



**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.)



# If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

## SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God’s love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

## A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today’s passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus’ disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel’s oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

## A “LARGE” FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today’s passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one’s faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a “large” faith is to move from apathy toward others’ sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4c–9a  
Psalm 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9  
James 2:14–18  
Mark 8:27–35

**Twenty-fourth**  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

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**A Note From The Pastor**



My Dear Parishioners,  
 The Year 1922 was an interesting year. Pope Benedict XV died and Pope Pius XI was elected as the new pope. It was the year when insulin was first used on humans to treat diabetes; Britain declared Egypt a sovereign state; the first facsimile

photo ever was sent over city telephone lines; the tomb of Tutankhamun in Egypt was discovered; and the Soviet Union was founded. The Ottoman Empire was abolished and its last sultan Mehmed VI, abdicated. Mussolini and the Fascist party came to power in Italy. Mohandas Gandhi was arrested, tried for sedition, and sentenced to six years imprisonment. America's first aircraft carrier, The USS Langley, was commissioned. The 2-month long Railway Shopmen's Strike of 1922 began, affecting 400,000 workers. The Lincoln monument was dedicated in Washington, D.C. But a little closer to home, St. Joseph Parish was also founded in this year on June 16, 1922.

Starting in the Fall, we will begin a yearlong celebration to mark the 100th Anniversary of the founding of our parish. We are looking forward to you joining us for the various celebrations, beginning with our **Parish 40 Hours; Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, October 17, 18, and 19th at 7:00 p.m.** I am very happy that we have a "parish son" coming back for this. Fr. Jim Olson will be the homilist for these three evenings. We see this anniversary as an opportunity for parishioners to reengage with the parish and become involved in ways that they may not have been prior to the pandemic.

Unfortunately, not all anniversaries are happy ones. It is hard to believe it has been 20 years since the violent terrorist attacks on our country. We pray for all those who lost their lives, and all the survivors and their families whose lives were forever changed. I am including a prayer that was offered by Pope Benedict when he visited ground zero in New York, in 2008:

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here — the heroic first-responders: our firefighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope. We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering. *(Continued on page 4...)*

**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 11, 2021</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 12, 2021</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	Jim Cunningham
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Thomas Williams
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & family
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	James Cunningham
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Beverly McPoyle
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Dec'd. members of the Sansoni family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 18, 2021</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	Frances E. Wright
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 19, 2021</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	Dec'd. members of the McFadden family
	9:30 a.m.	The Snyder family
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Please Pray For**



Those who are ill: Harry Walls, Maria Potocka, Michael DiTore, Theresa Romaniello, Sarah Sutton, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Thomas Henderson, 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 13, 2021**

- \*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- \*Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church
- \*Men's Group – 7:30 p.m. – Church Hall

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

- \*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 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.

**Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15  
**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7

**A Note From The Pastor (Continued)**

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all. AMEN.

God Bless you,  
Fr. Bordonaro

**Reflect on the Readings*****IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL***

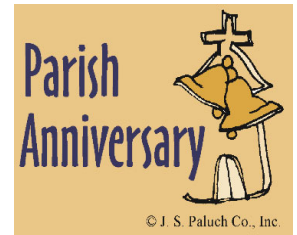
From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message. James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**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.

**Feast Of Faith    *Offering and Intercessions***

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**A GRANDPARENT RECIPE**

A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend. —Anonymous

## Treasures from Our Tradition

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## St. Joseph Men's Group

### *Important notice to all Men of St. Joseph parish*

All are invited to join the parish Men's Group this fall, 60 to 90 minute meetings to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall  
2nd Monday of every month: "Saint of the Week"  
4th Monday of every month: "Readings for Next Sunday"

If you want to deepen your faith and meet some men of the parish, this is for you....no experience required!

If questions, please call Tom Molz (215-801-9158)

## Help Wanted

### **Director of Aftercare Program**

Regina Coeli Academy, 1525 Marian Road, Abington, PA  
Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. \$12.50 an hour for the first child + an additional \$6.50 per hour for each additional child. Contact: Faith Leopold, Director of Institutional Advancement [fleopold@reginacoeliacademy.com](mailto:fleopold@reginacoeliacademy.com) or 215-277-1386

## Reminder

Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to **St. Joseph Church**, not the individual charity. All donations received are then forwarded to the appropriate organization.

# Financial Report

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## AUGUST 2021

<b>E-Giving:</b>	\$12,151.14
<b>Sunday Collections:</b>	<u>\$35,744.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$47,895.14</b>

## Monthly Report August, 2021

School Subsidy	\$ 5,125.04
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,125.00
Disability Insurance	\$ 73.92
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,724.17
Property Insurance	\$ 835.92
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 130.08
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 218.75
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 1,283.00
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 1,379.40
Priest Retirement Debt Service	\$ 216.67
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 1,910.00
Employee Pay	\$ 21,878.68
Music Ministry	\$ 420.00
Payroll Service	\$ 96.00
PECO	\$ 1,831.84
Verizon	\$ 670.51
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 463.10
Comcast Cable	\$ 156.44
Computer Support	\$ 251.18
Supplies	\$ 2,650.24
Repairs	\$ 142.50
Services	\$ 450.97
Water & Sewer	\$ 107.30
Alarm System	\$ 342.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 110.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 51,048.60</b>

## St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Online Giving

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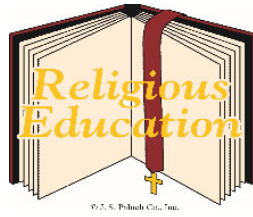
## The Cross to Bear

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.

—Thomas à Kempis

**CCD School Of Religion**

Please call 215-672-9990 or 215-672-3020 or email [stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com) for information regarding registration for the 2021-2022 CCD school year.



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

Catechetical Sunday  
 "Say The Word And My Soul Shall Be Healed."

**\*Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.**

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 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

Opening Night of CCD Classes, All Grades

**Archbishop Ryan Open House**

**Fall Open House**

Join us for our Open House on our beautiful 35-acre campus to take the first steps of your journey at Archbishop Ryan. Pre-registration is required.

**Thursday, October 21, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**

Pre-register online at [www.arhs.me/open](http://www.arhs.me/open)

**Archbishop Ryan Presidential Scholarship & Entrance Test**

All students applying for the Class of 2026 are encouraged to take the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Presidential Scholarship Test. This is the only opportunity to receive an academic scholarship from Archbishop Ryan High School. Financial Aid information sessions are available during each test session.

**October 23, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

**October 24, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.**

**October 30, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

Pre-registration is required. Sign up at [www.arhs.me/exam](http://www.arhs.me/exam).

**Arts Scholarships at Archbishop Ryan**

AR is offering the opportunity for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be attending Ryan in the Fall to be awarded a scholarship for their artistic talents. Students interested in studying fine arts, music, or theater should visit [www.arhs.me/scholarships](http://www.arhs.me/scholarships) for information on scheduling auditions or portfolio drop-offs. Deadlines for these scholarships are in early November.

**Part-time Help Wanted**  
 MMR parish has a part-time evening position open at the school to monitor visitors and lock up the building. It is for 2 to 3 hours per night for 3 - 4 days per week when events are scheduled. This could be an excellent part time opportunity for a retiree, a high school student, or a college student. Contact Lou Tonelli in the Parish Office at 215-362-7400.

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