

**STARTING
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

**4:00PM
VIGIL
MASS**

**NEW SATURDAY SCHEDULE
STARTING SEPTEMBER 6:**

**8:00AM DAILY MASS
CONFESSIONS 8:30-9:00AM**

**CONFESSIONS 3:00-3:45
4:00 VIGIL MASS**

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,



From the Pastor

It is hard to believe that this is the last weekend of July. Time flies. I do hope that everyone is having a good summer and enjoying themselves.

God is so good to us and gives us so many gifts. One of the most beautiful gifts He gives us is the power to love. Our first reading from Genesis reminds us that, sadly, this is one gift that is too often misused.

To help us use the gift of love correctly, God gives us additional gifts, the virtues of chastity and purity.

Chastity is not the suppression of love, but the right use of love. Chastity then allows us to open our hearts wide and to love with our whole heart and to unselfishly love the whole person. Chastity flows from Purity.

Purity is that deep seated belief that God is the source of true love and the desire to love as God wishes us to love.

Unchaste and impure attitudes and behaviors are the exact opposite. Unchaste and impure attitudes and behaviors are acts of selfishness, and this is why they are offensive to God and are sins.

I mention this because some sins against purity and chastity have now become “socially acceptable” which, in turn, may lead some people to think that these acts are no longer sins. These sins include marriage outside of the Church, cohabitation, the use of pornography, profane language, and those acts practiced in Sodom and Gomorrah.

While societies change and may even come and go, God is unchanging and remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. Thus, sins against purity and chastity are still sins even if they have become “socially acceptable.”

This is why we as a parish family always encourage the virtues of chastity and purity, so that all may continue to please God and grow in true love and avoid offending God and falling into sin.

Fr. Ed Broom of the Oblates of the Blessed Virgin Mary offers some suggestions on how we can continue to grow in chastity and purity and then also help others do the same:

1. Weapons of Prayer: To conquer the imperious demands of the flesh and the constant insinuations of the world and the temptations of the devil, we must (like Moses) lift up our arms constantly in prayer. Jesus invites us with these words: “Ask and you will receive...” (Mt. 7:7). Let us beg the Lord for the gift and virtue of purity.
2. Don't play with fire: A key reason why many fall into sins of impurity is a failure to avoid the near occasion of sin. Proverbs are not lacking: “He who plays with fire will get burnt”... and “He who walks on thin ice will fall in” ... once again... “He who walks on a slippery slope will fall.”
3. Modesty: The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that modesty is the guardian of the virtue purity. (CCC # 2521-2524) All must practice modesty. Through Baptism our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit, still more, temples of the Blessed Trinity and after Holy Communion living Tabernacles of the Blessed Sacrament. Women should never be a provocation or occasion of sin to men. And men are not to be excused by a wandering eye.
4. Penance: Jesus stated: “Some devils can be expelled only through prayer and fasting.” To conquer the imperious demands of the flesh we must pray, pray and pray, but also learn the art of fasting and live a life of penance. All the saints have taught us this clear lesson!
5. Avoiding Laziness: Another huge opening for the devil of impurity is the capital sin of sloth or call it laziness. Once again maxims are at our beck and call: “Idleness (laziness) is the workshop of the devil.” One of the primary reasons why so many young people have serious problems with Internet porn and self-abuse is because of excessive free time, boredom and easy access to impure websites. Saint Bonaventure put it succinctly: “When one is working a devil might be there to tempt, but when you have nothing to do a multitude of devils are there to tempt.”
6. Avoiding improper language: Never should it happen that issues from our lips dirty words, suggestive language and worse yet coarse, crude and impure jokes. Jesus warns us that we will be judged on all of the words that issue from our mouths. Never forget that we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus on our tongues; our tongues become the throne of Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Let us speak with such nobility!
7. Constant Vigilance—especially of the eyes: The daily examination of conscience is key. This superb practice invites us to rewind the film of our day and see where God has been present and give thanks, but also to see where our hearts have wandered from our loving God. This we can easily apply to the virtue of purity. *(continued on page 3)*

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8. The Sacrament of Confession & Renewed Hope: Saint Paul offers us these encouraging words: "Where weakness abounds the grace of God abounds all the more." A good confession can transform our souls into the beauty of freshly fallen white snow on the virgin ground!
9. Frequent Holy Communion: When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion we receive all of the following—His totality! We receive the mind of Jesus, with His memory that purifies our possibly dirty thoughts. We receive Jesus' Blood that circulates through our entire body, rushing through our veins and arteries. We receive the most Sacred Heart of Jesus with His most noble of sentiments; even more, we receive the absolute purity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
10. Devotion to the Blessed Mother: Of course it would be far from complete our treatise on the virtue of purity if we did not invite Our Lady, the Mother of holy and pure love to be with us, pray for us, and intercede on our behalf. Experience shows in the lives of countless saints that it is through their great love of God and filial trust and love for Mary that they can live holy lives and lives of great purity.

God is so good to us! He gives us everything we need to live good, holy, pure, and chaste lives.

This week we are also reminded that a powerful act of love is to pray for one another. We call this type of prayer intercessory prayer.

Abraham gives us one of the first examples of intercessory prayer as he prays for mercy to be shown to the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The power to pray is another beautiful gift from God, and He gave us this gift so that we can grow in our union with Him. Thus, the first and most important reason to pray is to grow closer to Him. This is true no matter what type of prayer we are involved in: Liturgical Prayer, celebration of the Sacraments, Devotions, Mediation, Lectio Divina, Intercessory Prayer.

So, as we practice intercessory prayer and pray for the needs of others, we are most importantly helping ourselves. For we are allowing God to open our hearts ever wider to receive even more of His gifts, such as the gifts of patience and trust, especially trust in His Providence. Thus, as we pray for ourselves, our family, our friends, our world, we are most importantly praying "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done."

Next weekend, we welcome a priest from the Comboni Missionaries for our annual Missions Appeal. *(continued on page 4)*

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>July 26</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Celestino Rivera
Sunday	<u>July 27</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Valerie Fidler
	11:30 a.m.	Michael Eisenhart
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Marie Salvia
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Andy Landmesser
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Rodger Lee Jones
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Caleb Duffy
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	David Dziedzic
	<u>Aug. 2</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Rita Carsley
Sunday	<u>Aug. 3</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Iside Maieron

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 28**

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

**Rosary – Church – 7:30pm*

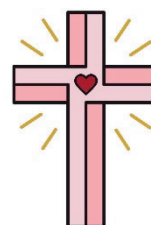
**Men's Group – Room 18 – 7:30pm*

Thursday, July 31

**Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:00pm – 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: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tues: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thurs: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sun: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus were founded by St. Daniel Comboni in 1867. Today they continue their work in Africa and Latin America. They evangelize, educate, and provide for the poor. Let us extend our usual warm welcome to the Comboni Missionaries as we continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the missions.

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven with our Rosaries and Chaplets for our families, our nation, our parish, victims of floods and natural disasters, first responders, the sick, the dying, the deceased, and an increase in the virtues of purity and chastity in our world

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

From The Health and Help Ministry Summer Safety Tips for Seniors

Reduce strenuous activities.

Protect yourself when in the sun (use sunscreen).

Wear light clothing.

Be an Early Bird or a Night Owl (stay inside when the sun is strongest).

Watch for Heat Stroke.

Review your medications with your doctor.

Protect your eyes (wear sunglasses).

Eat some Ice Cream (treat yourself to ice cream, a Popsicle or frozen yogurt).

(Ref: Penn Medicine Doylestown Health)



Monthly Food Drive



Next weekend, **August 2nd & 3rd**, we will collect items for the Food Bank. Non-perishables only. **No expired food please.**

Foods currently requested at this time include: Cereal (critically low), Pancake

Mix, Syrup, Baked Beans, Gravy Packets, Chicken Broth, Salsa, Fruit Cups, Rice Sides, Oatmeal Variety Pack, Saltines, and Stuffing Mix. Non Food items: Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (liquid or pods), Household Cleaning Supplies, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Oral Care, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and **gently used grocery size paper bags**. The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for your generous donation of **1,010 pounds** collected in July!

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.

Congratulations!!



Archbishop Wood High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the **Fourth Quarter** of the 2024-2025 school year.

First Honors

Avalon Waltrich '27

Second Honors

Benjamin Bargerhuff '25

Alexa Corey '25,

Emma Jacobsen '25

Jacob Bargerhuff '26

Weekly Collections

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	2025	2024
	July 13	July 14
Envelopes	\$ 6,997.00	\$ 5,570.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,663.63	\$ 2,213.56
Total	\$ 9,660.63	\$ 7,783.56

Thank You

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

—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 30th.**

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

Women on Mission
 The Feminine Genius
 in the New Apostolic Age



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

SJR CYO

Fall sports registration is open. Registration will remain open until 8/14/2025. The fall sports offered are cross country for boys and girls grades 1-8, soccer for boys and girls grades 3-8 and volleyball for girls grades 5-8. Please use the following link to register:

<https://stjosephstrobertcyo.sportngin.com/register/form/899242343>. Additionally, football for boys grades 4-8 and cheerleading for girls grades K-8 is offered through the Bux-

Mont Saints. More information about their program can be found at [Buxmont Saints > Home](#)

St. Stan's Garage Sale



St. Stan's Annual Garage Sale has begun and runs through August 12th. Garage Sale Hours: Saturday: 8am-12pm, Monday-Thursday: 9am-11am & 6pm-8pm, Friday: 9am-11am.

Rain or Shine - We are Indoors!

We are located in Mater Dei Catholic School's parking lot. Please enter the school parking lot off of 3rd Street and follow the signs. Bring your shopping bags! If you are cleaning out or downsizing - bring us your stuff! We continue to take donations during any open hours of the sale until August 6th. Please do not leave items at other times! We cannot take furniture, baby items, TV's, computer items, luggage, microwaves, single glasses & mugs, clothes, linens of any kind, Christmas items, nor BOOKS due to limited space. **Please note: we will take Children's Books!**

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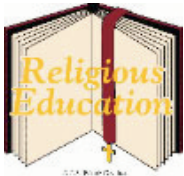
This September marks the beginning of St. Joseph/St. Robert School's 100th year of excellence in Catholic education — a century rooted in faith and learning. We're inviting all alumni to help us kick off this milestone year at Mass at St. Joseph's Church, where it all began in 1925.

Please join us on Sunday, September 7th at 11:30 a.m. for Mass at St. Joe's, followed by a reception in the church hall. Whether you walked our halls in the 1950's or just graduated a few years ago, we'd love to welcome you back to celebrate the memories and the mission that have shaped generations of students.

Following Mass, alumni and their families are invited to reconnect with classmates, share stories, and learn more about the exciting centennial events planned throughout the year. A flyer with a QR code to RSVP and upload photos will be available soon — please help us spread the word to your fellow alumni!

Questions? Contact our Advancement Director, Mr. James Williams, at jwilliams@stjstr.org.

We can't wait to celebrate this joyful milestone with you! God bless you and have a wonderful week! Mrs. Durkin



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.



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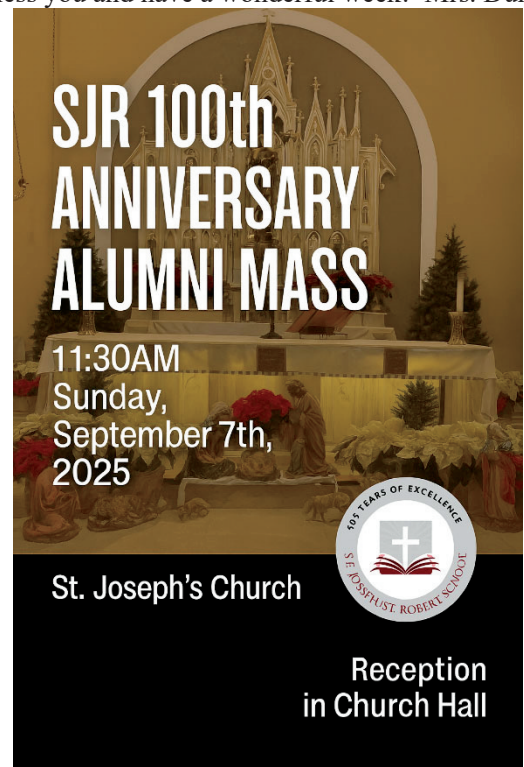
Registration is now open.

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.



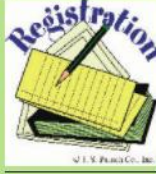
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New parishioners are always welcome!
Call the Parish Office Monday – Thursday to register. Help us keep our records updated by notifying us if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.



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All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:
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2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
3. Click on the Donate button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Saturday schedule, effective **September 6:**

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.

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