

May 7, 2023

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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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

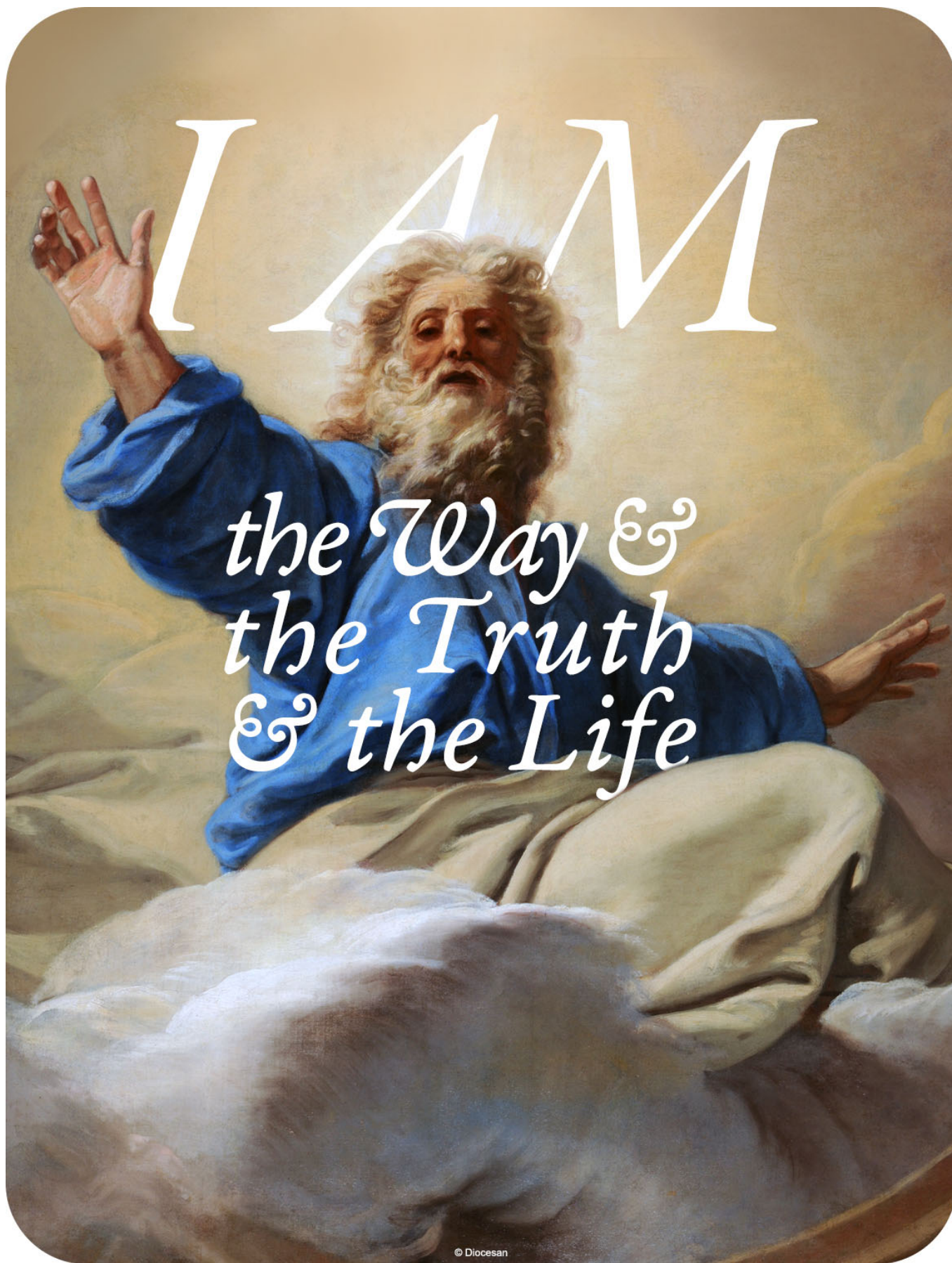
BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be 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.

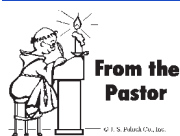
SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

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.)



A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

I want to offer warm congratulations to our young people who received Jesus in Holy Communion for the very first time over the weekend. We have invited our recent First Communicants to come to Sunday Mass this weekend dressed in their First Communion outfits. If you see one of them, please help to recognize, congratulate, and encourage them to stay close to Jesus.

May is also the month of Mary and a time when we reflect on Our Blessed Mother's willingness to make a home for Jesus within her. We too are called to make a home for Jesus in our hearts and Mary will help us do that. You are encouraged to honor Mary by reciting the rosary either privately or join the public recitation of the rosary after the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass or before the 5:00 Saturday Vigil Mass. We honor Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth in a special way tomorrow with our **May Procession** on Monday, May 8th. The procession begins at **7:20 pm** in the grassy area between the two back parking lots (weather permitting). We invite all members of the 2023 Confirmation class and First Communion class to take a place of honor in the procession. Please wear your First Communion attire or your Confirmation robes. We also ask parishioners to bring flowers from your gardens. The flowers are carried in procession along with a statue of Mary and then placed in front of the statue as a tribute to the Blessed Virgin. After the procession we will pray the Rosary. The night closes with Benediction. It is a beautiful devotion and I hope to see you there.

Next Sunday we celebrate and honor our mothers. If you have not had a chance to write the names of the mothers and other women in your life that you wanted honored or memorialized on the Mother's Day envelopes, please drop them off at the rectory or in the sacristy so that we may include them in our Mother's Day Masses. The intentions will be placed in a basket in front of the Blessed Mother statue and remain there for the rest of the month of May. I found the following prayer for mothers on a Jesuit website:

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,

We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

- Author Unknown

God Bless You!

Fr. Bordonaro

Masses For The Week

Saturday	May 6	5:00 p.m. Daniel Hartey
Sunday	May 7	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kowalski
		11:30 a.m. Iside Maieron, 2 nd Anniv.
Monday		8:00 a.m. John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00 a.m. Ita McErlean
Wednesday		8:00 a.m. David Dziedzic
Thursday		8:00 a.m. Michael J. Gallo, Sr.
Friday		8:00 a.m. Grace Mattera
Saturday		8:00 a.m. Edward Higgins
	May 13	5:00 p.m. Raymond Generale
Sunday	May 14	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m. John Montgomery
		11:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Melvin Soria, Jr.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



Sharlene Dziedzic, Andy Landmesser, Mary Costo, Dana Madden, Albina Potoczka, Peter Sippel, Peter Evans, Kristina Crawford, Louis Cerritelli, Rachel Higgins, Brinda Robin, Steve Becker, John Hesser, James Ritsick, John Merritt, Annabelle Long, Stanley Travis, III, James Martin, Theresa Romaniello, Gino Romaniello, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Kim Bell, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Jack Wilhelm.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, May 8

- *Adoration -8:30 a.m.
- *May Procession – 7:20 p.m.
- *Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m.
- *Men's Group – 7:45 p.m.



Wednesday, May 10

- *Bible Study Group – 7:00 p.m.
- Church Hall



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

Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tue: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thu: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or
 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

Reflect on the Reading***FOLLOWING JESUS' WAY OF LOVE***

Throughout the Easter season, we hear the story of the earliest Christian communities in readings from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear how the people grappled with what it meant to place their faith and trust in the Lord, understanding that doing so called them to live differently—to follow Jesus' way of love. This is more than a history lesson for us. As we hear how the people were drawn to Christ and learned to follow Jesus, we are invited to ask ourselves how fully we are taking the gospel to heart. Is Jesus our way, truth, and life? Do our daily actions announce the praises of the Lord? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Villa Joseph Marie High School Presents

The God Box, A Daughter's Story
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

This is the story of Mary Lou Quinlan's remarkable discovery of her mother's "God Boxes" filled with hundreds of private petitions on torn pages and Post-its written by the very hand that had slipped away. The show follows Quinlan on an emotional roller coaster, as she struggles to come to terms with the death of her mother, ricocheting from grief to laughter to the greatest human challenge: learning to let go. www.vjmhs.org/godbox

Pilgrimage to National Centre for Padre Pio

On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, the Sodality of Our Lady of Fatima from St. Adalbert Church, is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. The price of \$50.00 includes a tour, film, rosary, Mass, Divine Chaplet and a hot buffet lunch. The air conditioned bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. from St. Adalbert Church, 2645 E. Allegheny Avenue (Allegheny & Thompson Streets) in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, and returns home at 5:00 p.m. For reservations/information, call Theresa Romanowski at 215-813-2780 (cell) or during the day at 215-922-1700. Checks should be made payable to the Sodality of Our Lady of Fatima.

Weekly Collections

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Envelope Collections

2023	Apr. 23	\$5,536	Apr. 30	\$4,722
2022	Apr. 24	\$6,404	May 1	\$7,439

The Health and Help Ministry will provide free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses on **Sunday, May 21** in Room 18.

IHM Nun Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2023, for the 10th 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.

Celebration of Life Event

The St. Maria Goretti Respect Life Group invites **parents, teens, and all adults** to an informative session and luncheon. Guest speakers will be a local teen, **Sanaya Mathew**, who will deliver an inspiring Pro-life message with an emphasis on the morality of this issue and **Wendy Burpee**, Christian counselor and director of Genesis Pregnancy Center, Pottstown. She is the author of the book *Running Toward Abortion*. Wendy is a uniquely gifted professional speaker and will share her most effective techniques with the audience.

A **\$10 entrance fee** will be collected at the door.

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Location: IHM Room in the Parish Center, 1601 Derstine Rd., Hatfield, PA **11:00 a.m.:** Doors open for check-in. **11:30 a. m.:** A light lunch, drink, and dessert will be served. **Noon:** Presentations with Questions and Answers to follow. Our call as Catholics is to be instruments in the salvation of souls. Let's not pass up the opportunity to answer the call. Please look for flyers at the back of the church.

It is important for you to pre-register since space is limited. Registrants under the age of 18-years-old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or bring written permission to attend.

Please access website to register. <http://bitly.ws/CN7w>
 OR visit our Facebook page: **St. Maria Goretti Dignity of Life**

Treasures from Our Tradition

If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest’s gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God’s blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life’s burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Our Fascinating Faith *May and Mary*

There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. In the sixteenth century there were month-long Marian devotions, but they were not necessarily associated with May. In medieval times, various celebrations involving Mary occurred in May. But it wasn’t until late eighteenth-century Italy that the idea of dedicating May to Mary began to take root. This notion flourished in the nineteenth century and began to foster daily devotions, frequent rosaries, and May crownings around the world. And so May, the lovely month of nature’s motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

With Mary, the apostles and first disciples kept prayerful vigil for the Spirit’s coming, the culmination of Mary’s faith-filled lifetime. Mary’s faith was shown forth in her acceptance of the angel’s word at the Annunciation, her charity in the Visitation to Elizabeth, her trust in Joseph during the flight into Egypt, her steadfast vigil beneath her Son’s cross. Throughout these joyful and sorrowful mysteries of her life, Mary’s faith-filled heart embraced God’s will, making her an instrument for the accomplishment of God’s plan for our salvation, and a living model for us of trust and perseverance. For Mary’s undaunted faith and the selfless love it inspired, all generations shall call her blessed. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



St. Joseph Parish Marian Bible Study Group continues...

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall for *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, which beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady showing how she has been a part of God’s plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. Please register by calling the Rectory at **215-672-3020** if you will be joining us for the first time.

Wednesday, May 10 - 7:00 p.m. Church Hall
Lesson 5 – **The Ark Of The New Covenant**
Lesson 6 – **Born Of A Virgin**

Wednesday, May 17 - 7:00 p.m. Church Hall
Lesson 7 – **The Promised Mother**
Lesson 8 – **Mother Crowned In Glory**

Wednesday, May 24 - 7:00 p.m. Church Hall
Lesson 9 – **Full Of Grace**
Lesson 10 – **All Holy**

Wednesday, May 31 - 7:00 p.m. Church Hall
Lesson 11 – **The Assumption**
Lesson 12 – **Always A Mother**



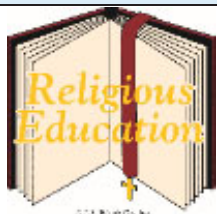
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EXTREMES

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity. —St. Philip Neri

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Monday, May 8 - May Procession – 7:20 p.m.
 All children are requested to attend and participate.



*Oh Mary, we crown thee
 with blossoms today*

Tuesday, May 9 – Teachers' meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the
 School Building



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Happy May! What a beautiful month to devote to our Blessed Mother. At SJR we are sure to give honor to Mary in our hearts and in our classrooms each day and we look forward, at this beautiful time of year, to begin preparation for our annual school May procession. We will pray to Mary for your intentions this month and on that special day.

Tomorrow, we will be hosting our final Pre-K and Kindergarten evening open house. If you know someone who has a little one just entering school next year, feel free to extend an invitation.

I know I shared about the 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C. last weekend, but I have a lovely picture from the Capital.



It was such a pleasure to be with our eighth graders as we showed our respects at Arlington National Cemetery and the war memorials. We are grateful to Jack, a staff

member to Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, for an awesome tour of the Capitol.

Our 5K is on Friday! Come join in the fun – remember that you don't have to run to join in. There is a nice course to walk through the neighborhood, too. I hope to see you there.

God bless you and have a wonderful week! Happy May!
 Mrs. Durkin

SJR R.A.C.E. Night

Run About Catholic Education

Come and join us for a fun evening on Friday, May 12th at St. Robert's Church. The SJR 5K Race, Kids' Run, and 2 Mile Walk is a family-friendly event that benefits the students and programs at St. Joseph/St. Robert School. Please see the

school website: www.stjstr.org/5k for details and to register.



Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome!

To register see Fr. Bordonaro after Mass. Please help us keep our records updated by notifying the office if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.

American Sign Language Masses

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will have a Sign Language Interpreter on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (when applicable) Sundays of the Month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Stanislaus Church in Lansdale has a "Deaf Community Mass" at 11:45 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Safe Environment Program

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

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

Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

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