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# S A I N T J O S E P C H U R C H

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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.)

# SECOND SUNDAY OF *Easter*

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL  
**24**  
2022

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
John 20:29

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## SENT

In Jesus' first appearance to his disciples, as described in today's Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples, and all who follow him: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus speaks to us here: we the Church are a "sent people," sent to participate in God's mission, that is, God's purposes and activity for all of humanity. Like Jesus was sent to Israel, we are sent to witness to our world of the boundless love of God, and to offer an alternative way of living based on that love. The wounds that Jesus displayed to his disciples remind us that this new way of life often involves both dying to the familiar and comfortable, and rising to the new and unknown. When we join in efforts to challenge injustice, heal broken relationships, or care for those on the margins of society, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

## THE WEEK BETWEEN

In today's Gospel, we notice there was a week between Jesus' first appearance (without Thomas), and the following appearance (with Thomas). During this week, Thomas chose to stay with the community. But why? Perhaps he trusted his friends in some way. Perhaps he reflected on their life with Jesus and on the possibility their account was true. In the week between, Thomas stayed and lived with the questions, and with his doubts. Importantly, the disciples did not cast him out as an unbeliever. It seems they accepted and loved him, just as he was.

Perhaps many of us live in this "week between." We have questions and doubts. We can choose to leave or to stay. We can either engage or ignore our deepest questions. If we embrace our questions with courage, we can live into them. Perhaps we will encounter, through God's initiative, and with the help of our companions in faith, some of the answers—and new questions along the way.

## PRIMARY DIMENSIONS

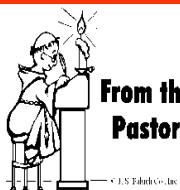
We are currently in Year C of the three-year Lectionary cycle. For the Second Sunday of Easter, in all three years, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Year A (from Acts 2) tells of the new Christian community's dedication to prayer. Year B (from Acts 4) tells of their sharing of goods and deep bonds of trust in each other. Today we hear in Acts 5 of the early Church's ministry of healing to the community, performed by Peter and the apostles.

These represent three of the primary dimensions of those first Christian communities: prayer in relationship to God; sharing in relationship to each other; and service in relationship to the world around them. We are reminded that all three are fundamental to our identity as Church. We fail to live fully as Church when we neglect any of these relationships. We are called to encourage their full flowering in our own parish's life.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:12–16  
Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24  
Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19  
John 20:19–31

## A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you had a peaceful, spiritually beneficial, and Blessed Easter. When we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, it is not just His personal victory over death that we celebrate, but also the fact that He has won salvation for all of us. This Second Sunday of Easter, or the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. I thought it might be important to remind ourselves about this feast. Here are some excerpts I have taken from the Divine Mercy website. You can see the full text at [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org).

The feast of Divine Mercy Sunday is the result of a revelation to St. Maria Faustina. Our Lord's explicit desire is that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000 declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday!'"

By the words "the whole message," Pope John Paul II was referring to the connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" — in other words, the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit — and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter, which fulfills the grace of atonement as lived through by Christ Jesus and offered to all who come to Him with trust.

As part of our devotion, we honor an image of Jesus as revealed to St. Maria Faustina (a copy is placed in our sanctuary). Pope John Paul II also made clear that the Image of The Divine Mercy St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world. Pope John Paul II said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side [to the Apostles]. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. St. Faustina saw two rays of light shining from that Heart and illuminating the world: 'The two rays,' Jesus Himself explained to her one day, 'represent blood and water' (Diary, 299).

Clearly, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast established to celebrate St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina at all — nor is it altogether a new feast! As many commentators have pointed out, The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter; nevertheless, the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does highlight and amplify the meaning of the day. In this way, it recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine

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## Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Apr. 23, 2022</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>Apr. 24, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Marie Weniger (Birthday)
	9:30 a.m.	Raymond Generale
	11:30 a.m.	Thomas Williams
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Elwert
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Louis DiBonis
Friday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Edward O'Brien
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Susan & Alfred Denofa
Saturday	<u>Apr 30, 2022</u>	
	7:30 p.m.	Marie Bolsar
Sunday	<u>May 1, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Linda Generale
	11:30 a.m.	Paul Babcock

## Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Annabelle Long, Joseph Cataldi, Emily Ristine, Ita McErlean, Melissa Sichler, Joy Cataldi, Don Higgins, Stanley Travis, III, Nancy Angelino, James Martin, Baby Jordan Evans, Fran Mirabella, Michael DiTore, Theresa Romaniello, Sarah Sutton, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Thomas Henderson, Michael McCarthy, Louis Cerritelli, Gianna Farris, Kim Bell, Frances Bungard, Russel Heim, David Jones, Ralph Lawson, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Daniel McKinny, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Joanne Slouskey, Jack Streisky, Jack Wilhelm.

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, April 25

\*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.

\*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 27

\*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

### Thursday, April 28

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

## Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

**Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**A Note From The Pastor (continued...)**

about the Easter Octave, which he called "the days of mercy and pardon," and the Octave Day itself "the compendium of the days of mercy." As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Coeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

God Bless You!  
Fr. Bordonaro

**Reflect on the Readings****DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY**

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

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**Casino Night Tickets on Sale Now**

Purchase on our website [www.saintjosephchurch.us](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us) or at the Rectory. **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.** The night will be filled with gaming fun, great hot appetizers, music and a free drink. Tickets are \$40 in advance (purchased by April 24<sup>th</sup>) and \$50 at the door. You will receive fifty (50) chips and drink ticket and then start playing for some fabulous prizes!

**Parish Operating Expenses**

March 2022

<b>E-Giving:</b>	\$11,180.80
<b>Sunday Collections:</b>	\$29,360.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$40,540.80</b>

**Monthly Report**      **March, 2022**

School Subsidy	\$ 5,125.04
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,125.00
Disability Insurance	\$ 92.42
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,749.08
Property Insurance	\$ 877.83
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 134.50
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	\$ 1,790.00
Employee Pay	\$ 19,077.46
Music Ministry	\$ 100.00
Payroll Service	\$ 100.80
PECO	\$ 2,548.66
Verizon	\$ 659.49
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 466.04
Comecast Cable	\$ 164.51
Computer Support	\$ 362.19
Supplies	\$ 2,107.95
Repairs	\$ 214.85
Services	\$ 408.51
Water & Sewer	\$ 567.03
Alarm System	\$ 427.00
Pest Control	\$ 325.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 198.37
Snow & Ice Removal (Jan. & Feb.)	\$ 7,757.78
Boiler Inspections	\$ 465.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 57,397.47</b>

**St. Joseph On-Line Giving**

Online Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at [www.saintjosephchurch.us](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us)
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
3. Click on the Create Profile button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions

**Ushers needed**

We are in need of Ushers for the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. If interested, call Bob McNulty (215-674-1196) for details.

## Treasures from Our Tradition

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## HOPE Committee Diaper/ Wipes Collection



**Baby Diapers and Wipes** will be collected this weekend. Please put your donation on the table in the back hall. As always, the need is great and those who receive your donations are so grateful for your generosity! Thank you for helping our little ones in need.

## Come and Rest Awhile Spring Retreat

Join us at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center from May 20-22, 2022. Take some time to pause in prayer and reflection. A spiritual director will be with you to guide and companion you throughout the weekend. Please register at [www.msbt.org](http://www.msbt.org) or call us at 267-350-1830.

## St. Catherine's Young Adult Group

We invite you to join us on 5/5/2022 for our monthly Disciples' Night to explore the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We will examine her powerful message of prayer, penance, and peace with Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki, Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, PA. We will have mass at 7pm in the Chapel followed by social hour then live speaker and discussion in the farmhouse. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact us at [scsyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:scsyoungadults@gmail.com). Walk-ins are always welcome. We meet the first Thursday of each month if you cannot attend this month. Please join our Facebook group “**St Catherine's Young Adults**” for additional information.

## Church

“Church” in Greek means convocation, or assembly in Latin, because all are called to be members of it.  
—St. Isidore

## Nazareth Academy High School

We are proud to offer a variety of summer programs this year! These programs include a Pre-7<sup>th</sup> & Pre-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Enrichment Program for students who will be in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade beginning in the fall as well as Art Camp, STEM Camp, and athletic camps, including basketball, cheer, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Dates and times vary throughout the summer. More information and online registration are available by going to [NazarethAcademyHS.org/SummerPrograms](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/SummerPrograms).

## Bux Mont Meals on Wheels

**We need your help.** Would you like to work for a great cause, with a great group of people and give back to your community but don't have much time? Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals 2 times per month. Each shift takes about 1.5 hours to complete.

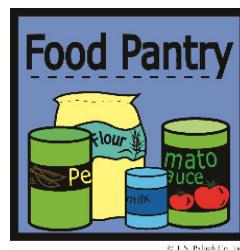
### Do you need Bux Mont Meals on Wheels?

If you need short term help with meals after an illness or hospital stay or if you just have trouble preparing healthy meals, please give us a call. Our meals are delicious (catered by Wegmans) and delivered hot, 5 days a week. Please call Jeannine for information/assistance 215-443-9784.

## Warminster Food Bank 5K Run/Walk

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Warminster Community Park Register at [www.WarminsterFoodBank.org](http://www.WarminsterFoodBank.org) or call Patrick McKay 610-416-6326.

## Monthly Food Drive



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Our next Food Drive is scheduled for the weekend of **May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**. Items will be collected through May 10<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Items needed at this time include: Canned Spaghetti & Meatballs, Canned Chicken, Canned Peaches or Pears, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, Tomato Soup, Gravy (Chicken or Turkey), Stove Top Chicken Flavor. Non-food items needed include Laundry Soap (bottles or pods), Paper Towels, Bar/Bath Soap. Thanks to your generosity we collected **1,012 lbs.** of food in the month of April. Without your support it would not be possible to help those in desperate need. As Isaiah 58:10 says, **“If you pour out that with which you sustain your own life for the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise.”**

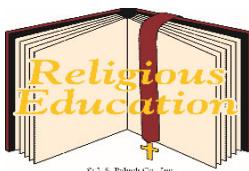
## IHM Nun Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4, 2022, for the 9th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run / 3K walk. Start time is 8:30 a.m. Register by May 21. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the IHM Sisters. For more information on how to participate visit: [www.ihmnunrun.org](http://www.ihmnunrun.org).

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# APRIL



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is new to the program.

Payment is due at the time of registration.

Registration for the 2022-2023 CCD school year will be held all Tuesdays in April in the CCD office during regularly scheduled CCD classes from (6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.) You must be registered in the parish before signing your child up for CCD and you must hand in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child

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# MAY

**Tuesday, May 10**

Last day of CCD classes. Progress Reports issued.

**Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Teachers' meeting in School Bldg.

**Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

First Holy Communion Practice – Church

**Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m.**First Holy Communion Mass (*report to Church by 9:45*)**Monday, May 23, 7:20 p.m.**May Procession and Rosary for **all** students**Safe Environment Program**

All people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:

**CLEARANCES:**

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance\*

\*ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years

Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

**CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS**

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**National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**

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. Remember that this is a win-win for everyone: the school receives 100% of the donor's contribution while the donor benefits from a 90% tax credit from the State of PA and gets to redirect their PA tax dollars to Catholic education.

This link (<https://we.tl/t-BgxHGuPEqs>) takes you to a 90 second video about the EITC program. Upcoming webinar:

**Wednesday, April 27 @ 1:00 p.m.**Please email [cmcenaney@foundationsfce.org](mailto:cmcenaney@foundationsfce.org) to sign up.**10<sup>th</sup> Annual SJR R.A.C.E****Run About Catholic Education**

Join us for a fun night of competition and exercise in support of St. Joseph/St. Robert School.

**Friday, May 13**

1 K Kids' Run: 6:30 p.m.

2 Mile Fitness Walk: 7:00 p.m.

5 K Run: 7:00 p.m.

All events start and finish at St. Robert Bellarmine Church  
Register online at [www.stjstr.org/5k](http://www.stjstr.org/5k)



