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# 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.

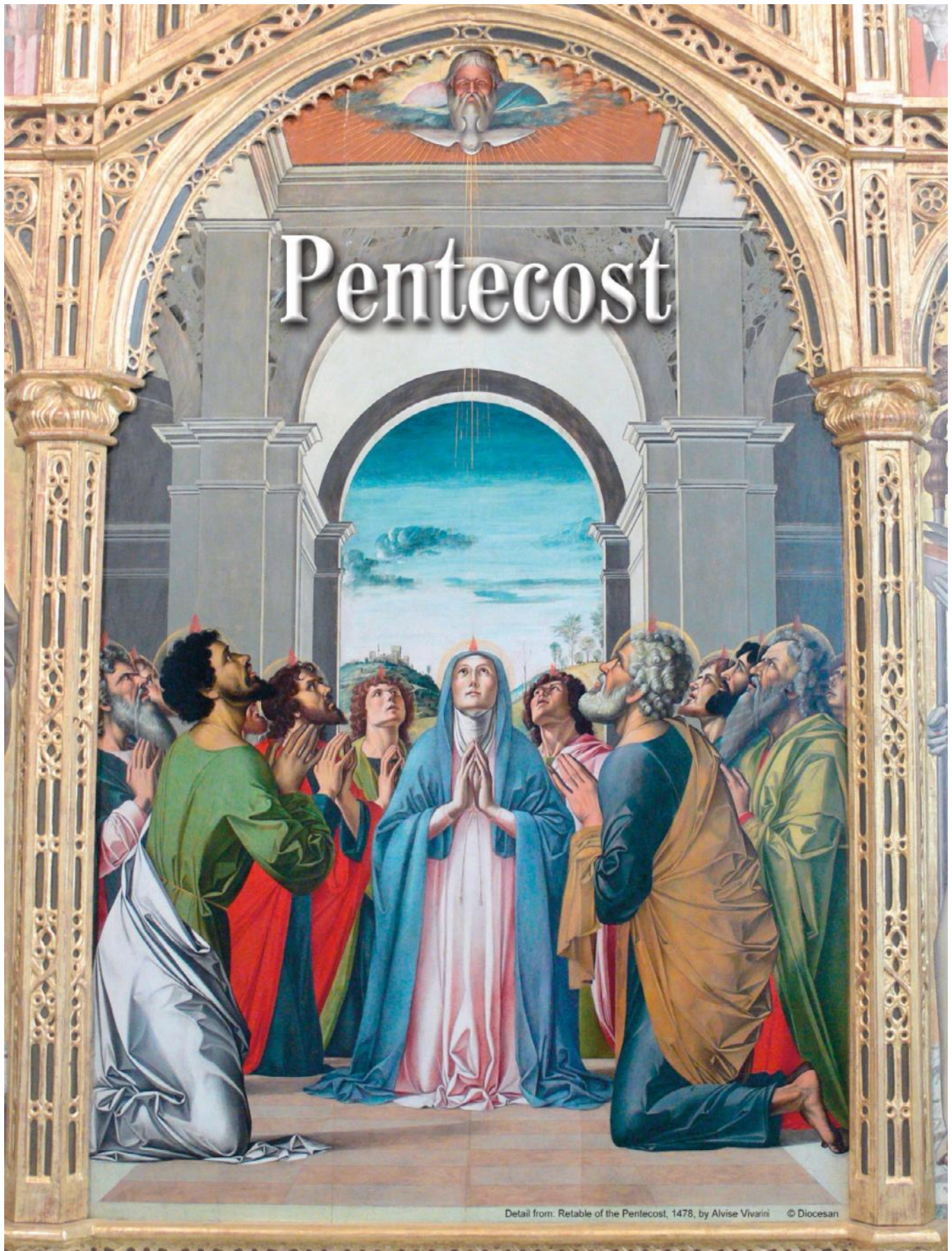
**SICK CALLS:** Phone the Rectory,  
215-672-3020.

**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.)



# Pentecost



Detail from: Retable of the Pentecost, 1478, by Alvise Vivarini © Diocesan



## A Note From The Pastor

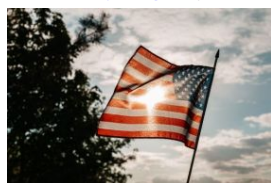


My Dear Parishioners,

Today is Pentecost, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples of Jesus, as He promised, to guide them and be with them until the end of time. The Holy Spirit is technically identified as a "Procession" from the Father and Son. This means that the Spirit was not created but rather proceeds from the love of Father and Son. It is a fine example of how divine love is dynamic and fruitful. It is so strong that it bursts forth with another person of the Holy Trinity. Today is also identified as the birthday of the church.

On Monday, the church will celebrate a rather recent Obligatory Memorial of Mary, the Mother of the Church. The title of Mother of the Church has been bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary because she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and became Mother of the redeemed before her Son gave up his spirit on the Cross. Pope Saint Paul VI solemnly confirmed the same title in an address given to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on November 21, 1964 and established that "by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honor to the Mother of God." The Catholic News Service reported on their website, "The new feast day, which will be celebrated annually the day after Pentecost, was announced in a March 3 (2018) decree by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The decree said the pope approved the celebration because he thought it might "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety." I believe that it is fitting and appropriate since we identify Pentecost as the birth of the church, that we honor Mary as the mother of the church on the day following its birth.

This Monday we also celebrate Memorial Day. Our honoring of Mary, the Mother of the Church in no way is meant to lessen the significance of honoring the memory of those who served our country. The website [www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org) says that it is a day of remembrance for those who died serving our country. Originally called Decoration Day, it was first established as a way to honor those who died in the Civil War. The date May 30, 1868 was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. After World War I, the holiday was designated as a day to honor Americans who died in any war. Later the date was changed to the last Monday in May.



I know that traditionally this is the "unofficial start" of the summer season, but let's not forget the reason for the holiday. Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13). He not only said it, He did it. We are grateful for the service and sacrifice of all those who died serving our great country. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine on them. May the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

May God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

## Masses For The Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 27</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Pugnetti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 28</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Anthony Colibraro
	11:30 a.m.	Isabella Braccia
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Chapman Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Pilla
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Linda Generale
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Ita McErlean
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Sansoni & DiTore Fams.
	<b>June 3</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	Mary & Elmer Grossman and Louise Snyder
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 4</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Esther Dempsey
	11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Francis Gomes

## Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



Sharlene Dzedzic, Andy Landmesser, Mary Costo, Dana Madden, Albina Potoczka, Peter Evans, Kristina Crawford, Louis Cerritelli, Rachel Higgins, 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, Michelle Bird, Rev. Frank J. Pileggi.

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, May 29

\*Memorial Day – Rectory and Office – **CLOSED**



### Wednesday, May 31

\*Bible Study Group – 7:00 p.m. – Church Hall  
\*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, June 1

\*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 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

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23; Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

### Thursday

Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 10:46-52

### Friday

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mk 11:11-26

### Saturday

Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

### Sunday

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Before there was water, there was fire. Once in a while, a volcano hints at the sizzling magma upon which the whole human enterprise floats. Over eons, the surface cooled off a bit, and rain sizzled down for thousands of centuries, filling the oceans and sculpting the earth. We Christians can catch God's glory in a shimmering pool of water, but we can also capture God's burning desire to fan the tiny flames of our baptismal candles into something that will make a difference.

In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the "tongues of flame" descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does. An interesting sidebar: if you have traced the Epiphany blessing on your doorway in chalk, Pentecost is the day to erase it. From now on, no need to rely on the "wise men"—you are alive in the Spirit!—*Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

## 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.

## Catholic Women's Conference 2023

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2023 theme is "Created for Love: Daughter • Sister • Friend • Bride • Mother." Throughout the day, we will learn how we as women can enter more deeply into these five primary ways of relating to God and others and so experience deeper fulfillment and bring greater joy to others. Speakers include: Sr. Mary Madeline Todd of the Nashville Dominicans, Sarah Swafford, Claudine Noel, Mallory Smyth and the Sisters of Life. Saturday, October 28, 2023, 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English and Spanish. *Early sellout is expected.* Register today at: [www.catholicwomensconference.org](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org)

## 2023 Catholic Women's Conference

*Created for Love*

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**Saturday, October 28**

**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Czestochowa Shrine  
Doylestown

### Keynotes:

Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, OP  
Sarah Swafford

**Full details & registration:**  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)

## IHM Nun Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2023, for the 10<sup>th</sup> 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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To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which permit **individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year.** Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by June 30, 2023.**

To qualify, you must be a senior citizen 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. **Important Note: Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline for this program.** For more information or an application call **PolAm Social Services**, Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (215) 923-1900.

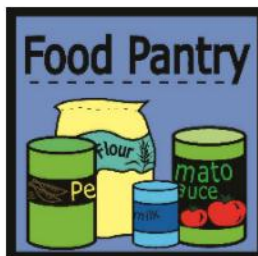
**St. Joseph Parish Marian Bible Study****Group continues...**

Join us on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall for our **last** session of *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 31 - 7:00 p.m. Church Hall

Lesson 11 – **The Assumption**

Lesson 12 – **Always A Mother**

**Monthly Food Drive**

Our monthly Food Drive will be held next weekend, **June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.** Items will be collected through June 6<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishables only. Items currently needed: Egg Noodles, Parmalat (Shelf Stable Milk), Jelly, Tuna or Hamburger Helper, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Saltines/Crackers, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Coffee/Tea, Chili/Manwich, Supermarket Gift Cards. Non Food items: Laundry Detergent (Bottle or Pods), Paper Towels, Shampoo/Conditioner, Personal Care Items. The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for the generous donation of **845 pounds** collected in the month of May.

**The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

On Friday, June 16 a Missa Solemnis (Solemn High Mass) will be offered at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 6301 Woodbine Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151.

All are invited to attend this special celebration in Honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Presuming Confession and Holy Communion, a plenary indulgence may be gained as the Act of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Litany of the Sacred Heart will be solemnly prayed before the exposed Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Married Couples**

"Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Summer 2023 in-person experience is July 7-9 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

**"Be Not Afraid"**

*Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said "Peace be with you."  
(John 20:19)*

**Saturday June 3, 2023 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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The Bereavement Ministry of MMR and St. Stanislaus will be hosting a mini-retreat for those who are experiencing grief from the death of a loved one. The theme of the mini-retreat is, **"Be Not Afraid"** The retreat will consist of scripture, a talk from Father Mark Tobin, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and small group sharing. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

To register online, scan QR code to the right.  
For more information, call Mary Coakley at  
215-646-4192 or email to: [mary\\_coakley@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_coakley@yahoo.com).

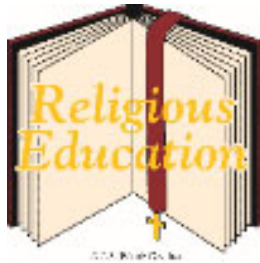


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### 2023/2024 CCD Registration Information

You **must** be registered in the Parish before signing your child up for CCD. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required to register if your child is new to the program.

To register in the Parish, see Father Bordonaro after any Mass or call the Rectory if you need to make other arrangements.



At SJR we're sprinting toward the finish line – both literally and metaphorically. The annual 5K Race and Fun Run was an awesome community event. Thank you so much to those of you who were able to come out and join us. We had over 300 walkers and runners. And it was wonderful to see our Palomino Farms neighbors out on their porches cheering in support! It was a hot evening but with no rain, so that was good. I don't have the final totals yet, but in addition to being a fun time for the community, the committee raised a substantial amount of money for the school.

Thank you for your support!



Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin





### 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](mailto: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

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Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

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Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to **St. Joseph Church**, not the individual charity. All donations received are then forwarded to the appropriate organization.

### St. Joseph On-Line Giving

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