

August 14, 2022

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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.)

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

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REJECTION AND DIVISION?

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Assumption. Mary stands with the “great cloud of witnesses” described in Hebrews: those who kept their eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. We may not be thinking of Mary when we hear Jesus’ harsh words in today’s Gospel, but when she said “yes” to Gabriel, it carried the risk of the rejection and division that Jesus describes. As the early Christians surely knew, to hold Jesus as the sole leader and perfecter of faith meant that you would likely find yourself divided from those in your household who held other beliefs. This occurrence is not unknown in our own time and place, and many of us surely know a household divided on the issue of religion, even if the divisions are occurring solely through indifference. A life of faith lived to the full will likely eventually call on us to separate ourselves somehow, keeping our gaze firmly on Jesus, so we will also one day join the great cloud of witnesses.

FIRE IN THE MUD

Prophets have been described as being on fire with God’s message. Today, that fire in Jeremiah has to keep burning in the bottom of a muddy cistern. The rulers of his own people (including Judah’s king, Zedekiah) have placed him there for speaking an unpopular, if truthful, message to them. His own leave him there, mired in the mud, to starve and die. It takes a foreigner, an outsider, to convince Judah’s king that Jeremiah ought to be rescued, his life spared to continue as God’s prophet. As so often happens in the lives of the prophets, the help and saving power of God are shown through unexpected people in unexpected ways. We can often find ourselves mired in mud of one sort or another. Do we truly have the fire of God’s message in us, so that we can look for our rescue from places we might not expect?

SPIRIT FIRE IN THE SUMMER

A generation or two ago, these Summer Sundays in Ordinary Time would have been known as Sundays “of Pentecost.” That naming convention helped recall that the Spirit’s Pentecost fire was carrying us through all the Sundays until the end of the liturgical year. Though we may no longer use that name for these Sundays, the underlying reality is the same. The fire that Jesus speaks about today is the blaze of the Spirit. The fire he spoke about when he told his followers they were light for the world was the flame of the Spirit lighting the lamp of discipleship. It takes courageous disciples to allow the blazing fire of which Jesus speaks into their lives, to allow its light, warmth, and even cleansing to work in them and through them. Though we may not want to think about the heat of the Spirit’s fire on a summer Sunday, that Spirit is always with us, burning within.

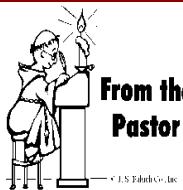
I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

Luke 12:49

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1–4
Luke 12:49–53

A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

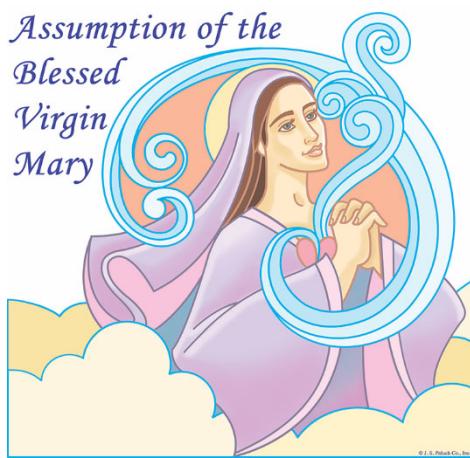
From the Pastor

This Monday we mark the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM). The Assumption of the BVM celebrates that at the end of her earthly life, Mary's body and soul were taken into heaven. Unlike us, her body did not undergo corruption. We have to wait until the end of the world for our bodies to be reunited with our souls in heaven, but Mary does not. While normally it is a Holy Day of Obligation, this year, because it falls on a Monday, the U.S. Bishops made the decision to lift the *obligation* of attending Mass. The feast is still celebrated, and it still is one of the "Holy Days" of our church calendar. I know a number of priests who feel that the bishops got this decision wrong as it tends to make people question if there is no obligation one year, why is there an obligation at any other time? I believe that the bishops thought that requiring the people to attend Mass 2 days in a row was too much of a burden. Either way, as a church, we still celebrate the great things God has done for Mary by lifting up His lowly servant. With her, God also lifts us up. Mary's assumption of her body and soul into heaven demonstrates the mercy of God and His promise to share that mercy with us. We also honor the dignity of Mary and of all women. It is good for us to recognize the women in our lives who, like Mary, have helped to form us spiritually and have brought us closer to God. We also have a beautiful window depicting the Assumption of the Virgin in our church. I hope you take a good look at it and offer God a prayer of praise for lifting us up. Monday, August the 15th we will have Mass at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

I am scheduled to have surgery to repair the tendon in my right knee and I suspect that I may be out of commission for a short time. I am grateful to the priests at Regina Coeli for helping me out. I hope to make an appearance at the parish picnic, but will have to see how things go.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

*Assumption of the
Blessed
Virgin
Mary*



Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Aug. 13, 2022</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Harry G. Walls
Sunday	<u>Aug 14, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Dec'd. mems of Seibold & Mullen families
	11:30 a.m.	Jo Thomas
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Helen Xibos
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Marty Jarman
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Beverly McPoyle
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Victoria Piroso & fam.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Gail Melley
Saturday	<u>Aug. 20, 2022</u>	Dec'd. members of the Sansoni family
	5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale
Sunday	<u>Aug. 21, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Swiren
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Jo Thomas

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Steve Becker, John Hesser, Dan Hartey, James Ritsick, John Merritt, Bruce Jackson, Anna Quartucci, Annabelle Long, Ita McErlean, Stanley Travis, III, James Martin, Michael DiTore, Theresa Romaniello, Gino Romaniello, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Kim Bell, Ralph Lawson, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Jack Wilhelm.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Adoration – after 10:00 Mass

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

Bulletin Submittals

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

Parish Bulletin

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Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome! To register see Fr. Bordonaro after any weekend Mass.

Readings For The Week

Monday Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Monday Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

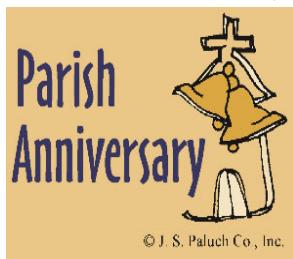
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Reflect on the Reading **PROPHETS**

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

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100th Anniversary Events **Save the Dates**

Evening Banquet at
Spring Mill Country Club
Friday, October 21st

100th Anniversary Closing
Mass with Archbishop Perez
Sunday, October 23rd
11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

[Online Giving](#)

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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.

Parish Operating Expenses

July 2022

E-Giving:	\$11,487.03
Sunday Collections:	\$30,456.00
Total:	\$41,943.03

Monthly Report **July, 2022**

School Subsidy	\$ 5,125.04
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 8,016.63
Disability Insurance	\$ 92.42
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,749.08
Property Insurance	\$ 877.83
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 134.50
Priest Auto Insurance	\$ 229.63
Priest Health Insurance	\$ 1,475.00
Employees Health Insurance	\$ 1,379.40
Priest Retirement Debt Service	\$ 225.00
Visiting Priest Honorarium	\$ 1,695.00
Employee Pay	\$ 19,234.85
Music Ministry	\$ 340.00
Payroll Service	\$ 149.60
PECO	\$ 2,342.92
Verizon	\$ 668.50
Church Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Trash Removal	\$ 563.01
Comcast Cable	\$ 163.53
Computer Support	\$ 259.99
Supplies	\$ 1,618.45
Services	\$ 290.06
Water & Sewer	\$ 296.75
Alarm System	\$ 300.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 87.00
CBSD School Taxes	\$ 17,238.95
Heater Inspections	\$ 835.24
Radio Mass (9 months)	\$ 360.00
Total	\$ 66,203.38

Bingo & Lunch

Save the Date for the Corpus Christi Lunch & Bingo on Saturday, October 1, 2022. The cost is \$30.00 / Computers \$37.00 (both options include lunch and bingo). The doors open at 9:00 a.m. with Bingo starting at 12:00 Noon. There are cash prizes and a guaranteed jackpot of \$1,000. For advanced ticket sales and table reservations, contact Laurie at 610-584-5694 or email: geraldponticello@comcast.net.

Live Today Well

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope. —Kalidasa

Treasures from Our Tradition

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them “papal bulls.”

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or “Ring of the Fisherman.” It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of “fishing for human beings.” Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope’s name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope’s death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Men's Malvern Retreat Weekend for St. Joseph Parishioners

Friday, September 9 (5 p.m.) - Sunday September 11 (noon) It could be said, “*The world is a mess.*” Fathers are especially concerned about the situations their families face. We look to our Lord and His Mother Mary as spiritual guides to advise us. There is a quiet place nearby to begin the process – Malvern Retreat House. Consider joining several parish members and me in September. Call Paul Hottinger (215-675-4291) to answer any questions you may have. Register at malvernretreat.com or call Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 for more information.

Choir News

If anyone would like to join the choir in September or train to be a cantor, please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at mariaalennon@comcast.net or call 215-896-9484 for more information. There will be training sessions over the summer.



The **contemporary group** will be leading the assembly in song at the 11:30 mass on the following dates:

September 25th
November 13th
December 18th

CHOIR NEWS

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Retrovaille:

Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrovaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Run For Life Race



The annual **Run For Life Race** will be held on Saturday, October 1 at Tyler State Park. Register online at www.ababysbreath.org.

Seventh Annual Padre Pio Festival

St. Bede the Venerable Parish

Saturday and Sunday, September 17th & 18th

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania, welcomes all to its Seventh Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as *Padre Pio*. The two-day event begins with Saturday’s All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio. The Sunday **12:30 p.m. Solemn Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Betz, OFM, Cap., followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment. Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

Ukrainian Folk Festival

Sunday, August 28th 12:00 Noon – 8:00 p.m.

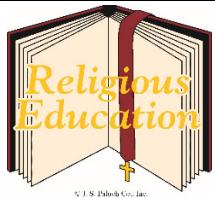
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CCD School Of Religion



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St. Joseph Church Religious Education Program Schedule

2022-2023 School Year

In Person Class Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.

Parents' Meeting for ALL grades in the Church. **At least one parent must be present.** Immediately following, parents will meet the teachers and pick up handbooks and Family Home-Schooling Material in the Valley Road School Building.

Sunday, September 25, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sacrament Sunday Parents' Meeting – St. Joseph Church Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation meetings. **One parent of child making sacrament must be present.**

Tuesday, September 27, 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 p.m.

Opening Night of classes for all grades.

Safe Environment Program

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

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PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

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*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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Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal

I had a wonderful surprise last week when two representatives from our recently graduated 8th grade class arrived to deliver a gift to the school. Christian Fuller and Joey Ewald arrived with a lovely donation of a beautiful mat for the outside entry to the school and new flags. We will think of them and all of their classmates each day when entering the building! Thank you.



Our new first grade teacher is another wonderful surprise from a previous graduating class. I am so happy to have hired an SJR alumnus to round out the faculty for the 2022-2023 school year. It's a group I'm delighted to have on board – smart, dedicated, enthusiastic with a heart for Catholic education.

Pre-K1 – Mrs. Katie McGettigan and Mrs. Maggie Whelihan, Assistant

Pre-K2 – Mrs. Jackie Buckleman and Mrs. Christa Speranza, Assistant

Kindergarten – Ms. Ashely Monaghan

Kindergarten – Mrs. Brittany John

1st Grade – Ms. Molly Prior and Mrs. Kathy Adams, Assistant

2nd Grade – Ms. Maureen Mealia

3rd Grade – Ms. Gabby Larson

4th Grade – Mrs. Ann Wood

5th Grade – Mrs. Marie Tierney

6th Grade – Mrs. Sandra Haynes

7th Grade – Mrs. Sandra Hilghman

8th Grade – Mrs. Bernie Taylor

Technology – Mrs. Pam Barnes

Library – Mrs. Jen Jacobsen

Art – Mrs. Alice Jacobs

Gym – Mrs. Julie McReynolds

Music – Ms. Amanda Hatfield

Reading Support – Mrs. Kate Moyer

We are continuing the search for a Spanish teacher. We are also looking to hire someone to assist in the morning with before-school care from 7:00-8:00a.m. If you are an early riser who is looking for a way to provide an important service to the school, please call me at 215-343-5100.

God bless you! Have a wonderful week.
Mrs. Jennifer Durkin

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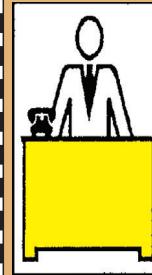
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