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MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses 5:30 p.m. (eve of Holy Day) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS:

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6, Daily & Sunday, 8:00 a.m. EWTN

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 p.m. 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.

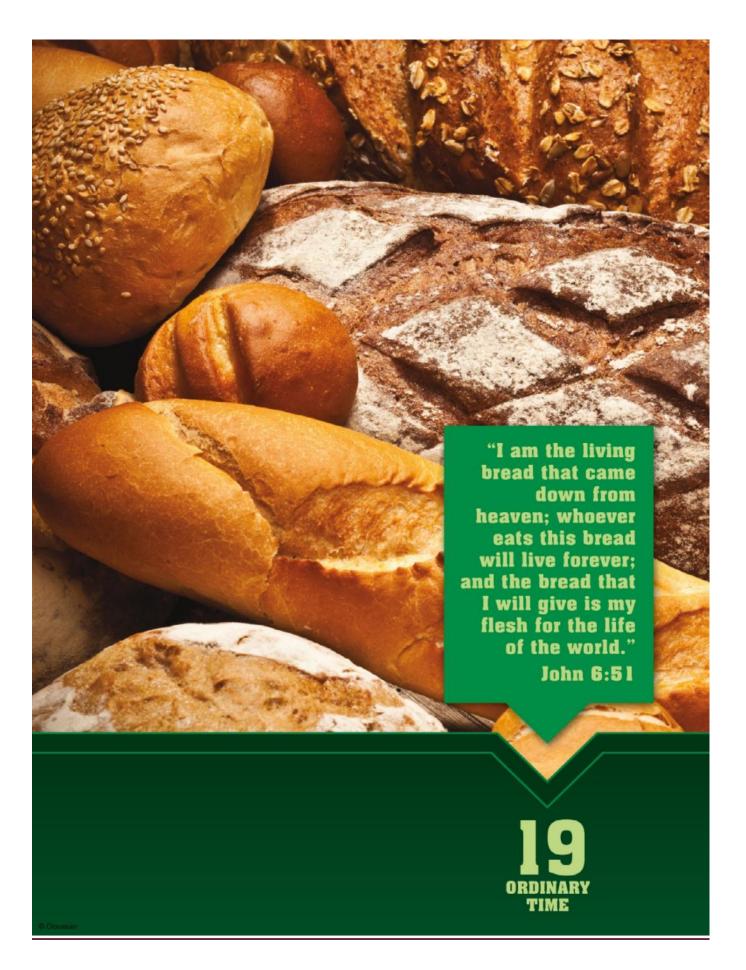
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 p.m., or on Friday afternoons.

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. **PREP** (Parish Religious Education Program), Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Respect Life Committee, Rite of Rosary, Christian Initiation of Adults. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)



A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

I pray that everyone's summer is going well and that you have had an opportunity to get away. Vacation is always a nice opportunity to grow closer to family and friends. Vacation

is also a nice opportunity to grow closer to Jesus, as we visit churches near our vacation spots for Mass. Hopefully, we also make time just to stop in those same churches to spend some time in prayerful conversation with Jesus in the Tabernacle. If we don't know what to say, it is still a powerful thing to do: to visit Jesus in the Tabernacle and just be with Him, so that He can draw us ever closer to Himself.

Oh, how good and loving is Jesus! He gives us His very self in the Most Holy Eucharist so that we can share in His Life both in this life and the life to come. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

Moreover, Jesus gives us the example of the Saints. The Saints had, and have, a great love for the Most Holy Eucharist. They have that great love because they understand that the Sacred Host really does contain Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The Little Flower was among those Saints from whom we can learn to grow ever more in love with the Most Holy Eucharist.

I am including a very nice article this week which teaches us that by following the "Little Way" of Saint Therese, we can grow so much more in love with Jesus and His great gift of Himself in the Most Holy Eucharist.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

St. Therese of Lisieux: Loving the Eucharist in The Little Way

Gary Sullivan | 07/01/2023

Catholic365.com

As a child, simple and pure, Jesus humbled himself to be born in a manger. At every Mass, again, he humbles himself to become a small wafer of bread for us in the Eucharist. Humility and Love are the driving pulse at the heart of the Eucharist's simplicity. For Therese, they were the driving pulse of her Little Way. Naturally, it was in receiving the Eucharist that her world made perfect sense.

Therese understood that she was a bride of Christ communally by virtue of her union with the Church but especially personally through her vows taken at Carmel. She often spoke of Christ as 'My Beloved'. This mystical and marital union that we enter into in the Eucharist was vividly apparent to her. Looking back on her first Communion she wrote, "Ah! How sweet was that first kiss of Jesus! It was a kiss of love; I felt that I was loved, and I said 'I love You and I give myself to You forever! There were no demands made, no struggles, no sacrifices; for a long time Jesus and poor little Therese looked at and understood each other. That day, it was no longer simply a look. It was a fusion; they were no longer two, Therese had vanished as a drop of water is lost in the immensity of the ocean." (Continued on page 4...)

Masses For The Week

WIASSES I'UI THE WEEK				
Saturday	Aug. 10			
	5:00 p.m.	Raymond Generale		
Sunday	Aug. 11			
	7:30 a.m.	Anita Higgins		
	9:30 a.m.	William T. McGowan		
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & Family		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Anita Higgins		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Anne Hobb		
	5:30 p.m.	People of the Parish		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Generale		
	10:00 a.m.	Amparo L. Gatmaitan,		
		30 th Anniversary		
	7:00 p.m.	Thomas H. Williams		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Jo-Ann Stigliano		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Ambolino,		
		1 st Anniversary		
	Aug. 17			
	5:00 p.m.	Louise & George Snyder		
Sunday	Aug. 18			
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	9:30 a.m.	Rev. James A. Grant		
	11:30 a.m.	Cheryl Ann Shea		

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Donna Cunningham, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Enoch Kroutch, Irene Lennon, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, Art McLaughlin, John Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Michael Pham, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Julia Reese, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm,, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, August 12

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

*Men's Group – 7:30 p.m. – Room 18

Tuesday, August 13

*Rosary/Communion Service-Christ Home -2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 14

*Rosary/Communion Service-Luther Woods-1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15

* Holy Day of Obligation - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Bulletin Submittals

Email requests to <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>. Subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings For The Week

Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27

Tu: Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed: Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thurs: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27;

Lk 1:39-56

Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sun: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

A Note From The Pastor (continued)

Her love of the Eucharist was noted in her <u>Bull of Canonization</u> which spoke of her first Communion. It states..."As soon as she had tasted of the Eucharistic Bread, she felt an insatiable hunger for that Heavenly Food, and, as if inspired, she begged of Jesus, her sole delight, to 'change for her into bitterness all human consolation.' Then, all aflame with love for Christ and for His Church, she had a most keen desire to enter among the Discalced Carmelites, so that by her self-denial and continual sacrifices 'she might bring help to priests and missionaries and the entire Church,' and might gain innumerable souls for Jesus Christ...It would seem that this first Communion was the starting-point of her apostolic life and her devotion to the sanctification of priests."

The Little Flower had a fitting role in the local church's exposition and procession of the Eucharist. "I loved above all the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God! Before allowing them to fall to the ground, I threw them as high as I could and I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred monstrance". She spoke also of her quiet adoration before the Blessed Sacrament as a child. Out of loneliness at the Abbey, she learned to find consolation before the Lord. "No one paid any attention to me and I would go up to the choir of the chapel and remain before the Blessed Sacrament until the moment when Papa came to get me. This was my only consolation, for was not Jesus my only friend?"

There was a Marian dimension too in her Eucharistic devotion. Sr. Marie of the Trinity, the favorite novice under St. Therese, once asked her how she prepared for reception of Communion, she explained. "One day I asked her how she prepares for Holy Communion. She said, "I imagine my soul as a child with dirty clothes, and hair in disarray from playing. These misfortunes happen from doing battle with souls. But Our Lady immediately takes charge of me. She takes off my dirty smock, tidies my hair, and puts a pretty ribbon in it. That's enough to make me sufficiently pretty again to take part in the Angel's feast without embarrassment."

Therese saw in Mary a perfect model of receptivity to the Eucharistic child, Jesus. "In her union with the Eucharistic Jesus, Therese particularly desired to be adorned with Mary's virtues. In fact, she realized that to be most pleasing to Jesus one must become like the Blessed Mother in such a way that, as she wrote to Mary, 'when the white Host comes into my heart, Jesus, your sweet Lamb, thinks He is resting in you! She calls this sacramental union a 'fusion' where 'all the joy of Heaven...entered my heart.' It was a time of loving exchange between her soul and God. It was a time to 'be his living temple' like the virgin of Nazareth at the Annunciation."

As a devotee of Mary, she understood the concept of coredemption. She knew that all of her little sacrifices could benefit other souls and advance the salvation of others. Therese offered herself to God as a living sacrifice consecrated to him. "Contemplating the Suffering Servant of Yahweh, stricken for the sins of his people, Therese realized that if she united her sufferings to the perfect self-offering of Christ, he would bring many souls to his Father through her." This is what Francis Mary Kalvelage had in mind when he wrote, "Catholics who follow her 'little way' of heroic sacrifice by being faithful in the ordinary things in life-in a spirit of reparation to the rejected love of God are thus fulfilling Our Lady's plea of participating in the salvation of souls". As The Little Flower understood, it is only in the context of the Mass that we add to the sufferings of Christ our own small, spiritual sacrifices.

The source of strength, the food that built her up and enabled her to offer her sacrifices was Jesus the Incarnate Word fed to her in both Scripture and the Eucharist.



	2024	2023
	July 28	July 30
Envelopes	\$ 6,204.00	\$ 6,678.00
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Total	\$ 8,067.04	\$ 9,290.28



Anniversary of Saint Pio's Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday, August 10 10:30 a.m. In celebration of the anniversary of Saint Pio's ordination to the priesthood, please join us at the National Centre for Padre Pio for the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the "Extraordinary Form" commonly referred to as the Traditional Latin Mass. The priest faces the altar with the people, offering a sacrifice to God. Except for the homily, the Mass is sung, chanted, or spoken entirely in Latin. Location: 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Relic Exposition

Saturday, August 17 to Friday, August 23 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. At the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA, we have the privilege of venerating over 150 relics of saints and martyrs during special expositions. These expositions offer us an experience of the living God through an encounter with the relics of His saints and serve as a pathway to spiritual renewal. This is a free exposition and no registration is necessary. Location: 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Treasures From Our Tradition

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while immigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States. -Rev. James Field

Visit with Our Lady of Guadalupe

"The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe" is brought to your home by a parishioner on Sunday. Our Lady wants to come and visit with you in a personal way for a whole week. Welcome her with love and gratitude. Gather each day to pray, speak to her about your concerns. Empty your heart out to her then in silence let her fill it with her maternal love, guidance and graces she obtains for you. Let her renew you in the spirit of her Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior. Then on the following Sunday the picture of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be picked up and continue on to her next family visit. To schedule a visit call Kathie Zajkowski @ 484-925-8080.

Volunteer Opportunities

Christ's Home, 800 York Road, Warminster, is looking for people who want to get involved in helping children in the foster care system. This could include volunteer opportunities, donation drives, or simply spreading the word about the work they do. For more information contact Children's Services 215 956 1882

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your prayers and support which allowed me to take the opportunity to join ten of my classmates for a service trip to Norristown in June. We had an impactful experience serving the people of Norristown. We stayed at the St. Francis of Assisi's and St. Helena's convents. We worked to restore St. Titus church by power washing and painting the outside entrance to be more welcoming while also painting the inside of the sacristy. We also helped the Patrician Society hand out food. One day our group divided into two groups. My group went to the Missionary Sisters of Charity to help make food to distribute, clean their living space, move furniture, and clean the Mother Teresa statue. The other group went to ALCAMO, which is a Baptist church that helps Hispanic adults, children, and seniors get food and an education; where they moved furniture and cleaned the rooms. We finished our trip helping at St. Francis of Assisi's school where we wiped down chairs and desks, removed carpeting, and moved furniture. To me, this trip was impactful because it showed that we didn't have to go far to make a difference. We didn't go far and still had a major impact on the people who needed help. And since Norristown is local, we can go back there for day trips and continue to help out. My group plans to continue this work into the school year to make a bigger difference than before.

Thank you again for your support!

William Buckleman LaSalle College High School '25



CYO Football and Cheerleading

Registration is ongoing. For detailed information about both, football and cheerleading, please visit saintscyo.com

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215-672-3020
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Registration fees for the 2024 – 2025 school year remain the same as last year and are as follows: \$130.00 - one child; \$234.00 - two children (reflects a 10% discount); and \$351.00 for three or more children (reflects a 10% discount). Please make checks payable to "Saint Joseph Church." If you need assistance with the fees, please call Mr. Ness (215-672-3020) to come up with a plan that would be suitable to you. (REMEMBER WE DO ACCEPT SCRIP.)

Our classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 P.M. until 7:15 P.M. in the Valley Road School building on the second floor.

Use this QR Code or link below to electronically submit registration form.



https://forms.gle/Fta2aTcSik92XBRW9

Back to School Prayer

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here. We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love. A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

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

I am thrilled to share that St. Joseph/St. Robert School has been named a 2024 "School of Distinguished Instruction" by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, based on the results of our standardized testing this past spring. These tests were taken by students in grades 2 - 7. This honor is due to the hard work of the school children, their families, and our dedicated faculty and staff. I am so happy that everyone's hard work and commitment is being recognized in this way!

Some schools are being recognized for either growth or potential. SJR met the criteria for both:

- **Growth**—Our students demonstrated a full year's growth in Total Mastery of Skills across all grades, as indicated by the Normal Curve Equivalent scores from this year's testing compared to the previous year.
- Exceeding Potential—By comparing data from ability testing and achievement testing, it was noted that the majority of our classes met or exceeded their potential in all content areas. Additionally, SJR achieved a 76-90% growth rate across all content areas and grade levels.

What exciting news to receive as we prepare for another wonderful school year! If you or someone you know would like information about joining our school community, please contact me at jdurkin@stjstr.org. God bless you! And thank you for all you do for SJR!

Mrs. Durkin



St. Joseph/St. Robert School does not discriminate in admissions or hiring based on race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age or sex."

Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome!

To register see Fr. Pawelko after Mass or call the Parish Office. Help us keep our records updated by notifying us 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.

Safe Environment Program

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

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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.

Stay Informed at St. Joseph Parish

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We have adopted a new way of communicating with Evangelus the is new communication system for our

If you have not received a message, visit eva.us/carpenter to sign-up. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app as well.

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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