our duties. The virtue of justice practiced in an exemplary way by Joseph is full adherence to divine law, which is the law of mercy, "because it is precisely the mercy of God that brings true justice to fruition." Therefore, those who, following the example of Saint Joseph, perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, will also be able to achieve the gift of plenary Indulgence. Visit www.archphilly.org for more details about indulgences.



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