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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,
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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.)

You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Luke 16:13



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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COUNTER TO OUR EXPECTATIONS

When we listen to the scriptures at liturgy, there is kind of an unspoken idea that we will hear something amazing and uplifting, that will stir our hearts into flame and make us better Catholics, better Christians, better people, as we carry the Living Word of God out in our lives. So how surprising is it when we get a day like today, when so much seems to run counter to our expectations? Amos warns us about cheating and taking away someone's rights. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he explains we must pray for everyone, no matter what we think of them, even if they are in a place of power and authority. And Jesus' praise of the "children of this world" in today's Gospel passage is really disconcerting!

JUSTICE FOR ALL

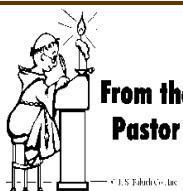
When we grasp a better understanding of Amos, it really is a mirror of the Gospel message that we must be good stewards and offer kindness and justice to all. Remember that Jesus is in the midst of speaking through a series of parables. (We left off with the Prodigal Son last week.) When he is speaking of the steward, he is not telling us to get into money laundering or get-rich-quick schemes or engage in multi-level marketing. Rather, we can infer that we are to use our goods and our skills wisely and for the betterment of everyone. In the parable the steward is praised for his quick thinking and for finding a way to resolve the situation. The parable ends with Jesus telling us "You cannot serve God and mammon" and you must make a choice.

EVERYTHING IS A CHOICE

The Gospel parable tells us what the steward did one time to get out of a bind. But we are called to make the right choice, the best choice over and over. Sometimes it is hard. You may not be choosing between good and evil, but sometimes even have to choose between two goods. We frequently have to make choices like, "Do I spend this extra time at work to get that promotion? Do I bring the work home with me? Or am I able to leave it there and be with my family when I am done?" Parents often have to look at their savings account before they determine which activities they can afford for their children to participate in. Music and sports and the arts are wonderful, but all require special equipment and time. But making a sacrifice on everybody's part might reap great rewards. Sometimes, though, the choice is made to just get food on the table, or to clothe the family. We learn to make the choices that are best for ourselves and are decisions we can live with. We learn to discern what is best for those we love.

TODAY'S READINGS

Amos 8:4–7
Psalm 113:1–2, 4–6, 7–8
1 Timothy 2:1–8
Luke 16:1–13

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: “*This is my body given for you.*”

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term “Eucharist” originates from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

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 simply needs to be asked, now is the time. We are holding our special **Night of Inquiry Wednesday, September 28th 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 will celebrate our 40 Hours with a special “Eucharistic Retreat.” Our Homilist for 40 Hours will be Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ. Fr. Pio is a Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit. Fr. Pio was born in Italy and along with his brother Vincenzo, received his first holy communion from Saint Pio before coming to the USA. He grew up in New Jersey and entered the Capuchin Franciscans at the age of 17, and was ordained in 1985. In 1998 he was accepted in the diocese of Scranton, Pa., and now lives a life of solitude, prayer, and intercession. He is also Chaplain to the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth and at times is engaged in the preaching apostolate. When summarizing his “Eucharistic Retreat” he says, “Jesus’ whole life can be summarized as the offering of Himself in sacrifice on the cross so we could share in deep communion and intimacy with His Father in the Spirit (Hb. 10:12). Three words that synthesize this teaching which is embodied in the Eucharist are **presence, sacrifice and communion.** These words are the very core of any act of authentic love. (*Continued on page 4*)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Sept. 17, 2022</u>	5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale
Sunday	<u>Sept. 18, 2022</u>	7:30 a.m.	Beverly McPoyle
		9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
		11:30 a.m.	Jo Thomas
Monday		8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Jim McCarthy
Tuesday		8:00 a.m.	Harry Walls, 1 st Anniversary
Wednesday		8:00 a.m.	Bob Weychert, 12 th Anniversary
Thursday		8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vincelli
Friday		8:00 a.m.	Robert J. Smith, Sr., 5 th Anniversary
Saturday		8:00 a.m.	Lawrence J. Boyle
Saturday	<u>Sept. 24, 2022</u>	5:00 p.m.	Carolyn Ford
Sunday	<u>Sept. 25, 2022</u>	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m.	Jo Thomas
		11:30 a.m.	Dominick and Sue Tempesta

Please Pray For

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Those who are ill: Agnes Fagan, Brinda Robin, Steve Becker, John Hesser, James Ritsick, John Merritt, 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, September 19, 2022**

*Adoration - 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

*Adult Choir practice – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 22, 2022

*Children’s Choir practice – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 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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Treasures from Our Tradition

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

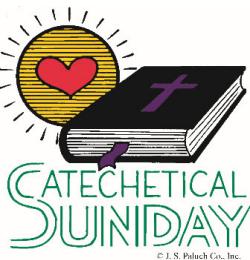
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SJR CYO 19th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, September 23rd at The Bucks Club Golf Course. The cost is \$150 per golfer which includes, greens fee & cart, scramble format (shotgun start at noon), lunch, dinner, beer on the course, skills events and great prizes! We are also looking for sponsors & volunteers for the event. If you have any questions, please call Ed Dixon at 267-918-6846.

IHM Sisters Oktoberfest and Craft Fair

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM Sisters) invite you to join them for their annual Oktoberfest and Craft Fair on Saturday, October 15th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the grounds of Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA. This fun-filled day with the sisters includes craft tables, delicious food, baked goods, children's games, white elephant flea market, and entertainment. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home for the IHM Sisters.



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Choir News

If anyone would like to join the choir (adult or children's choir) or train to be a cantor, contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at [mariyalennon@comcast.net](mailto:mariaalennon@comcast.net) or call 215-896-9484 for more information.

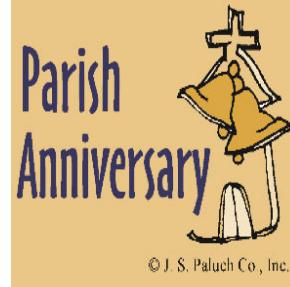
The **contemporary group** will be leading the assembly in song at the 11:30 mass on the following dates:

- September 25th
- November 13th
- December 18th



100th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES



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

Tickets will be on sale soon, online, and after masses (starting next weekend) for our upcoming 100th Anniversary Banquet. "Get your tickets soon as there will be limited seating."

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

Volunteer Opportunity

"Feed My Starving Children" at Delaware Valley University Multi-Purpose Room, 700 Butler Avenue, Doylestown, PA. Thursday, October 6th – Monday, October 10th. We will be packing food for countries in Africa.

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world.

Find available times and reserve your spot to volunteer. You can pack meals on your own or with a group. Please note that reservations are required. Here is website to sign up (would be a great family event):

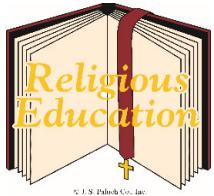
<https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer>

2022 Christmas Show Trip

Travel with us to Lancaster County for the 2022 Christmas Show "**Home For The Holidays**" at the American Music Theater on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Depart Saint John Bosco at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at Bird In Hand Restaurant; 3:00 p.m. show at AMT, return to SJB around 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$115.00 (non-refundable) per person, includes lunch, show & bus. Deluxe Motor Coach transportation via David Tours. Enjoy the spirit of the season with a wonderful holiday matinee. Call 267-803-0774 with any questions or to make reservations.



CCD School Of Religion



Please call **215-672-9990** or **215-672-3020** or email stjosephcced.warrington@yahoo.com to register for the **2022-2023** School Year.

St. Joseph Church Religious Education Program Schedule 2022-2023 School Year

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

Sunday, September 18 – Catechetical Sunday, all masses. Theme: “This is my body given for you.” Please give all of our volunteers a special “thank you” and keep them in your prayers.

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:

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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Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal



Psalm 17:8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

One of my favorite SJR traditions, which begun long ago, is called “The Apple of My Eye.” If a student is observed at any time doing something kind or helpful, any adult in the building can give them a red ticket. The student puts their name on the red ticket and turns it in at the office where it is placed in a large container that is shaped like an apple. On Fridays, as principal, I have the great honor of choosing five names from that container to become the “Apple of My Eye” winners for that week. They come down to the office where they receive a certificate and a dress down pass – you can see in the picture that some have already put that dress down pass to good use!

This week many tickets were given out. One of my favorite stories was from a teacher who gave a kindergartener a red ticket for taking it upon himself to be sure that a classmate, who was feeling sad on the first days of school, was invited to join him in play each day.



Our Apple of My Eye winners for this week are: Sean P., Connor S., Elora R., Grace H., and Cameron W. Congratulations and thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. You make SJR a great place to be!

Because school is as much about building relationships as it is about books and curriculum, I am so happy to share about our wonderful Home and School’s first event – The First Annual SJR Cornhole Tournament – which was held on Saturday night. What a wonderful opportunity for parents of SJR students and parishioners from both St. Joseph and St. Robert Churches to get together! Creating and enjoying a healthy community is an excellent example for children. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the competition was fun! The cornhole tournament champions are Ryan and Jim with our runners up Mike and Charles. The real winner is SJR!



A special thank you to our Home and School Association and to Mr. Mark Shimp who coordinated the event and made all of the cornhole boards! Mrs. Jennifer Durkin

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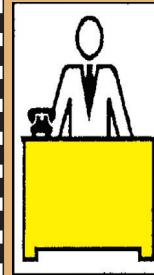
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