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September 17, 2023



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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.

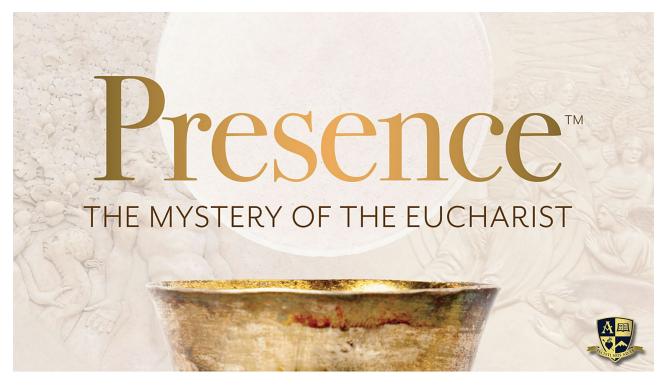
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

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.)



Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Join us for this 4-part Video Series

When: Tuesdays: September 19, 26, & October 3,

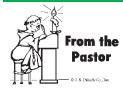
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Where: St. Joseph Lower Church Hall

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Call the rectory to register 215-672-3020

A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is <u>Catechetical</u> <u>Sunday</u>. 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.

St. Joseph parish is looking for a Director or Coordinator of Religious Education for the parish. Mrs. Cain has done an excellent job for all of my time at St. Joseph and we are grateful for her hard work. She is looking to step back from some of her responsibilities at the parish and is willing to stay on as a volunteer to assist in the future. If you are interested in the position or know someone who may be, please contact me. Here is a link to the job description. https://phillyocf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/D-CRE-Part-Time-Job-Description.pdf

The 2023 theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." The following reflection is from the US Bishops website: Author: Evang./Prof. Michael Howard, MACS

Loyola Marymount University

The catechetical theme of 2023 comes from Matthew's gospel, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28 NABRE). Three spiritual components emerge to strengthen our catechetical efforts in parish ministry. These three phases in Matthew's text - invitation, freedom from burdens, and rest - also connect with two popular African American spirituals while inspiring the second year of the Eucharistic Revival theme, Parish Revival.

Beginning with the invitation phrase "Come to me," Matthew's gospel portrays a sensitive Messiah caring for our wellbeing by extending an invitation to the community. Jesus avoids distinguishing any group or showing favoritism. Jesus' directive is for everyone to come. His' words reflect the sentiments of the Prophet Isaiah when prophesying, "Come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money" (Is. 55:1-3 NABRE). Both passages show that the invitation is all-inclusive; your social or financial status is of no concern. This invitation is to everyone.

In our following freedom phrase, Jesus singles out those toiling under a load, "all you who labor and are burdened," come to me. These people need the euangelion, the good news. And the good news is that Jesus makes it possible for us to "Cast [our] burden[s] upon the Lord, and He will sustain [us]..." (Ps. 55:22 NABRE). (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Sept. 16	
5:00 p.m.	Linda Generale
Sept. 17	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:30 a.m.	Ita McErlean
11:30 a.m.	Kyle Doh
8:00 a.m.	Rodger Jones
8:00 a.m.	Helen and Child
8:00 a.m.	Anthony Amen, STM'58
8:00 a.m.	Harry Walls, 2 nd Anniv.
8:00 a.m.	Bob Weychert, 13 th Anniv.
8:00 a.m.	Al Greer
Sept. 23	
5:00 p.m.	Robert J. Smith, Sr.
Sept. 24	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:30 a.m.	Arlene Cupp
11:30 a.m.	Margaret Sally
	5:00 p.m. Sept. 17 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



Paul Hottinger, Don Higgins, Luke Gallo, Sr., Joanne Slouskey, Enoch Kroutch, John Zerbe, Irene Lennon, Patricia True, Sharlene Dziedzic, Andy Landmesser, Mary Costo, Dana Madden, 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, Joyce Kelly, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, Ronan Power, Jack Wilhelm, Michelle Bird, Wendy Jacobs.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, September 18

*Adoration 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. - Church

*Rosary -7:30 p.m. - Church

Tuesday, September 19

*Video Presentation – *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* – part 1 - 6:30 p.m. – Church Hall

Wednesday, September 20

*RCIA Night of Inquiry 7:00 p.m. – Room 18

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

Thursday, September 21

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

* Parish Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Room 18

Bulletin Submittals

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

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;

Mt 20:1-16a

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

Jesus is inviting all of us to take the burdens off our shoulders and lay them on him. We can all sing along with the African American spiritual, Down by the Riverside, "I am gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside." When we come to Jesus, laying down our burdens and casting them upon Him, there is a spiritual awakening at the riverside where we find rest from our burdens, we are free from our worries.

The final phase allows us to rest because Jesus freed us from carrying heavy burdens. Examples of these burdens are Church hurt or perhaps the sinful acts of unending strings of gun violence, racism, redlining, sexism, and poor health care programs, to name a few. We experience God's love by resting with Jesus, who promised, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20 NABRE). This is the ultimate rest, to know Jesus will always be with you. The Spirit teaches in the Book of Revelation, "Let them find rest from their labors..." (Rev 14:13 NABRE). With Jesus, we can rest from carrying our burdens.

Reflection Question?

- 1. What obstacles can you remove in your life to come closer to Jesus?
- 2. Who helped you recently to turn to Jesus to find relief from your burdens?
- 3. How can you be a better inviter when inviting others to your parish?

As a reminder, we are **all catechists**, in that we should 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** on this **Wednesday**, **September 20**th **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.

God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

Alumni Reunion

Nativity of Our Lord School is hosting a reunion for classes 1959 through 2016 on Saturday, October 14 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the Nativity Gym. Buffet, beer, wine, soda and live music by an alumni band. Cost is just \$45! Come connect with old friends. Send checks to Nativity of Our Lord School, marked as alumni event, or VENMO @nativityschool (Nativity of Our Lord School).

St. Joseph/St. Robert CYO

THE SJR CYO 20TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING is scheduled for Friday, September 22, 2023 at The Bucks Club Golf Course. The cost to play golf is \$175 per golfer which includes, greens fee & cart, scramble format (shotgun starts at noon), lunch, dinner, beer on the course, skills events and great prizes! New this year, join us for dinner at 5 p.m., \$75 per person, open bar and DJ. We are also looking for sponsors & volunteers for the event. If you have any questions, please call Ed Dixon @ 267-918-6846.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



	2023	2022
	September 3	September 4
Envelopes	\$ 5,907	\$ 7,943
Online Giving	\$ 2,776	\$ 2,948
Total	\$ 8,683	\$10,891



Health and Help Ministry

CPR classes offered at St. Joseph Church October 18, 2023- 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall



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 will be used towards a replacement AED and first aid supplies. Call Jim at 267-221-0088 with any questions or to register.

Health and Help Ministry

Can you knit or crochet? Do you have a little "free" time? Please consider volunteering your talents to **The Prayer Shawl Ministry**. **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** provides shawls for members of the Parish Community who are in need of prayerful comfort and support. For more information call Nancy 215-491-2551 or Mary 215-674-4612.

Camilla Hall Oktoberfest and Craft Fair



The annual Camilla Hall Oktoberfest and Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday**, **October 7** from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of Camilla Hall. Join us for a fun-filled day including craft vendors,

merchandise tables, food concessions, children's games, theme basket raffle, money chances, white elephant flea market, and more! Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and healthcare center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). Camilla Hall is located near the campus of Immaculata University: 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. www.camillaoktoberfest.org

Electronics Recycling Day

Saint John the Evangelist Church Parking Lot, 752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA - Saturday, September 23, 2023 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Protect the Environment. All proceeds benefit the non-profit home.par-recycleworks.org. People Advancing Reintegration (PAR)

Precious Lives Memorial Mass

The St. Stanislaus Respect Life Committee invites all those who lost a child Before, During, or After birth to celebrate a Precious Lives Memorial Mass on **Saturday, October 14** at 11:00 a.m. All those children who rest in the loving arms of God will be included in the program. Light refreshments will be served immediately after Mass in the Parish Center. Please RSVP by September 30 to Bonnie Henry @ Henrybonnie67@gmail.com or 267-449-1584.

Free Estate Planning Seminar

The Sisters of Saint Basil the Great are sponsoring a **free Estate Planning Seminar** on **Wednesday**, **September 27** from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA. There will be a reception with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from 6:00 - 7:00, the Seminar from 7:00 - 8:30, and dessert with coffee from 8:30 - 9:00. The presentation will cover wills, powers of attorney, trusts, guardianships, charitable giving, ways to save money on taxes and other interesting topics. The program will be presented by an expert attorney and a financial planner. All are welcome to this complimentary seminar. Please reserve your place in advance by calling Maria at 215-379-3998, extension 17.

MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS TRIP

Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production. Travel with us to Lancaster Tuesday, November 14 to see MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS. Depart St. John Bosco at 12:45 p.m., 3 p.m. show at Sight and Sound Theatre, return to SJB around 7:45 p.m. Travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah. Cost is \$115.00 (non-refundable) per person, includes show & bus. Light snacks will be provided in a Gift Bag for the return trip. Deluxe Motor Coach transportation via David Tours. Ouestions? Call 267-803-0774.

Roman Catholic High School

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and families our **2023 Open House** is **Sunday, October 8th**! Come out and explore what our campus and curriculum has to offer to the next generation of Cahillites! Registration can be completed on our website under <u>Admissions > Important Dates</u>. We hope to see you there!



CCD School Of Religion stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com 215-672-9990 215-672-3020

St. Joseph Church Religious Education In Person Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

CCD SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 17</u> – Catechetical Sunday "Come to Me All You Who Are Labored and Burdened"

<u>Tuesday, September 19</u> – Parents' meeting for all grades, 6:30 p.m. in Church Hall (at least one parent must be present)

Tuesday, September 26 – Opening Night of Classes

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 3</u> – All grades in session. Parent's Meeting for First Penance and First Eucharist students, 6:30 p.m – Church Hall

Tuesday, October 10 All grades in session

<u>Sunday, October 15</u> 11:30 a.m. Mass - Blessing of candidates for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. *All students receiving either of these sacraments must attend!*

Sunday, October 15 7:00 p.m. Forty Hours Devotion*

Monday, October 16 7:00 p.m. Forty Hours Devotion*

<u>Tuesday, October 17</u> No regularly scheduled classes. 7:00 p.m. Forty Hours Devotion Closing Service*

*All children required to attend at least one of the three services.

Tuesday, October 24 All grades in session

Tuesday, October 31 No classes HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



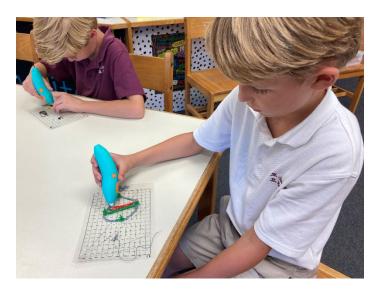


Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 <u>www.stjstr.org</u>

The Fab Lab Center is a hub for STEAM programs in Bucks County. It offers children, educators, school administrators, businesses, and organizations a place to come together to engage in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) fun and innovation. It offers after school, weekend, and summer STEAM programs and activities for children and youth of all ages. We are so excited that they added a mobile unit and that the Mobile Fab Lab was able to come out to SJR this week! The students in grades one through eight were able to participate in lessons which included digital fabrication (digital design that culminated with a product from a fabrication machine) and computer science (computational thinking and robotics). It was fantastic and such a wonderful way to complement SJR's focus on science this year! We have purchased a new science program and are engaging in professional development so that we continue to challenge our students with a rigorous science experience. When we study science, we grow in awe of all that God has created!

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

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 sic18976@verizon.net.

Safe Environment Program

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

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https://epatch.pa.gov/home

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https://uenroll.identogo.com

*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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- Enter your name and your email address

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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.

Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people with disabilities. A "Sensory Friendly Mass" is one way that a parish can assist in destigmatizing the experience of attending Mass for individuals and families with members with Autism and other disabilities. Across the Archdiocese there are a number of Sensory Friendly Masses that are taking place. To find a Sensory Friendly Mass near you, visit https://opdarchphilly.org/sfm/.

Reminder

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

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
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