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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: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 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 requested date. Baptism is usually celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 pm (following 11:30 am Mass). Please contact Rev. Michael J. Pawelko for Pre-Jordan preparations. 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.

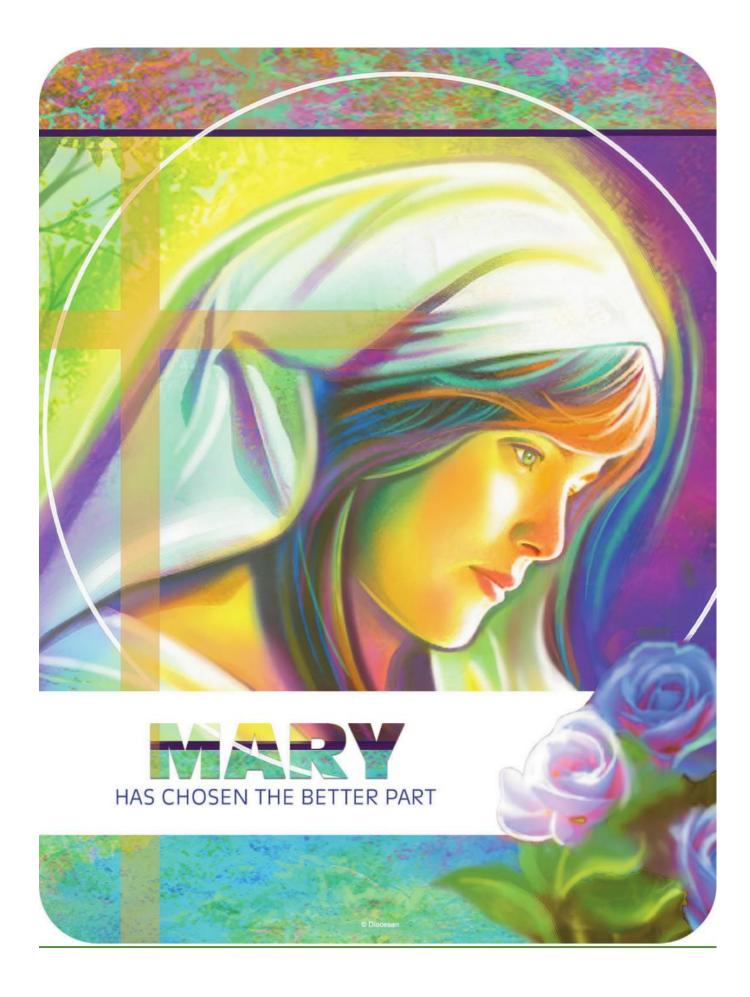
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 p.m., or on Friday afternoons.

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, Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Women's Group, Charismatic Prayer Group, Hospitality, Hope Committee, Health & Help Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary.



From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend Jesus reminds us that there are a hierarchy of loves in this world: Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her (Luke Chapter 10) which is based on the Greatest of Commandments "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew Chapter 22).

This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, who truly understood that hierarchy of loves in this world.

In 2016, the late Pope Francis elevated the annual memorial of Mary Magdalene on July 22 to that of a Feast, the same status as celebrations of the apostles and evangelists. In light of the fact that she announced the good news of the resurrection to the Twelve on Easter Morning, she is fittingly called "Apostle to the Apostles." She is also rightly called the "Apostle of Hope," because she never gave up and teaches us to never give up.

Let us not confuse St. Mary Magdalene for the sister of St. Martha. They are two different women who were both named Mary and who were both connected to Jesus.

As a nice article from Melbourne Catholic teaches, we could all use a friend like St. Mary Magdalene:

There were plenty of people who felt happy, even honored, to be seen with Jesus in the good times—when his fame was spreading like wildfire, and crowds jostled to get close to him—but few were prepared to stay with him through his darkest, most excruciating hours. Mary of Magdala, or Mary Magdalene, was one who did.

She was among Jesus' most steadfast friends, her loyalty withstanding the heartbreak and humiliation of the cross and persisting even beyond the grave, into the dawn light of Easter Day, when the resurrected Jesus appeared to her and entrusted her with the most remarkable, most exciting news of all.

The Bible records that she is the first person to whom Jesus appears after his resurrection, and that the risen Christ instructs her to tell the apostles the Good News, a task that earns her the title 'Apostle to the Apostles'.

Most biblical scholars agree it is unlikely the gospel writers would have made this up, given the status of women at the time. An invented account would not have hinged on the testimony of a woman if it wanted to be convincing.....

While the apostles will go on to play an integral part in spreading the faith, Jesus grants Mary Magdalene the privilege of being the first witness to his resurrection. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	July 19		
	5:00 p.m.	Doris Pellegrino	
Sunday	July 20		
	7:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. George	
		McConeghy	
	9:30 a.m.	Marie Trotter Rickman	
	11:30 a.m.	Amy Hackmaster	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Billy Lowe	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Robert Daniel Jones	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	John Kostic,	
		30 th Anniversary	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Richard Joseph Jones	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the	
		Higgins Family	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the	
		DiTore & Sansoni Fams.	
	<u>July 26</u>		
	5:00 p.m.	Celestino Rivera	
Sunday	July 27		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Valerie Fidler	
	11:30 a.m.	Michael Eisenhart	

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Emery Kutney, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Patricia McCloskey, Jack McErlean, 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, July 21

*Rosary/Communion Service @ Christ Home – 2:30pm *Rosary – Church – 7:30pm

Thursday, July 24

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

Bulletin Submittals

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



Readings for The Week

Mon: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tues: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn

20:1-2, 11-18

Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt

13:1-9

Thurs: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt

13:10-17

Fri: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sun: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk

11:1-13

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

Significantly, he chooses to honor a woman who remained by the cross till the very end, and who supported and ministered to him through it all.

Mary Magdalene exemplifies the courage required to truly live out our faith. Staying with the pain, keeping our eyes on God, resisting the urge to run away, our hearts can be enlarged and opened to other possibilities..........

Mary Magdalene offers us several examples of what it means to live a life focused on God. For whatever reason, we may be given great crosses to bear, as with Mary Magdalene's possession by demons. Yet the lifting of such a cross by God can imbue our lives with a deep gratitude and love, inspiring a greater focus on God and a stronger commitment to service.

Sometimes, though, our crosses inflict such intense pain and suffering that we are inclined to walk away or seek solace in the comforts of the world. By standing by the cross and accompanying Jesus through to the end of his life—despite the personal risk and painful intensity of the experience—Mary Magdalene exemplifies the courage required to truly live out our faith. Staying with the pain, keeping our eyes on God, resisting the urge to run away in fear or when things turn out differently from our expectations, our hearts can be enlarged and opened to other possibilities.

For this, we need a heart that persists in offering service to others. When Mary Magdalene, with the other women, brings spices to anoint the dead body of Jesus, she does not expect to see a resurrected Jesus. As she makes her way to the tomb, her heart is broken; she is deeply grieving the death of her dear friend and teacher. As a follower of Jesus, she might well be fearful for her own safety, and confused about how Jesus' death could possibly be part of God's plan. Yet she turns up at dawn, when common sense might have kept her away, to complete the ritual anointing of the body.

When Jesus appears to her, in Luke's account, she mistakes him for the gardener until he calls her name. While our resurrected selves are likely to be greatly enhanced in

appearance and unfamiliar to the human eye, our expectations can also affect what we see. Mary Magdalene was there to anoint the dead body of Jesus. She was further traumatized by her discovery that his body was missing, and was looking for answers. Not expecting to see Jesus alive, she initially failed to see him.

How many times have we prayed for something but with little expectation of being answered? When Jesus calls Mary's name, it recenters her focus. Despite her rational expectations, she sees Jesus. It's her heart that recognizes him. We too need to invest time in getting to know God, so when God calls us by name, we hear and recognize the voice of the One who gazes on us with infinite love, and can respond.

Mary's gratitude and great love for Jesus brings her to the tomb, a place of deep sorrow, when his other followers seek safety. Her intense grief keeps her at the tomb looking for answers when the others return home. Her trust in him encourages her to believe when others disbelieve. It makes her trustworthy enough to be entrusted with the Good News: that death has no power over Jesus and, in turn, no power over us.

When we keep our focus on God, trusting and resisting the urge to act in fear, the Good News of Christ can manifest in us and through us.

Mary Magdalene teaches us to love God, first and intensely, allowing the pain and crosses in our lives to prepare our hearts, making us ready to hear and recognize Jesus.....

Through all this, Mary Magdalene keeps her eyes on God. When possessed by demons, she looks to God for a cure. Cured, she remains grateful and loyal, offering her service and support for his ministry. As Jesus hangs on the cross, apparently defeated, she remains there, refusing to desert him. When he is dead and buried, she continues to offer her service, travelling to the tomb to honor his body. Confronted with a missing body and risking the potential wrath of the Roman army, she remains by the tomb, looking for answers about her dear friend and teacher. And surprised by the risen Jesus, she responds joyfully, going where he sends her.

Mary Magdalene teaches us to love God, first and intensely, allowing the pain and crosses in our lives to prepare our hearts, making us ready to hear and recognize Jesus when he calls our name and sends us out on mission.

Thankfully, we do have a friend in St. Mary Magdalene.

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

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective September 6, the Vigil Mass time will be 4:00 pm.

The new Saturday schedule, starting September 6 is as follows:

Morning Mass: 8:00 am

Morning Confessions: 8:30 – 9:00 am Afternoon Confessions: 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

The Sunday schedule remains the same. Masses are at

7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am.

SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE:

The St. Joseph's Saint Vincent de Paul group will be conducting a clothing drive for the SVDP "Feeding the Homeless" ministry, which provides weekly food and clothing to our homeless brothers and sisters in the Kensington area. Please donate new and gently used socks and T-shirts and new underwear after the masses on July 26 and July 27. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by those living on the streets in Kensington.

From The Health and Help Ministry

Keeping Children Safe This Summer

6 Tips for Summer Safety

- 1. Prevent Heatstroke-look before you lock your car
- 2. Secure pool areas-don't leave children alone around water
- 3. Protect from bug bites-use sprays, clothing and window screens
- 4. Use sunscreen- apply often when playing or swimming
- 5. Stay hydrated-water is best
- 6. Keep cool-avoid outside when the sun is hottest

(Ref: PA Promise for Children)



	2025	2024
	July 6	July 7
Envelopes	\$ 8,376.00	\$ 7,706.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,422.37	\$ 3,622.97
Total	\$11,798.37	\$11,328.97



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love. —James Field

Living a Fruitful Life in the Holy Spirit: A Retreat with Father Christopher Walsh

Join Father Christopher Walsh at the **National Centre for Padre Pio** in **Barto** as he offers us practical ways to cultivate the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation so that they may become transfigured as the "fruits of the Holy Spirit" in our words, actions, and attitudes. **There is no cost to attend this retreat however, it is a ticketed event. Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for August 6th. Bring your own packed lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$20.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket online. The deadline to order lunch is July 30**th.

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road - Barto Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Confessions - 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Conference #1 - 9:30 AM. Mass - 10:30 AM. Confessions Immediately Following Mass until 12:15 PM. Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM. Lunch with Free Time to Visit the Museum, Gift Shop, and Our Lady of Grace Chapel - 12:00 PM. Conference #2 - 1:30 PM. Break - 2:30 PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM.

2025 Catholic Women's Conference

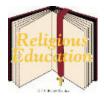




Saturday, October 18 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Czestochowa Shrine Doylestown

Keynotes: Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig Sister Faustina Maria, S.V.

Full details & registration: catholicwomensconference.org St. Joseph Church
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Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator
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215-672-3020
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.



We have great news to share! Saint Joseph PREP program is moving to a fully automated online PREP registration with the ability to pay online.



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 <u>do not</u> 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.





ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

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This year marks a major milestone for St. Joseph/St. Robert School—we're celebrating 100 years of Catholic education!

It all began in 1925, when Father Gallen, founding pastor of St.

Joseph Parish, opened a small school staffed by three Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There were just three classrooms, with students grouped into combined classes of several grades. As enrollment steadily grew, so did the need for more space. By 1950, with 120 students, the school expanded into an eight-room building. In 1962, a modern 16-classroom facility opened on Valley Road. In 1968, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish began sending their children to St. Joseph School. That partnership was officially reflected in our name—St. Joseph/St. Robert School—in 1974.

The school has continued to grow and adapt over the years. In 1999, we expanded to two campuses, with a school building at each parish. Then in 2008, we reunited on a single campus again—where we continue to thrive today. Through every change, one thing has remained constant: our unwavering commitment to providing a strong, faith-filled education rooted in Catholic values.

We're looking forward to a joyful year of honoring our past and all the people—past and present—who make SJR the special place it is. Stay tuned for upcoming events and opportunities to celebrate with us. Thank you for being part of our story! And thank you to those in St. Joseph's Parish who shared their research about the history of our school with us. 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!

Call the Parish Office Monday – Thursday to register. 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

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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

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- Enter your name and your email address

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parish. Visit eva.us/carpenter to sign-up. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app.

CYO Football & Cheerleading

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 August 1st and August 15th. You must be enrolled in the parish and either attend catholic school or the Parish PREP. Register at For more info please contact us at saintscyo.com 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.

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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