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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.

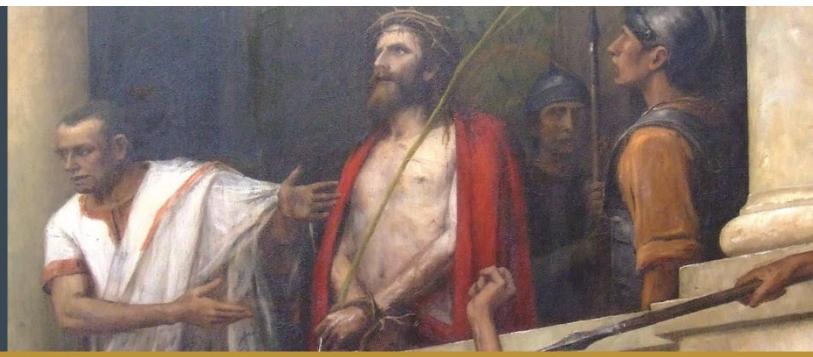
REGISTRATION: All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road.

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.)

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.

Mark 9:31

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TWO PATHS

Today's first two readings present a striking contrast between two pathways in life. In Wisdom and the letter from James we are told of the path of the wicked, which leads to oppression and violence. We also hear of the path of the faithful, which leads to peace and human flourishing. Then our Gospel reading from Mark takes our reflection farther. The choice is shown to be not so simple or obvious. The path of faithfulness means following Jesus' lead, to expand our circle of care toward everyone, especially the most vulnerable. This path also includes opening ourselves to suffering and trials, as we face resistance from within and from outside us. The two paths essentially diverge over whether we refuse or accept God's love. Each day we face such choices as God invites us into the divine circle of care and enlists us to extend our own circle to those around us.

WHO IS HONORED

Today's Gospel passage has two parts: Jesus' announcement again of his coming suffering and death, and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the "greatest." Mark places these scenes next to each other to emphasize the disciples' failure to understand. Their petty argument was the opposite of what Jesus had described as the way to follow him. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who seem to contribute the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the "least" in the community; in this case, a child. And he honors those who welcome the child.

Mark was addressing his own community in the early Church, who were seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too. Who is honored in our faith community, and why? How do we honor those whom we set as examples? Who benefits from this different kind of "greatness"?

ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS

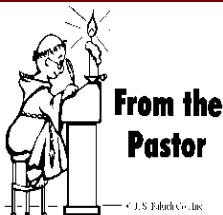
Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are reduced to silence. First when Jesus describes his future suffering and death, and again when caught in their argument about who is the greatest. Perhaps they were afraid to really understand his teachings because of what it might cost them. Maybe they were afraid of being seen as ignorant by Jesus and especially by each other. What if they had dared to admit their confusion and ignorance and asked Jesus hard questions? Would Jesus have welcomed them?

Jesus presents a child who is to be welcomed and embraced. The child sets an example: it is the child who knows that he or she doesn't know. The child is free to ask "childlike" questions, and is open to answers. What if, in the intimacy of our prayer, we asked Jesus our own hard, embarrassing questions: about life, about ourselves and our relationships, about God? How might our relationship with God then change?

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20
Psalm 54:3–4, 5, 6–8
James 3:16 — 4:3
Mark 9:30–37

A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,
This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. It is a special recognition of all those who give of their time, effort and skills to see that our parishioners have the opportunity to be properly formed in the faith. This includes all those involved in **St. Joseph/St. Robert School – teachers, principal, administration, staff, and volunteers**. We also recognize and thank those involved in faith formation in our **CCD program**, including our **program director and catechists, assistants, staff and volunteers**. In addition we are grateful for the members of our **RCIA team and youth formation team**. They play a crucial role in preparing and instructing our youth and adults to come into the faith, or complete their initiation. We thank them for all they do in handing on the kingdom. Please pray for them and ask God to bless them for the very good work they do. This year, the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing--physical, spiritual, emotional--in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering.

The words we pray at Mass, "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed," have the power to remind us of, to open our eyes to, the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

As a reminder, we are **all catechists**, and we should all join together in passing on the faith. If you know someone who is considering joining the Catholic Faith, or someone who maybe simply needs to be asked, now is the time. We are holding our special Night of Inquiry Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in classroom 18. Anyone interested in finding out more about the faith is invited to join us. Please call the rectory if interested, 215-672-3020.

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, we are looking to publish a new parish pictorial directory. It is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken by following the link on our church website, www.saintjosephchurch.us. If you do not have access to our website, you can contact the rectory Monday thru Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and Mary Beth will schedule your session. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the 100th anniversary directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today! The two days chosen for photography sessions are **Friday and Saturday, November 19th and 20th**. Portraits will be photographed here at St. Joseph. (*Continued on page 4...*)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Sept. 18, 2021</u>	Frances E. Wright
Sunday	<u>Sept. 19, 2021</u>	Dec'd. members of the McFadden family
	7:30 a.m.	The Snyder family
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	William D. McCluskey
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Bob Weychert, 11 th Anniversary
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vincelli
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Robert J. Smith, Sr., 4 th Anniversary
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Pablo Bocar
Saturday	<u>Sept. 25, 2021</u>	Edward Hirowski
Sunday	<u>Sept. 26, 2021</u>	Thomas & Mary Kirby
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	
	11:30 a.m.	Jim Cunningham

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Pat McCloskey, Harry Walls, Maria Potoczka, 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 20, 2021

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

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m. – Church

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

*CCD Parents' Mtg. – 7:00 p.m. - Church

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

*Children's Choir – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. - Church

Thursday, September 23, 2021

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

Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb: 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk: 43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Additional portraits can be purchased and will be available in time to give as Christmas gifts.

I am also very pleased to announce that St. Joseph Parish will soon be registering with The Augustine Institute for the FORMED Program. With this enrollment, each member of the parish will have access to the many spiritual programs offered over the internet. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for more information. Our access should begin in the month of October. More details will follow.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Readings***The Meaning of Discipleship***

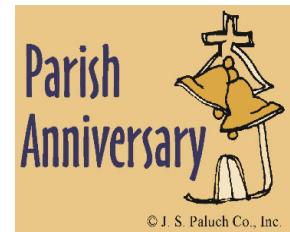
The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us. 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.

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 Doxology and Amen**

"Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer. -Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

OUR BEST

The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best. —Anonymous

Treasures from Our Tradition

On the Byzantine calendar, September 23 is the feast of the Conception of John the Baptist. The Roman and Byzantine calendars have in common the other equinox- or solstice-derived dates of solemnities: December 25, March 25, and June 24. Scholars see strong evidence in the writings of the early Church Fathers for the fixing of these dates from the imagined “anniversary” of Gabriel’s appearance to Zechariah at Yom Kippur, which was thought to have coincided with the equinox as a day of “at-one-ment” between light and darkness. The spiritual writer Origen held to this date.

The annunciation to Zechariah then set the date six months later for Mary’s conception of Jesus (March 25), and then, of course, for the dates of the births of John (June 24) and Jesus (December 25). Is this “liturgical trivia?” Perhaps. But it’s also the best explanation we have for the dating of some of the most important festivals on our calendar. So even though the Roman Church doesn’t observe the Conception of John the Baptist, yesterday’s equinox can remind us of how our salvation history is closely attuned to God’s creation. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Joseph Men's Group

The St. Joseph and St. Robert Men's Groups are sponsoring a talk by Deacon Steve Javie on September 28th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Robert church. Steve will discuss his path to becoming a permanent Deacon. Steve is a gifted speaker and was one of the keynote speakers at this year's "Man-Up Philly" conference. He was previously an NBA referee for 24 years and officiated over 1,000 games. The talk is open to all parishioners of both parishes and will be preceded by Adoration of the Eucharistic at 6:30 p.m. at St. Robert church.

Maternity B.V.M. School

Class of 1970, 50+1 Reunion

The Class of 1970 Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 7-11 p.m., at Maternity BVM Parish Hall, 9322 Old Bustleton Avenue. Please send a check to Maternity B.V.M. Rectory, 9220 Old Bustleton Ave, (19115); \$50 per person; payable to Maternity B.V.M. Church; Attention: Denise. Please include the names of attendees, a contact number and email address. For additional information email dvoisard@maternitybvm.net.

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Nazareth Academy High School

will host its annual Open House on Saturday, October 16, 2021. All prospective students and their families are welcome to attend. Our Open House provides parents and students with an opportunity to get to know everything about Nazareth and all we have to offer while taking a tour of the school and hearing a variety of presentations from faculty, staff, and administrators. Pre-registration is required. Tours will last about an hour and 15 minutes will begin every 20 minutes between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. To register for the event, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/FallOpenHouse. For any questions, please contact Ms. Derassouyan in the Admissions Office at 215-268-1026.

Triduum in Honor of St. Therese

September 29th, 30th, & October 1st

Rosary: 6:40 p.m., Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Celebrant and Homilist Rev. Harold McKale

Sunday, October 3rd, A Missa Canta – 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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

Sunday, October 17, 11:30 a.m. Mass

Blessing of candidates for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2022

***Sunday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.**

40 Hours Devotion

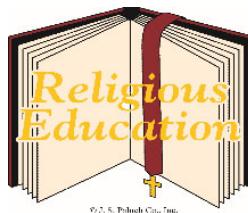
***Monday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.**

40 Hours Devotion continues

***Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.**

40 Hours Devotion Closing Service – no CCD classes

***All CCD students are required to attend at least one of the 40 Hours services on 10/17, 10/18 or 10/19**



St. Joseph/St. Robert School

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For Additional Information Contact



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Our SJR faculty officially started the 21-22 school year with Mass & a Professional Organizational Day! The faculty and staff were so excited last week to welcome our students and school families to the 1st day of the school year!



Upcoming Educational Improvement Tax Credit - Please Register & Learn More! EITC is an amazing program that provides a significant tax credit to businesses and individuals that redirect a portion of their tax dollars to qualified SJR students for tuition scholarships. Please register for an upcoming 30 minute EITC Webinar to learn about the rewards of allocating tax dollars to benefit our students and receive a 90% tax credit. Below are dates and RSVP information for the upcoming EITC Webinars. Please share with parishioners, relatives, and friends that might be interested. For additional information, contact Kathy Williamson, Director of Advancement kwilliamson@stjstr.org



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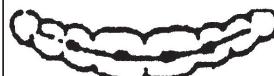
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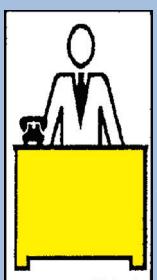
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