

September 8, 2024

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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 Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)



**"We'll always honor
the heroes of 9/11.
And here at this hallowed place,
we pledge that
*we will never forget
their sacrifice.*"**

President George W. Bush 2008

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A Note From The Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

I hope that everyone had a very nice Labor Day Weekend and that all of our children, and their parents, are off to a good start to the school year.

If you are looking for some fall reading, may I suggest *New Scientific Evidence for the Existence of God* (José Carlos González-Hurtado, EWTN Publishing, 2023)

As the Saints of old taught and Sacred Scripture confirms, we can learn a lot about God through our study of the created world: *The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands. Day unto day pours forth speech, night unto night whispers knowledge. There is no speech, no words; the voice is not heard; a report goes forth through all earth, their messages, to the ends of the world* (Psalm 19).

Yet, sadly, for almost 200 years, atheist philosophers have hijacked the empirical sciences and have attempted to use those empirical sciences to spread their atheistic views.

This dictatorship of atheism has led to many otherwise good Christians to lose their Faith in our public schools and in our colleges and universities.

New Scientific Evidence for the Existence of God demonstrates the ancient truths that the empirical sciences actually support the existence of God. As the back cover of the book states:

"A valuable contribution to the reflection on the relationship between science and religion, presenting very sound arguments with abundant documentation and a casual style that makes for an enriching and gratifying read."—Fernando Sols, professor of condensed matter physics, Complutense University of Madrid

Here is the book you need to challenge atheists and agnostics to defend their ideologies logically and rationally and to fortify your own beliefs. In this distinctive book, which draws from all fields of science, José Carlos González-Hurtado presents a preponderance of empirical evidence for theism in a way that you can easily understand and explains how atheism twists reality to justify its view by "selective skepticism."

This thoroughly documented incisive work will strengthen your view of the existence of God, regardless of your beliefs about evolution or lack of religious affiliation. González-Hurtado explains how the majority of mathematicians and scientists who are remembered for remarkable discoveries in mathematics, physics, quantum mechanics, chemistry, cosmology, biology, and more were theists — and he provides many of their accounts. In these enlightening pages, you will find:

- *How the Second Law of Thermodynamics, cited by Albert Einstein as the most important, points to God*
- *Answers about the Big Bang Theory, evolution, and other much-debated questions*
- *How NASA explorers confirmed the standard cosmological argument*

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Sept. 7</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Adelfo Jala
Sunday	<u>Sept. 8</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of the Marian & Gomes Families
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Evelyn Casas
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph McColgan
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	William E. Santarlaschi
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Julie Anderson
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. George & Chris McGonegy
	<u>Sept. 7</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>Sept. 8</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Raymond Generale
	9:30 a.m.	Louis DiTore
	11:30 a.m.	Cecilia Soria

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, Clare Smith, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, September 9

- *Adoration – 8:30 a.m.
- *Communion Service at Pathways – 2:00 p.m.
- *Men's Group – 7:30 p.m. – Room 18
- *Rosary & Benediction – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

- *Rosary/Communion Serv. – Luther Woods – 1:30 p.m.
- *Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.
- *Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 12

- *Evening Prayer Group – Church Hall (time TBD)

Bulletin Submittals

Email requests to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings For The Week

Mon: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tues: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thu: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Sat: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sun: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

A Note From The Pastor *(continued)*

- *Ways in which mathematical theorems, statistics, and probabilities indicate God's existence*
- *Twenty constants that allow us to exist, and seven aspects of St. Anselm's ontological argument for God*
- *How St. Augustine's words were verified by science*

In addition, González-Hurtado illustrates why string theory and multiverses are best left for Hollywood movies, how verified results in cosmic microwave background and other observations verify the creation of the universe, and how multiple attempts to support the "theory of the bouncing universe" are disproved.

Although the science behind a Necessary Being is irrefutable, a small but vocal number of scientists refuse to accept the evidence. Some oppressive regimes have gone so far as to persecute or kill those who espouse cosmology, but Hurtado exposes these crimes and debunks their illogical thinking. You will learn the difference between creationism and Intelligent Design and what it really means to live by Darwinian laws. As even Stephen Hawking admitted, "The universe has not always existed; on the contrary, the universe, and time itself, had a beginning with the Big Bang."

I hope that you enjoy this book. I also hope that you share it with your friends and loved ones who may have had a crisis of Faith because of their experience in our schools and universities, so that they too may grow in their love of God: the fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Their deeds are loathsome and corrupt; not one does what is good. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if even one is wise, if even one seeks God (Psalm 14).

St. Joseph, Our Patron and Patron of the Church, pray for us!
Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

Ninth Annual Padre Pio Festival

St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA
(Southampton, PA)

Saturday and Sunday, September 14 & 15

All Weekend:

Display and Veneration of Holy Relics of Padre Pio,
Music, Games, Amusements for Children, Craft Vendors,
Food Trucks
Picnic Areas Available

Saturday Sept. 14

- All-American Family Picnic (tickets can be purchased on-site)
- Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. (includes blessing with holy relics)
- FREE Evening Concert: "The Jersey Tenors"

Sunday Sept. 15

- Festival Mass at 12:30 p.m. (Celebrant/Homilist Fr. Pio Mandato)
- Street Procession accompanied by the Verdi Band of Norristown
- Confessions and Healing Service with holy relics follow

Visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com for more details.
Groups are welcome! Please call 215-357- 5720.

Fall CYO Dance

Nativity of Our Lord CYO is pleased to invite 6th, 7th and 8th grade members to a CYO Dance on Saturday, **September 21st** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Nativity Community Center/Gym. All students must be currently enrolled for the 2024-25 school year in grades 6th-8th and registered parishioners within Nativity, OLG, St. Cyril or **SJR** parishes. Advanced online registration and online permission form required. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets available through September 21 at <https://nativityofourlord.teamsnapsites.com/registration/> Chaperones sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4CA8A92FA31-50894467-parent#/. Contact us at with any questions at info@nativityofourlordcyo.org.



Treasures From Our Tradition

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a “map” of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity “into our bones!” And best of all, there are no grades! —Rev. James Field

Flea Market

Nativity of Our Lord Parish invites you to browse and shop at our Flea Market Saturday, **September 21 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Light refreshments. Free admission. Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community Center, 605 West Street Rd. Warminster, PA 18974.

March for Life 2024

Mark your calendars! On **Monday, September 23** the March for Life organization in partnership with the PA Family Council once again will be holding a March for Life rally in Harrisburg, PA. Nativity of Our Lord parish will be hosting a bus, and we hope you will join in. The cost will be \$25 per person, \$40 per couple, and \$50 per family for anyone who can afford to pay to help defray the cost of the bus.

The bus will be leaving Nativity after the 8:00 a.m. mass or between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. We plan to leave Harrisburg around 1:45 p.m. and hope to be back at Nativity at 4:00 p.m. Please pack a brown bag lunch, snacks, and drinks for yourself. The bus holds 47 people. Please contact Anne to reserve a seat on the bus (Call or text 215-803-3181). If paying by check please make it out to Nativity.



	2024	2023
	August 25	August 27
Envelopes	\$ 5,358.00	\$ 4,716.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,438.77	\$ 2,319.04
Total	\$ 7,796.77	\$ 7,107.04

Thank You ☺

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SJR 21st Annual Golf Outing

The SJR CYO/HSA 21st Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for **Friday, September 27, 2024** at The Bucks Club Golf Course. The cost to play golf is \$175 per golfer which includes, greens fee & cart, scramble format (shotgun start at noon), lunch & dinner, beer on the course, cornhole contest, skills events and great prizes! Not a golfer? Join us for dinner at 5 p.m., \$75 per person, includes open bar. We are also looking for sponsors & volunteers for the event. If you have any questions, please call Ed Dixon @ 267-918-6846.

40th Reunion - Archbishop Wood H. S.

Class of 1984 October 18 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Giuseppe's Restaurant, 990 2nd Street Pike, Richboro
\$60 per person – includes food and drinks (house spirits, wines and domestic beers) RSVP to Karen Hall, 375 Jacksonville Rd., Unit 06-205, Warminster, PA 18974. Cash or check made payable to Karen Hall. VENMO - @KarenLynne-Hall. \$65 Cash only at door.

50th Reunion - Archbishop Wood H. S.

Class of 1974 October 19 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

LuLu Country Club, 1600 S. Limekiln Pike, Glenside PA
\$70.00 per ticket – Cash Bar For more info email:
Abwood.classof1974reunion@gmail.com

Camilla Hall Oktoberfest and Craft Fair

Saturday, October 5 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the grounds of Camilla Hall. 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. For more information, visit: camillaoktoberfest.org

Respect Life Committee

We are looking for a coordinator to chair this worthy committee. If interested, please call the office for more information.

Health and Help Ministry

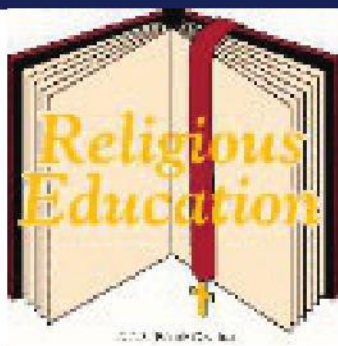
We are Health Care Professionals who meet to address needs and identify resources that promote health and wellness in our parish community. Our activities include but are not limited to blood pressure checks, blood drives, and promoting the prayer shawl ministry. We invite new members. For more information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

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PREP SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Monday, September 9 Teacher/volunteer meeting –
 Room 18 (Church) – 6:30 p.m.

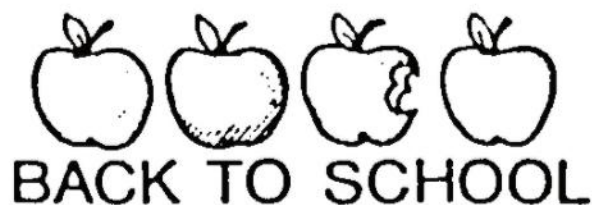
Sunday, September 15 PREP Parents' meeting –
 Church Hall – 5:00 p.m. All Grades. **At least one parent must be present.** Handbooks will be given out.

Sunday, September 15 PREP Opening Mass – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 17 Opening Night for Classes

Sunday, September 22 1st Family Catechesis Meeting –
 10:00 a.m. followed by 11:30 a.m. Mass. All PREP
 Families encouraged to attend 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday, September 24 Sacrament Parents' meeting
 (First Penance and First Holy Communion) – Church Hall
 6:10 p.m.



We're off to a great start as we begin the new school year! Our first week has been a blend of excitement and adjustment, as we've welcomed new students, families, and faculty into our community. This year brings some exciting changes: our second-grade classroom has moved upstairs to accommodate our new kindergarten class on the ground floor, and I am eagerly awaiting the delivery of the materials for our new reading series for use in grades kindergarten through sixth.

Additionally, we are also looking forward to our first visit by inspectors from the Department of Human Services to certify our Pre-K and before/after school program through the Keystone Stars Program. While SJR is accredited through the Middle States Association, this state certification will confirm that the programs for our youngest learners align with best practices in early childhood education and support our commitment to provide exceptional care and learning experiences for them. It will also expand the pool of resources available for professional development and other aspects of the early childhood program.

It was wonderful to see so many new faces and to reconnect with friends and colleagues this week after the rest and relaxation of summer. A special highlight was the water ice dance party, generously sponsored by our Home and School Association. It was a fun and festive way to celebrate our first week back to school!

As hard as faculty, staff, parents, and students work, at SJR we are mindful to place our trust in the Lord as we begin this new year. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers!
 God bless you and have a wonderful week.

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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<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us>

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

<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 FIVE (5) YEARS

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.

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

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

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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