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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.)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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But the tax collector...
beat his breast and prayed,
“O God, be merciful
to me a sinner.”

Luke 18:13

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GOD'S VISION

In these waning weeks of the liturgical year, our readings present us with God's vision for the world, in which the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds and the humble are exalted in God's sight. It is not always easy to follow Jesus, to stand for justice, share love, and bring peace when there is so much division, poverty, loneliness, and pain in our homes, workplaces, cities, and world. We do not stand alone, however. We who are disciples and servants are assured that the Lord will hear our petitions, stand by us, and give us strength as we strive to bear witness to the good news of salvation.

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR

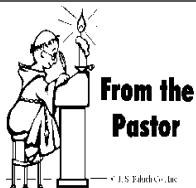
It is easy for those who do not face food insecurity or homelessness to turn a deaf ear to those who struggle for survival. We may regularly drive by the street corner and ignore the person who stands there each day asking for help. We might see the commercial on TV, hear the plea on the radio or in our churches, and yet not let the message in, ignoring not only the need, but the people whose needs are great. The prophet Sirach and the psalmist tell us that the Lord is not like us—God hears the cries of the oppressed, the orphan and widow, the vulnerable among us. As Christian disciples we are called to become more like our loving, compassionate God who hears the cry of the poor.

DO WE?

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells the story of two people. The Pharisee is puffed up with his own importance. His prayer is more a statement of self-justification in which he positions himself as being above the rest of humanity. So much so that he prays to himself, thanking God that he is so much better than everyone else! The tax collector on the other hand raises his eyes to God and acknowledges his sinfulness. He is the one Jesus says is justified, exalted in God's sight. What about us? Are we so puffed up with our own importance, so caught up in the stuff of our daily lives that we fail to recognize our failings or to see the needs of the people around us? This week, let us ask the Lord to pierce our hearts, help us to genuinely admit our failings, and truly live as followers of the one who gave his life so that all might live life to the fullest. God hears the cries of the weakest and relies on us to respond.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18
Psalm 34:2–3, 17–18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6–8
Luke 18:9–14

A Note From The Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to Fr. Pio Mandato for offering our 40 Hours devotion. He offered us some truly inspirational insight into Jesus in the Eucharist. Fr. Pio explained how at the heart of any act of authentic love there is presence, sacrifice and communion and how Jesus offers this to us. He gave us some very relatable stories of people and their struggle and need and desire to connect to God. He also shared some very interesting stories of St. Padre Pio and his devotion to this great saint. Thank you also to Fr. Pio for offering us the opportunity to venerate the holy relic, St. Padre Pio's glove, and teaching us how to pray for healing.

This week we welcome Archbishop Nelson Perez as he celebrates the closing Mass to our yearlong celebration of our 100th Anniversary as a parish. Thank you Archbishop for your leadership, guidance, and honoring us on this solemn occasion. Thank you as well to all the Anniversary team members who helped to organize, develop, set up, and clean up after our various celebrations, events. I want to thank all those who helped with our parish banquet, our parish directory, writing our parish history, compiling the many artifacts and preparing classroom 18 for the display of those artifacts, and all the various ministries who assisted with our liturgical celebrations including our sacristans, servers, altar decorators, lectors, ushers, and our musicians.

This Sunday we celebrate World Mission Sunday. I found the following information on the internet to help us understand more about it.

EVERY YEAR, SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENS on the next-to-last Sunday of October. **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**.

In 1926, Pope Piux XI instituted World Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide World Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that the Church is missionary in nature and that we are called at Baptism to share in this mission together. The Holy Father exclaims, "Would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth!"

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. (*Continued on page 4*)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Oct. 22, 2022</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Theresa and Peter Piroso & Family
Sunday	<u>Oct. 23, 2022</u>	Cecilia G. Chapman, 37 th Anniversary
	7:30 a.m.	Joseph and Theresa Campellone
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	11:30 a.m.	John Montgomery
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Maxim Soria
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Generale
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mike & Pat McCloskey, Wedding Anniversary
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Bob Weychert
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Lawrence J. Boyle
Saturday	<u>Oct. 29, 2022</u>	Jim Cunningham
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>Oct. 30, 2022</u>	John Tait
	7:30 a.m.	Jo Thomas
	9:30 a.m.	
	11:30 a.m.	

Please Pray For

Those who are ill: Robert Sautner, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hand, Agnes Fagan, Brinda Robin, Steve Becker, John Hesser, James Ritsick, John Merritt, Anna Quartucci, Annabelle Long, Ita McErlean, Stanley Travis, III, James Martin, 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

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Monday, October 24, 2022

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

*Men's Group – 6:10 -8:30 p.m. - *Newtown Theatre***Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

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

Thursday, October 27, 2022

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

Bulletin SubmittalsRequests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net.

All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings For The Week

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

A Note From The Pastor (*continued*)

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than **1,100 mission dioceses**.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bordonaro

Reflect on the Reading

MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "knows no favorites" (Sirach 35:15) and is "not unduly partial toward the weak" (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

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Health and Help Ministry

We are Health Care Professionals who meet to address needs and identify resources that promote health and wellness in our parish community. Our activities include, but are not limited to, blood pressure checks, blood drives, and promoting the prayer shawl ministry. We invite new members. For more information call Elaine 215-675-8756 or Dee 215-674-3894.

SAVE THE DATE Free Blood Pressure Checks will be given after all Masses on Sunday, October 30 in Room 18.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Help support St. Joseph/St. Robert School by ordering Thanksgiving Pies. Order forms can be found on the tables in the Hallway.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The mission of The Prayer Shawl Ministry is to provide shawls to members of the parish community who are in need of prayerful comfort and support. If you knit or crochet, please consider volunteering your talents. For more information please call Nancy 215-491-2551 or Mary 215-674-4612.



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Envelope Collections

2022	Oct. 9	\$6,156	Oct. 16	\$7,887
2021	Oct. 10	\$7,245	Oct. 17	\$6,129

Archbishop Wood High School

Presents



Friday, November 11, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.

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Pro Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Bottles are in the baskets on the tables in hallway and in the back of the Church. Please take a bottle, put your donation in it, and return on the weekend of November 5th & 6th. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church. Proceeds will be sent to the Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The annual **Bishop McDevitt Alumni Memorial Mass** will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Queen of Peace in Ardsley. There will be a post-mass gathering in the parish hall. All are welcome. For more information, please visit www.friendsofbishopmcdevitt.org.

CPR classes offered at St. Joseph Church

Friends & Family CPR

**November 16, 2022 7:00 p.m. Church Hall
Presented by the Health and Help Ministry**

The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.



Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life. All are welcome. Does not include certification card. Donations accepted. Proceeds are used towards replacement AED and first aid supplies. Any questions or to sign up call Jim's CPR and First Aid 267-221-0088.

Parish Playground Group

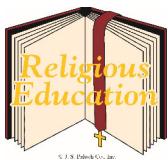
Families with children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade. Come meet & play at St. Robert Bellarmine Playground. Sundays at 3:00 p.m., October 23rd, and 30th, weather permitting. (No play date on October 9th) Contact Becky Moran (m.rebecca.tate@gmail.com) with questions.



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St. Joseph Church Religious Education
 2022-2023

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

Calendar of Events

October

Tuesday, October 25 - All grades in Session

November

Tuesday, November 1 - All grades in Session

Tuesday, November 8 - All grades in Session

Tuesday, November 15 - Family Home Schooling Drop Off (Assignments from September 20) and Pick Up New Assignments (CCD Office)

Tuesday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Break- No Classes

Tuesday, November 29 - All grades in Session

December

Tuesday, December 6 – All grades in Session. Advent Penance Service for all students (Family Home Schooling and In-Person)

Tuesday, December 13 – Family Advent Gathering (Family Home Schooling and In-Person) Last CCD class until January 3

Safe Environment Program

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

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Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the parishioners of St. Joseph Church a happy 100th anniversary. What a wonderful legacy of service to the local community and a testament to the faith of the people of the parish. It's amazing to think how quickly after its founding the parish opened our school. St. Joseph/St. Robert School, originally called St. Joseph School, was founded on the grounds of St. Joseph Parish in 1925 and staffed by the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A heartfelt "Thank you" to the parish for all it has done – and continues to do – to support Catholic education. It is a legacy for which I am very grateful.

SJR's first Admissions Open House for the 2023 - 2024 school year is Saturday, November 12th. We'd love to meet prospective families and students who would like to learn more about our community, curriculum, mission, vision, campus life, and admissions process. Please share this information for those you know who may be interested. Let them know that they can reserve a tour appointment today by calling 215-343-5100.

Each time I'm at either St. Joseph or St. Robert Church there are some kind and generous parishioners who ask if there's anything they can do to help our school. I thought I would share one amazing way you can do that this week.

The EITC – Education Income Tax Credit – is a program that can benefit you and our school. If you have a Pennsylvania tax burden of \$1,000 or more, you can sign up for the EITC program and, instead of paying your state taxes to Pennsylvania, direct that money to our school. Isn't that incredible? Even more incredibly, you then get a 90% tax credit the following year. If you believe in Catholic education and you want to control your tax dollars – this is the program for you. Please contact our Advancement Director, Mrs. Kathy Williamson, at 215-343-5100 for more information.

A big "Thank you" to our Apple of My Eye winners this week: Emma, Quinn, Carter, Sean, and Eloise!



Before closing this week, I'd like to share that all of the girls who competed at the Sciathalon at the Villa last week competed very well. Our sixth-grade team took second place in the competition! Congratulations, scientists! And thank you to Mrs. Lois Farabella and Mrs. Sandi Hilghman and all the parents who supported the teams and attended the event with them. God bless you and have a wonderful week! Mrs. Durkin

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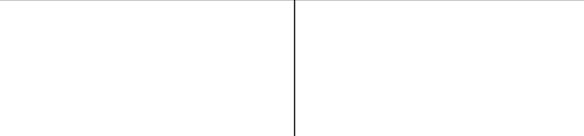
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