



- Daily Mass every Thursday at 9:30am (Rosary @ 9:10)
- Bible study sessions are currently cancelled. Updates in future bulletin.
- Women's' Club Meetings meet regularly each Second Monday of the month /11am . *Any & All women of the parish please join us .*
- DURING LENT every Friday—Stations of the Cross at 3pm /ADORATION after 12:30 Sunday mass until 3pm.
- Collecting "To Go" hot drink cups with lids for the parish during the month of March.
- Parish Picnic at Hamilton Farm - Sunday April 26 1424 West End. More info to follow NOTE DATE CHANGE

DURING LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:00 PM
EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 12:30 MASS—ADORATION UNTIL 3:00PM

There is a date change for the parish picnic at the Hamilton Farm. Sunday April 26th. Mark your calendars.



Prayer for the Faithful by St. Patrick

*May the Strength of God guide us
May the Power of God preserve us
May the Wisdom of God instruct us
May the Hand of God protect us
May the Way of God direct us
May the Shield of God defend us
May the Angels of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil one.*

*May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us!
Christ be over all!*

This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen

SOLEMNITY DAY - MARCH 19 SAINT JOSEPH



*"One cannot love JESUS and MARY without loving the Holy Patriarch, SAINT JOSEPH."
- St. Josemaria Escriva -*

Women's Club News *Collecting "to-go" hot drink cups with lids during this month.

*Save the date: **Sunday April 26th Parish Picnic—this is a change of date!** More info to come.

Help St. Joseph Church become financially stable.



Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: stjcoordinator@gmail.com

Or to Bob Renaud~ brenaud65@gmail.com



ST. JOSEPH Catholic Church



MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)

Saturday(Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays
(or by appointment)**

All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.

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March 15, 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

UPCOMING FEAST

- 16 St. Clement Mary Hofbauer
- 17 St. Patrick
- 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- 19 St. Joseph
- 20 St. Salvator of Horta
- 21 Bl. John of Parma
- 22 St. Nicolas Owen

Mass Readings for Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A



1st Reading --- 1 Samuel 16:18, 6-7, 10-13A
 Responsorial Psalm --- Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
 2nd Reading --- Ephesians 5:8-14
 Verse Before the Gospel --- John 8:12
 Gospel --- John 9:1-41

MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :
LECTOR: Sat. V. Paragon/J. Jones
 E.M: Sat. M. Hamilton/S. Robinson
LECTOR: Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant
 E.M: Sun. K. Hutto/J. Rodgers

WEEK of Feb 28th OFFERING:

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| Envelopes | \$895.00 |
| Loose | \$80.00 |
| Total: Under Budget | \$975.00 |
| Other: candle ,refurb, special | \$20.00 |
| Weekly Budget: | \$1847.00 |

St. Joseph online Donation:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>
IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT

ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY
 If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.
www.rockhilloratory.org
oratorycenter@gmail.com



Merciful God, we bring before You those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Strengthen caregivers, comfort the grieving, and grant peace to troubled nations. In moments of silence, receive the prayers we hold quietly in our hearts. Amen

The 4th Week of Lent, highlighted by Laetare Sunday, is a call to rejoice amidst penance, anticipating Easter joy. It emphasizes God's immense love, mercy, and initiative in salvation. Key themes include leaving darkness for light, trusting in God's providence, and embracing inner transformation

Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday): The fourth Sunday of Lent marks a shift in focus towards the joy of the approaching Resurrection, often symbolized by the use of rose-colored vestments.

God's Unconditional Love: The central message, often drawn from John 3:16, highlights that God loved the world so much He gave His only Son, inviting believers to accept this gift through faith.

Mercy and Reconciliation: This week focuses on God's readiness to forgive, specifically through the parable of the Prodigal Son, highlighting that God acts first to bring about repentance.

Light Over Darkness: Christians are called to move out of the "darkness" of sin and into the light of Christ, embracing vulnerability and truth.

Transformation: This period encourages a deeper, more personal conversion, allowing God to shape hearts to be more like His own.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Many parishes have GROWN SPIRITUALLY AND IN NUMBERS when Eucharistic Adoration becomes a central and important part of the parish. We have an opportunity during the Sundays of Lent after the 12:30 mass until 3pm for adoration. Come for a short visit or for the full time.

LENT IDEAS

LENT and Letting Go

-  Let go of bitterness. Embrace forgiveness.
-  Let go of jealousy. Embrace gratitude.
-  Let go of anger & hate. Embrace charity.
-  Let go of pride. Embrace humility.
-  Let go of lust. Embrace purity.
-  Let go of sins. Embrace GOD.



Holy Humor



"Sorry, but all my records were lost in the flood."

"WORD AMONG US"

booklets are available near the entrances. It's a great resource during Lent.

Coffee With the



St. Clement Mary Hofbauer

Lord, give me this soul.
 For if Thou refuse, I shall go to Thy Mother

March 16

St. Clement, pray for us!

The souls of our deceased:

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Judithanne Hare Mona Paragon
Danny McMurray Warren Dew
Troy West Jim McGee
Michelle Munnell Bobbie Kay Lalli
Jim McMurray Michael Young
Alfredo Guzman

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- *We pray for all those who faithfully serve God and spread His gospel in areas where the Christian faith is under attack.*
- *We pray that we all find time during this Lenten season to visit Jesus, found truly present in the Eucharist.*
- We pray for an end to satanism, evil acts, and an immediate departure from the culture of death.
- We pray for the safety of all those who protect and serve, locally and throughout our country.
- We pray for the sanctity of marriage and the dignity of life from conception to natural death.
- We pray for all the suffering souls in Purgatory especially all our loved ones and those most forgotten.
- We pray for the conversion of all sinners including ourselves.

See the Remembrance Book to include deceased loved ones for each month

* Our sick or recently deceased can be added to our above lists at any time.

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Maggie Wilson Beth Gaddy
Jay Williams Tootie Juliano
Alex Whisonant Meg Landerville
Gina McCanless Maggie Robinson
Roger Ramsey John Jacobs
Gabby Rowsam Sam St. Croix
Jacqueline Botta Ella Phillips
Will Thesier Austin Nunnery
Beth Stevenson Mark
Elaine Gaither Macy
Sarah Collins Kim Fronapple
Willis Johnson Carol Hayes
Jack Schumacher Stephany

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