August 3, 2025



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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.

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,

We are so blessed to have so many Religious Communities of priests in our Archdiocese. There are the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales who minister our high schools and De Sales University as well as our parishes. There are the Jesuit Fathers who minister at St. Joseph's Prep and St. Joseph's University. There are the Vincentian Fathers who minister in the inner city while still caring for the Miraculous Medal Shrine. There are the Augustinian Fathers who minister at Villanova University and care for parishes and St. Rita's Shrine. There are the Redemptorist Fathers who care for the St. John Neumann Shrine. Then there is of course the Pauline Fathers who care for the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa while doing great parish work.

This weekend we are joined by Father John Baptist Opargiw of the Carboni Missionaries as part of the annual Mission Co-Op Appeal.

The Carboni Fathers are a community with which I am not that familiar. There website states: For 150 years, the Comboni Missionaries have traveled to nearly every corner of the world, sharing the good news of Christ and working to protect the dignity of all people.

Founded in 1867 by St. Daniel Comboni, the Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic organization dedicated to ministering to the world's poorest and most abandoned people, often working in unstable political climate, in the midst of extreme poverty. Despite these challenges, our missionaries are dedicated to their mission of serving God's people.

With our founder, St. Daniel Comboni, as an inspiration since our beginning 150 years ago, we work for the full development of the human person. We do this through evangelization, education, and advocacy until those we minister to can take over those roles – not just for themselves but for others in need.

So, together we will learn more about them and the good work that they do.

We will also have an opportunity to support the Office of Propagation of the Faith, and the Mission Co-Op Appeal.

Please be open to Father John Baptist Opargiw's message and please be open to supporting the Mission Appeal. The second collection this weekend is for the Mission Appeal. The donations collected will be sent through the parish to the Office for the Propagation of the Faith of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. There are special envelopes in the Narthex for those who wish to use them.

Just think of the lives that are transformed by this Mission Co-Op Appeal. Most likely, we will never meet those we have touched through the Appeal in this world, but we will, with great hope, meet them in the world to come. There as we walk through those Pearly Gates, someone whom we had never met before will greet us, and thank us, for making the Good News of the Gospel known to them through the Mission Appeal.

This Friday, August 1, was the Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Founder of the Redemptorists. I have included in

this week's newsletter a teaching from Pope Benedict XVI on prayer in the eyes of St. Alphonsus.

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for the Texas flood victims and all victims of natural disasters and their families, for peace in the Middle East and the protection of our service personnel, for the conversion all of hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, for our fallen away loved ones, for the sick, for those on hospice, for the unemployed and underemployed, and for each other.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Church and our Patron, pray for us! Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor (continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Aug. 2	Rita Carsley	
Sunday	5:00 p.m. Aug. 3	Kita Carsicy	
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	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale	
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	11:30 a.m.	Iside Maieron	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Raymond McCausland	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Ambolino	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Raymond McCausland	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	For a Fallen Away Loved	
		One	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the	
		DiTore & Sansoni Fams.	
	Aug. 9		
	5:00 p.m.	William T. McGowan	
Sunday	Aug. 10		
	7:30 a.m.	People of The Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Hazel Ellis	
	11:30 a.m.	Paulita Fernandez	

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, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 6

*Rosary/Communion Service @ Luther Woods – 1:30pm

Thursday, August 7

*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: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tues: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36

or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-

36

Thurs: Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

Fri: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28 **Sat:** Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sun: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

St Alphonsus Mary Liguori and Prayer Pope Benedict XVI

Let us knock at the Lord's door with trust

The Holy Father addressed the faithful taking part in the General audience of Wednesday, 1 August [2012], in Piazza della Libertà, the square outside the Papal residence in Castel Gandolfo. Resuming the General Audiences after the summer break — the last was held on 27 June in the Vatican — the Pope focused his Catechesis in Italian on the teaching of St Alphonsus Mary Liguori. The following is a translation.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Liturgical Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer — the Redemptorists — and patron saint of moral theology scholars and confessors. St Alphonsus is one of the most popular saints of the 18th century because of his simple, immediate style and his teaching on the sacrament of Penance. In a period of great rigorism, a product of the Jansenist influence, he recommended that confessors administer this sacrament expressing the joyful embrace of God the Father, who in his infinite mercy never tires of welcoming the repentant son.

Today's Memorial offers us the opportunity to reflect on St Alphonsus' teaching on prayer which is particularly valuable and full of spiritual inspiration. His Treatise on The Great Means of Prayer, which he considered the most useful of all his writings, dates back to the year 1759. Indeed, he describes prayer as "a necessary and certain means of obtaining salvation, and all the graces that we require for that object." This sentence sums up the way St Alphonsus understood prayer.

First of all, by saying that it is a means, he reminds us of the goal to be reached. God created us out of love in order to be able to give us life in its fullness; but this goal, this life in fullness, has as it were, become distant because of sin — we all know it — and only God's grace can make it accessible. To explain this basic truth and to make people understand with immediacy how real the risk of "being lost" is for human beings, St Alphonsus coined a famous, very elementary maxim which says: "Those who pray will be saved and those who do not will be damned!" Commenting on this lapidary sentence, he added, "In conclusion,

to save one's soul without prayer is most difficult, and even (as we have seen) impossible... But by praying our salvation is made secure, and very easy" (II, Conclusion). And he says further: "if we do not pray, we have no excuse, because the grace of prayer is given to everyone... if we are not saved, the whole fault will be ours; and we shall have our own failure to answer for, because we did not pray."

By saying, then, that prayer is a necessary means, St Alphonsus wanted us to understand that in no situation of life can we do without prayer, especially in times of trial and difficulty. We must always knock at the door of the Lord confidently, knowing that he cares for all his children, for us. For this reason we are asked not to be afraid to turn to him and to present our requests to him with trust, in the certainty of receiving what we need.

Dear friends, this is the main question: what is really necessary in my life? I answer with St Alphonsus: "Health and all the graces that we need." He means of course not only the health of the body, but first of all that of the soul, which Jesus gives us. More than anything else we need his liberating presence which makes us truly fully human and hence fills our existence with joy. And it is only through prayer that we can receive him and his grace, which, by enlightening us in every situation, helps us to discern true good and by strengthening us also makes our will effective, that is, renders it capable of doing what we know is good. We often recognize what is good but are unable to do it. With prayer we succeed in doing it. The disciple of the Lord knows he is always exposed to temptation and does not fail to ask God's help in prayer in order to resist it.

St Alphonsus very interestingly cites the example of St Philip Neri who "the very moment when he awoke in the morning, said to God: 'Lord, keep Thy hands over Philip this day; for if not, Philip will betray Thee" (III, 3). What a great realist! He asks God to keep his hands upon him. We too, aware of our weakness, must humbly seek God's help, relying on his boundless mercy. St Alphonsus says in another passage: "We are so poor that we have nothing; but if we pray we are no longer poor. If we are poor, God is rich" (II, 4). And, following in St Augustine's wake, he invites all Christians not to be afraid to obtain from God, through prayer, the power they do not possess that is necessary in order to do good, in the certainty that the Lord will not refuse his help to whoever prays to him with humility (cf. III, 3).

Dear friends, St Alphonsus reminds us that the relationship with God is essential in our life. Without the relationship with God, the fundamental relationship is absent. The relationship with God is brought into being in conversation with God, in daily personal prayer and with participation in the sacraments. This relationship is thus able to grow within us, as can the divine presence that directs us on our way, illuminates it and makes it safe and peaceful even amidst difficulties and perils. Many thanks.

August, 2012

Taken from: ewtn.com

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)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agajanian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, "But we've always done it this way," you are on very thin ice indeed! —James Field

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/89 9242343. Additionally, football for boys grades 4-8 and cheerleading for girls in grades K-8 is offered through the Bux-Mont Saints. More information about their program can be found at Buxmont Saints > Home

<u>Ukrainian Folk Festival</u>

Sunday, August 24 – 12:00 noon - County Line & Lower State Roads, Horsham. Outdoor Summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance, Music, and Song. Ukrainian ethnic foods and baked goods, BBQ, cool refreshments, Arts and Crafts market. Admission \$20; Free for kids 14 and under. \$2 of each paid admission goes to Humanitarian Relief in Ukraine.

Info: 267-664-3857; info@tryzub.org; www.tryzub.org

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!

2025 Catholic Women's Conference

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Saturday, October 18 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

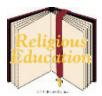
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We have great news to share! Saint Joseph PREP program is moving to a fully automated online PREP registration with the ability to pay online.



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.





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It's hard to believe August is already here—and with it, preparations for the new school year are well underway! As I mentioned last week, St. Joseph School—SJR's foundation—was established in 1925, which means we are about to begin our 100th school year!

To mark the start of this milestone year, I warmly invite all alumni and their families to join us for Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, September 7th at 11:30 a.m. Let's begin this centennial year in prayer, united across generations of school families.

Please use the QR code below to RSVP for the reception following Mass. You'll also find a link where you can share photos from your time at St. Joseph's or SJR—we'd love to see them!

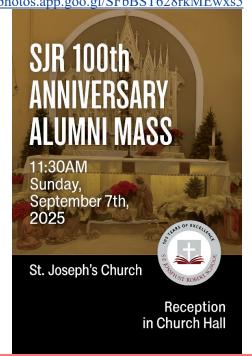
God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Durkin

Registration Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkmI0gzlA G73aKplMCbF4bh0KrH-NRAnDurNkU-R6uuHoA0Q/viewform?usp=header

Submit Photos of your time at SJR School https://photos.app.goo.gl/SFbBST628rkMEwxs5



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

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
- 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. Masses are at 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am.

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