

HABEMUS PAPAM



POPE LEO XIV

O God, who chose your servant Pope Leo XIV in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

-Roman Missal

My Dear Parishioners,

We hope that our mothers enjoyed their special day. We also thank anyone who, in any way, contributed to our beautiful May Crowning. Hopefully, this will now become an annual tradition. We are so blessed, and we are so blessed because Jesus is so good to us, and Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph are always watching over us.

After Masses last weekend, I made my way over to Resurrection Cemetery in Bensalem to visit my own mother. She passed in 2006. Both of my grandmothers are also buried in Resurrection, and I visited both of their graves. I never knew my father's mother. Her name was Frances Pawelko, and she died four years before I was born. Every time I visit her grave; I remind her that I am looking forward to meeting her someday. It will be a glorious reunion.

I thought that this week would be a good week to give some updates on some projects and plans in our parish.

The sale of 31 Popular is complete and the house sold for \$267,000. That is more than the \$250,000 it was appraised for and far more than I ever thought we would get for it. We won't get all of that because of closing costs, but we will be getting a nice "chunk of change" which will be used for some repairs and upgrades on our beautiful campus.

A very faithful parishioner is finishing up the lighting along the path between parking lots. The lampposts are dusk to dawn and so should make moving about the campus at night much safer.

We have signed a contract for repairs and sealing of the upper parking lot and some other spots. Any cracks are to be filled and the parking lots sealed and re-lined. This preventive maintenance should keep our parking lots good for years to come.

We also signed a contract to have the front doors of the church replaced. The new doors will have insulated glass, and most importantly, they will have push/panic bars. These push/panic bars will allow us to exit through the doors even when they are locked. This is a real safety issue which is now being addressed.

Our Pastoral Council is getting very close to picking a firm to install a new electronic sign along 611. A lot of work has gone into planning for this new sign. It will replace the present sign, which is barely noticeable. This will be one of those fancy electronic signs with a message that is always changing. It will also be classy in its design—it is going to look nice. This sign will be a great addition to our campus and will become an indispensable instrument to advertise our parish and our parish activities. It will be well worth the money.

We are looking into new lighting for our parish hall to complement our new kitchen. After the new lighting is installed, we will also be looking into getting the hall painted.

We have signed a contract with Matthew V. Piotrowski, ARCHITECT, LLC on the possibility of adding a ramp to the back door of the church. Hopefully, the designs will be available later this summer. This is something I would like to do. By default, our "back door" is the main door, simply because that is where the parking is. I would like to make this entrance more accessible and more prominent.

Depending on the design of the ramp, we can look at improving the parking situation right behind the church—what a mess! What do you think, do we do away with the bumper-to-bumper parking?

The architectural proposal will also include suggestions for replacing the windows on the "wings" of the church—our original classrooms, and also suggestions on again making those classrooms usable again. The windows are old and shot and are drafty and are ugly to boot. Hopefully, this proposal also includes attic insulation—there isn't any insulation in the ceilings above those wings—no wonder our oil bills are so high and those rooms are impossible to air-condition and keep cool!

By the way, Matthew Piotrowski is the same architect used in the very beautiful renovation of our church. He is already familiar with our complex, which is a plus.

This summer, we will be asking you to help name our parish hall. Our Pastoral Council has assembled a list of former Pastors and also Mother Superiors of our Convent. We will be having a vote on who should be honored by naming the hall after them. Once a name is established, we will be getting some signage for the hall and to make the hall easier for visitors to find.

Also, in the near future, we will be putting out a survey on the time of our Vigil Mass. Many parishes have moved their Vigil Masses to 4:00, and this move has been very popular in those parishes. So, the survey will see if there is interest in moving our Vigil Mass to 4:00 or keeping it at 5:00. Our Pastoral Council will be conducting the survey. If, and only if, there is enough interest in moving the time for the Vigil Mass, the new time will begin this September. But that is only, only, if there is enough interest in the earlier Vigil Mass time. Otherwise, everything will stay the same. The survey will decide the outcome.

This Fall we are again looking forward to welcoming Kathleen McCarthy for a faith sharing. Also, we are hoping to have Marie Joseph with us to share with us the good work done at a Legacy of Life. *(Continued on page 3)*

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

We are planning a parish gathering to celebrate the 75th anniversary of laying of the cornerstone of our church (1950). We are looking forward to another successful CCD year. We are looking forward to Forty Hours in November. We are looking forward to more family bingos. St. Vincent de Paul Society is coming together, which makes us very happy. So many good things are happening and even more will happen.

If you would like to see something in addition, please let us know—of course, as you are sharing the vision of what you would like to see, you may be asked to be that person to make that vision a reality!

This Thursday is the Feast of St. Rita. We are so blessed to have The National Shrine of St. Rita on South Broad Street in Philadelphia. She is known as the Peacemaker Saint and the Saint of Impossible Causes. I am including the Litany of St. Rita with this writing. May her prayers restore peace to our homes, our nation, and our world.

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

LITANY of SAINT RITA

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Immaculate Mary, Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of pure love, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, Comforter of the afflicted, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, Queen of all the saints, *pray for us.*

Holy Mary, Model of life for Saint Rita, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, our advocate and protectress, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, beloved by the Lord, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, given special grace from heaven, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, remarkable in childhood, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, model of obedience to God's Will, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, of untiring patience, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, model of Christian mothers, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, mirror for Christian spouses, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, heroic in sacrifice, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, generous in forgiving, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, martyr in penitence, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, embracing humility & poverty, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, exemplary as a widow, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, prompt to answer the divine call, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, patient in suffering, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, mirror of religious observance, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, mystical rose of every virtue, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, enamored of the Passion of Christ, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, pierced with a thorn, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, in ecstasy before the Blessed Sacrament, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, consumed with Divine Love, *pray for us.*

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	May 17	
	5:00 p.m.	Loretta Costanzo
Sunday	May 18	
	7:30 a.m.	Raymond Generale
	9:30 a.m.	Maureen Hogan
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Fr. John Bowe
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Forgotten Souls
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Daniel D'Aquila
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Anna Mani
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Janet Brasch Jones
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Michael M. Romanausky
	May 24	
	5:00 p.m.	Janet Brasch Jones
Sunday	May 25	
	7:30 a.m.	Frank Bell
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Paul McDermott

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Deborah Ciavola, Donna Cunningham, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Don Higgins, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Art McLaughlin, John Merritt, Moira Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Patricia Picciocchi, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Michael Tashjian, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, William Sparke, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, Edward White, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish**Monday, May 19**

*Adoration – 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

*Mass @ Christ Home – 2:30 pm

*Rosary – 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 21**

*Children's Choir Practice –

5:30 – 6:45 pm

*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, May 22

*Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:00 pm – Church Hall

Bulletin Submittals

Email requests 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 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tues: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sun: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

Saint Rita, received into heaven with joy, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, incorrupt in your chaste body, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, advocate of impossible cases, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, persevering in prayer, *pray for us.*

Saint Rita, help of those in need, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Lord, you have signed your servant Rita *with the marks of Your love and Passion.*

Let us pray. O God, Who bestowed on Saint Rita such grace that she loved her enemies, and bore in her heart and on her forehead the mark of Your love and Passion, grant us, we beseech You, through her merits and intercession, a love for our enemies. Through our contemplation of Your sufferings and Passion, may we merit the reward promised to the meek and the suffering. You live and reign forever.

Announcement – Change*

We will be taking a summer break for **Adoration**. The last day of **Adoration** is Monday, May 19. We will resume **Adoration** on **Monday, September 8**, the birthday of the Blessed Mother. *Monday evening **Rosary** will continue throughout the summer.



HOPE Committee Diaper Collection

This weekend we are collecting diapers/wipes for our babies in need. The back hall table will be the collection site.



Thank you for your continued generosity!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body. —James Field



Children's choir

6/1 9:30

Adult choir

5/17 9:30, 6/8 11:30 & 6/22 11:30

Contemporary

6/29 11:30 Mass

Weekly Collections

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	2025	2024
	May 4	May 5
Envelopes	\$ 7,723.00	\$ 7,319.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,508.36	\$ 3,432.07
Total	\$11,231.36	\$10,751.07

Thank You

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A Catholic Take on Smartphones & Social Media

Wednesday May 21, 2025 7:00 PM

Nativity Gym/Community Center

605 West Street Rd., Warminster, PA 18974 215-675-1925

Join us for an engaging presentation with speaker **Alex Haynie**, father of four and Director of Strategic Initiatives for *Live Vertical*, a Catholic non-profit.

Topics Covered: Latest evidence on the harms of smartphones and social media on children and lasting effects on sleep, academic performance, and mental health, drawing from Jonathan Haidt's bestselling book, *The Anxious Generation*.

Why It Matters: The growing consensus among parents and community leaders on the urgency of this issue and the importance of addressing the topic from a Christian perspective.

Join the Conversation! Connect with other parents through this event about the challenges of today's "phone-based" childhood culture identified in Alex's presentation and begin a conversation on actionable steps moving forward.

Light Refreshments will be served. Please register at: <http://www.noolp.org>

This event is sponsored by Nativity's Parents' Ministry, a new ministry that strives to create a community of Catholic parents coming together to offer opportunities for social and spiritual enrichment.



5K Run / 3K Walk
Saturday, June 7, 2025
8:30AM Start
Fun for all ages!
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 \$125 - Group / Family of 5+
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April 1 - May 30 Registration open
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May 9 Last day assured a t-shirt
May 30 Last day to register

The Health and Help Ministry

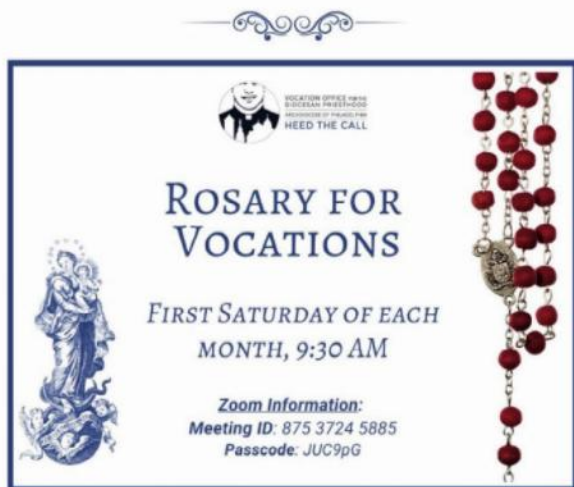
May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The purpose is to increase public understanding, reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and promote support for those affected. If you're struggling you are not alone.

988 - National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Montgomery County Mobile Crisis Support **855-634-4673**

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ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 9:30 AM

Zoom Information:
 Meeting ID: 875 3724 5885
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For more information about events or to express your interest in being part of the Core Team, contact Nancy: KindledFlame@yahoo.com

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Registration is now open.

New families can complete the **New Family Form** found on our website. Once you complete this form, the Religious Education office will be notified and will review your application. If approved, you will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your Parish Giving Account to make a payment and select sessions for your children.

If you are a **returning family**, please **do not** fill out a form. You will receive an email from Parish Giving. This email will contain login credentials for a Parish Giving account that was created for you. There is no need for you to create a Parish Giving account.



If you have children enrolled in another school but are considering a change for next year, we warmly invite you to visit St. Joseph/St. Robert School during our Open House this Tuesday, May 20th. Whether you're seeking a rigorous academic foundation, a nurturing environment, or a school that emphasizes faith and values, we encourage you to come see what makes our community so special.

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Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

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Registration for the Saints CYO Football and Cheerleading is open. You must register online. Football: Grades 4th, 5th, and 6th are JV. 7th and 8th Grades are Varsity, there is no weight limit. Cheerleading is grades K thru 8. The registration fee for football is \$200 and for cheerleading the fee is \$75. Late fees will apply after June 1st. You must be enrolled in the parish and either attend catholic school or the Parish PREP. Register at saintscyo.com For more info please contact us at saintscyo@gmail.com or call Dave Armstrong @215-783-3587, Joe Barone@215-287-6006, or Joe Meehan @267-250-3492. For cheerleading call Catie Messina @267-575-4151 or email saintscyocheerleading@gmail.com.

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