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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)

CONFSSIONS: 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.)



THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

GOD LIFTS US UP

Our readings this Sunday describe God's work of liberation for those who are vulnerable. Isaiah portrays the coming of God in terms of the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame. James notes that God chooses the poor to be rich in faith. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf person who has a speech impediment. The readings remind us of the acute struggles of the disabled, the excluded, and the poor. In the last year and a half, the pandemic has reminded us that we are all vulnerable, that illness and death are near us always. Today we hear that God's presence is revealed when God lifts us up, and when we join God to lift each other up. Our care for others, especially those in greatest need, can be our grateful response to God's healing of us in our own vulnerability.

BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

TODAY'S READINGS

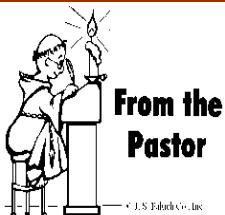
Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

SEPTEMBER
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2021

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

Happy Labor Day! It is hard to believe that this day is here already. It is good to rest from our Labors and to recognize what a blessing it is to be able to work. This is part of God's plan for us and it helps us to realize

who we are called to be. This weekend it is important to thank God for the grace to work as part of our human condition and to improve it. We also remember that the blessing of work is not an easy one. While we are grateful for the opportunity to work, we also recognize in these difficult times that many people are unemployed or underemployed and we include them in our prayers too.

Labor Day also means an end to our summer vacation. Our SJR students started back this week and our CCD will soon be in operation. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer vacation with family and loved ones. We pray for all students returning to class at this time, whether at our school or elsewhere. Thank you to the parents and to all our teachers, staff and volunteers for providing a great education and formation for our young people. Last year really challenged us, and hopefully this year will be better. I especially want to thank you, the parishioners of St. Joseph. It is through your generosity, along with the parents who sacrifice, that we are able to provide these young people with a quality instruction in the faith. Every child that goes to our school or CCD program does so with your financial assistance. Thank you for supporting our regular collection, which helps to provide our youth with an excellent formation in the faith.

We are preparing to offer the **RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** this year. This is the special program where those who are interested in becoming Catholic, whether they have never been baptized or were raised in another faith, can learn more about our faith and receive the sacraments to become a Catholic. There will be more information coming, but if you know someone interested, please have them contact the rectory about attending our **Night of Inquiry on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in classroom 18**. No commitment is necessary, it is just to find out what is involved.

We are in real need of adults who are interested in our faith and willing to become members of our **RCIA Team**. You don't need to be a professional speaker or teacher, but just someone who is in love with our faith and willing to share that with others. This year we will be using the "leader friendly" DVD series **Symbolon**. Team members will show the instructional video and then facilitate some discussion and sharing about the faith. Many times, the leaders tell me that they receive just as much from the work as the candidates and catechumens. If interested in joining our RCIA Team, please call me at the rectory 215-672-3020 and register.

God Bless You!
Fr. Bordonaro

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Sept. 4, 2021</u>	
	5:00pm	Raymond Generale.
Sunday	<u>Sept 5, 2021</u>	
	7:30am	Dec'd. members of the Higgins Family
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Louis Picciocchi
Monday	8:00am	St. Joseph Mem. Soc.
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph DiGiacomo
Wednesday	8:00am	Adam, Filadora & Rita Ezzo
Thursday	8:00am	Paul & Beatrice Swartz
Friday	8:00am	John & Anna Kirby
Saturday	8:00am	Rose & Sam Langetti
Saturday	<u>Sept. 11, 2021</u>	
	5:00pm	Linda Generale
Sunday	<u>Sept. 12, 2021</u>	
	7:30am	Jim Cunningham
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Thomas Williams

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

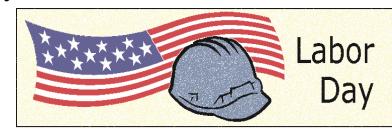
Monday, September 6, 2021

*Labor Day – Rectory and Office closed

*No Adoration

*No Rosary

*No Benediction



Bulletin Submittals

Please submit your requests to the Rectory. Requests may be emailed to 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: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11,
Or for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

Reflect on the Readings *The Messiah Foretold*

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilatos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, “be opened,” used to describe the restoration of the man’s speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, “your mouth shall be opened to speak” (24:26). The sophistication of Mark’s narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel’s prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church’s baptismal ritual. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

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1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
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3. Click on the Create Profile button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

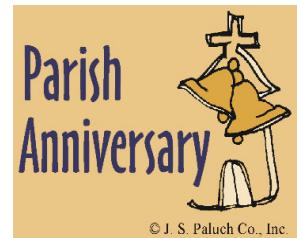
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Looking for a Grant Writer

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.

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.



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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 Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. “Do this,” Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means “remembering.” In this part of the prayer, “the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ’s dying and rising. “We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection” (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ’s command, we remember. -Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a “map” of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity “into our bones!” And best of all, there are no grades! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

6th Annual Padre Pio Festival

Saturday, September 18, 2021 - 12:00-9:00 PM

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - 12:00-6:00 PM

Presented by St. Bede the Venerable Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 15478

Saturday – Community Family Picnic with food, games, entertainment and amusements; evening concert at 7:30 (The Jersey Tenors)

Sunday – Solemn Mass at 12:30 (Homilist Fr. Pio Mandato) followed by a street procession and healing service with Padre Pio Relics; food, games, entertainment and amusements. St. Bede the Venerable Parish, 1071 Holland Road, Holland, PA.

More info: <https://padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com/>



Envelope Collections

2021	Aug. 15	\$6,954	Aug. 22	\$6,318
2020	Aug. 16	\$6,235	Aug. 23	\$5,880

Reclaiming Our Unity

Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11. —Barack Obama

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. 22nd from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Adult Choir

Vocalists and instrumentalists - practice begins Thursday, Sept. 16th 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.

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, 18th and Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia PA 19103. Limited parking available. RSVP for brunch at <https://form.jotform.com/212144633931147>.

Surviving Divorce:

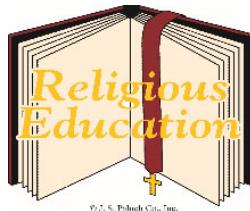
Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family

Beginning Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM This 12-week program addresses both practical and spiritual concerns of separated/divorced Catholics, helping you and your family navigate this difficult time and grow holier and happier through a closer relationship with God and with each other. Video testimonies from divorced Catholics who have moved from hurt to healing, wisdom from Catholic leaders such as Fr. Mitch Pakwa, Christopher West, and Dr. Ray Guarendi, and more. Location: St. Jude Education Center at St. Jude Church, 321 West Butler Ave., Chalfont, PA 18914. More info: <https://www.stjudechalfont.org/support-for-divorced>



CCD School Of Religion

Please call 215-672-9990 or
215-672-3020 or email
stjosephcd.warrington@yahoo.com
for information regarding registration for
the 2021-2022 CCD school year.



*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 AWHS 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

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

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!

8th Grade Visitation Day

Wednesday, October 14, 2021

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

Safe Environment Program

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- ❖ PA State Police Criminal Record Check
 - ❖ PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck
 - ❖ Federal History Fingerprint Clearance – ONLY if you live outside of PA within the last 10years
 - ❖ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers
- ***MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS*****

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The individual SJR classes have had so much fun getting together at various parks for lots of summer play. Pictured are students from our Pre-K & 2nd grade classes.



Help Wanted

SJR is hiring a CARES Director to run our Morning and Afternoon CARES program. CARES begins Tuesday, September 7, 2021. The position is Monday - Friday 6:50-7:50am and 3:00-6:00pm. If interested, please reach out to Mr. Vince D'Andrea at vdandrea@stjstr.org for more details.

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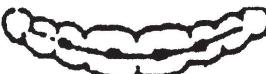
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