



**MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM (eve of Holy Day)  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
*(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)*

**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays:** 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:**

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,  
Radio - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

**BAPTISMS:** Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. No date can be set for baptism until parents have fulfilled these responsibilities.

**MATRIMONY:** To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**REGISTRATION:** All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road. If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES:** Catholic Youth Organization, CCD School of Religion, Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women's Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



AUGUST

29

2021

Humbly welcome the word that  
has been planted in you and  
is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

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## GOD'S LAWS

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

### MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

### ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8

Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5

James 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



**A Note From The Pastor**



My Dear Parishioners,  
 This week we welcome Fr. Chanlis Chacko to speak to us about the Missions in his home diocese of Pathanamthitta, India. Thank you for your generous support of the Missions. I realize that it is awkward running two “back-to-back” mission collections, but we can only work with the schedule that the Archdiocese and the Pontifical Mission Society provide us. So next week will be another important second collection, for the Black and Indian Missions. After my letter, I am including a letter from our Archbishop regarding this collection.

Now is also the time to think about adults who might be interested in learning more about our faith. If you know someone who you think might be interested, please have them give me a call. The RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program offered by the church to instruct those that are not of our faith. In addition, we have combined these classes with those who may have been baptized in the Catholic faith, but never completed their catechesis. We are always looking for new team members willing to share their faith and walk with others on their journey. If you can help us, please contact me. God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*The Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country.*

*As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.*

*Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay-leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity of this collection that such efforts are realized.*

*The Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of September 4 and 5, 2021. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 28, 2021</b>	5:00pm	Francis R. Regan, Sr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 29, 2021</b>	7:30am	Rev. Raymond T. Manning, 51 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
		9:30am	People of the Parish
		11:30am	Pete & MaryEllen Pasko
<b>Monday</b>		8:00am	Victoria Piroso and Joe Vincelli
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00am	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00am	Rev. Francis X. McGinty, 45 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00am	William T. McGowan
<b>Friday</b>		8:00am	Jean Bateman
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00am	David Dziedzic
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 4, 2021</b>	5:00pm	Raymond Generale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept 5, 2021</b>	7:30am	Dec'd. members of the Higgins Family
		9:30am	People of the Parish
		11:30am	Louis Picciocchi

**Please Pray For**



Those who are ill: Theresa Romaniello, Michael DiTore, Sarah Sutton, Sarah Velas, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Michael McCarthy, Louis Cerritelli, Gianna Farris, Seth Game, Kim Bell, Frances Bungard, Joy Cataldi, June Faust, Linda Giardetti, Russel Heim, David Jones, Ralph Lawson, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Daniel McKinny, baby Eva McNamara, Adeline McNulty, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Mary Jo Pergolin, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Joanne Slouskey, Jack Streisky, Jack Wilhelm.

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Monday, August 30, 2021**

- \*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. - Church
- \*Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church



**Bulletin Submittals**

Please submit your requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). We welcome your bulletin requests; however, all requests are subject to Pastor’s approval and space availability.

*Masses for 2021 are still available. Call the office at 215-672-3020 for details on how you can reserve a Mass.*

## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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— James 1:21b

## Reflect on the Readings *DOERS OF THE WORD*

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation. What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.” -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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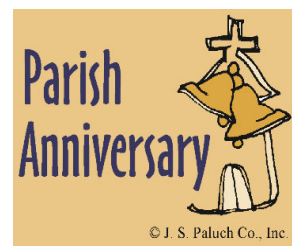
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2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
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4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

## Looking for a Grant Writer

I have heard that churches and other places where the community gathers are able to apply for government grants to refurbish and update their facilities. I am interested in exploring this possibility for St. Joseph so that we could renovate/update our (old) classrooms/meeting rooms and windows. This could be a tremendous help to our parish and the community. If you know how to, have any experience with, or are interested in learning to write for grants, please contact Fr. Bordonaro at 215-672-3020 or [Fr.Bordonaro@verizon.net](mailto:Fr.Bordonaro@verizon.net).

## Calling All Historians

In preparation for St. Joseph Parish’s 100th Anniversary, June 2022, we invite all parishioners to dig through their memories and keepsakes to recount significant past church milestones; e.g., pastors, church, schools, celebrations. If you have booklets, news clippings, photos, or just want to write a note, please drop them off in the Rectory mail slot. Make sure to indicate “for St. Joseph’s 100 Anniversary,” and include your name and phone number so the item(s) can be returned. If you just want to talk and tell me your story, call Rosemary Hronchak at 215-672-5739.



**Mark Your Calendars** As part of our Centennial Celebration, St. Joseph's will be creating a parish photo directory. Photographers will be here on November 19th and 20th to take the pictures. Each family/couple/individual that sits for a session will receive a free 8x10. Additional photos/packages will be available for purchase and delivery by Christmas. More info to follow soon.

## Feast of Faith *What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said*

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me’ ” (11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ’s command to “do this.” The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord’s disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord. -Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day.

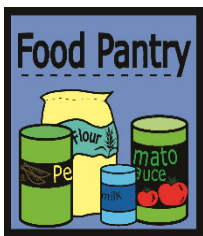
Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor. —James Field, Copyright

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## Jubilarian Mass

With gratitude to Almighty God for the years of dedicated and faithful service to the Church by our Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia wishes to invite you to join in celebration of their Jubilee Year with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Archbishop Nelson Pérez - Celebrant. Parking available next to Cathedral. All are welcome!

## Monthly Food Drive



The next Food Drive is scheduled for **September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. Items will be collected through September 7<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Items needed now include Jelly/Peanut Butter, Canned Ravioli, Rice-a-Roni, Refried Beans, Cream of Chicken Soup, Capri Sun Juice/Juice Packs. Non-food items

needed include Toothpaste, Liquid Laundry Soap, Paper Towels and Toilet Paper. Thanks to your generosity we collected **981 lbs.** in the month of August. As it is written in Hebrews 10:24, *let us give attentive and continuous care to watching over one another.*

## THE VALUE OF LABOR

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil. —Henry Van Dyke

## St. Joseph Choir

St. Augustine is credited as saying "To sing is to pray twice." Our Music Ministry is looking for new members!

### Children's Choir

Grades 2 through 8 - practice begins Wednesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

### Adult Choir

Vocalists and instrumentalists - practice begins Thursday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

### Cantors

Those who have nice singing voices who lead the assembly in song from the altar. Individual rehearsals will be based on convenience between you & the Music Director.

### Guitarists, pianists, organists, flutists, violinists, clarinets, trumpet players etc.

We can find a spot for you! No prior experience is necessary and attendance at masses and practices is flexible. It is not necessary to commit for the entire year! Only the instrumentalists need to be able to read music! Please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at **215-896-9484** or email at [mariaalennon@comcast.net](mailto:mariaalennon@comcast.net).



## Amata Days Vocation Weekend

A retreat for girls to discern their vocation with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth. Friday, September 10, 4:00 pm – Sunday, September 12, 2021, 2:30 pm. Grades 9-12. Located at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, 445 N. Main Street, Sellersville, PA 18960. **No Cost!** Registration deadline: **September 3, 2021.**

## Archdiocesan Respect Life Month Opening Mass

**Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 11 AM**

Join us as we unite in prayer with Archbishop Pérez to uphold the sanctity of life! Following Mass, all are invited to a brunch reception with the Sisters of Life. Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul, 18<sup>th</sup> and Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia PA 19103. Limited parking available. RSVP for brunch at <https://form.jotform.com/212144633931147>.

## A Baby's Breath Run For Life 5 K & Fun Run/Walk

A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center in Warminster is hosting their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Run For Life 5K, 1 Mile Walk, and 1 Mile Fun Run on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, at Tyler State Park. Register at [www.ababysbreath.org/warminster](http://www.ababysbreath.org/warminster) or mail check to A Baby's Breath, 65 W. Street Road, Building B, Suite 203, Warminster, PA. Contact: 215 442 0442 or [abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbwarminstercpc@gmail.com).

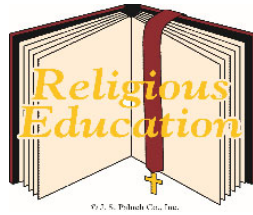
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**\*Thursday, September 16, 6:30pm**

Teachers' Mtg. -Valley Road School Bldg.

**\*Sunday, September 19, All Masses**

Catechetical Sunday

*"Say The Word And My Soul Shall Be Healed."*

**\*Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 pm**

Parents' Meeting for All Grades in the Church. **At least one parent must attend.** Open House to follow in Valley Road School Bldg. Meet Teachers, pick up handbooks & family home-schooling material.

**\*Tuesday, September 28, 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm**

Opening Night of CCD Classes, All Grades

**Archbishop Wood High School News & Events**

**8th Grade Scholarship Test**

*You could earn an Academic Scholarship to AWHHS by taking this test!*

**Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021 - 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Saturday, October 16, 2021 – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

[www.archwood.org](http://www.archwood.org)>Admissions>Admissions Welcome

**Fall Open House**

**Sunday October 24, 2021**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Experience Archbishop Wood High School by taking a guided tour of the building, meeting students, faculty & staff, checking out the activities fair and much more!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2021**

Please contact Melissa Nolan, Director of Admissions, at [mnolan@archwood.org](mailto:mnolan@archwood.org) or call 215-672-5050 ext. 268 for more information!

**Safe Environment Program**

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The new SJR families were welcomed by our administration, faculty, and Home & School Association! The evening included formal presentations and a networking opportunity to meet & “learn more” from representatives of various school organizations! Thank you to our student ambassadors & HSA Board that greeted the SJR families!



**St. Joseph/St. Robert CYO** is happy to announce that registration is open for our Fall Sports Programs, Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country.

- Soccer is for Boys and Girls in grades 3-8
- Cross Country is for Boys and Girls in grades K-8
- Volleyball is for Girls only in Grades 5-8

We look forward to getting back to our Fall Sports season after being canceled last year. We are also in need of coaches and other volunteers, so please consider getting involved. You can click the link below to access registration

<https://identity.sportssignup.com/account/login>.

Please reach out to Suzanne Sorge 215-704-9708 or [suzannesorge@verizon.net](mailto:suzannesorge@verizon.net) with any questions about these programs.


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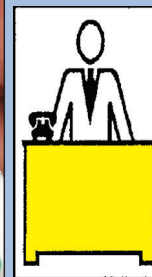
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