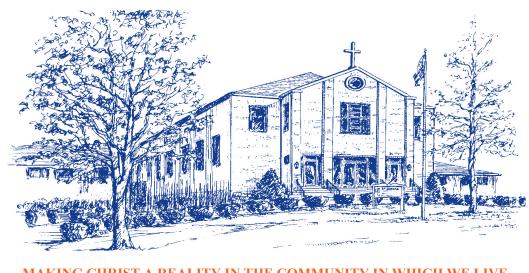
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MASS SCHEDULE:

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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 Organization. **PREP** (Parish Religious Education Program), Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Respect Life Men's Group, Rosary, 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,

It is hard to believe that it is the middle of August. It is hard to believe that many of our vacations are already finished, that many of our college students are already heading back to school, that many of our high school and grade school students are making their final preparations for the start of the new school year. It is hard to believe. Time flies! Let us remember them daily in our daily prayers and especially pray that they will always allow Jesus to dwell in their hearts and that they will always dwell in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I would like to report that we have paved the parking lot around the new school on Valley Road. As you know, the downstairs portion of the new school building is rented to a non-profit school for autistic children called Merakey, and the upstairs is still utilized by our Religious Education Program. The paving project was very, very, expensive but hopefully will make our campus safer and more beautiful for years to come.

This weekend's readings are tough ones and remind us that Love of God is first and that nothing else can come before our Love of God. Thus, there can be no comprise with sin or evil. Thus, there can be no tolerance for anything contrary to the Gospel.

This can be really difficult when the sin or evil comes from within our own families or close circle of friends. This can be really difficult when family and friends have abandoned our one True Religion and have set the wrong priorities and have chosen "lifestyles" totally contrary to the Gospel. When faced with this, Jesus is commanding that we are not to give into the sin or evil and commanding that we never ever compromise with evil or consent in any way to evil. He is commanding us to fight.

He is not commanding us to fight for the sake of fighting. No. He is commanding us to fight for their souls. He is commanding us to fight for their hearts. He is commanding us to use the weapons of our prayers, our acts of reparation, and our firm and clear witness to Truth.

This will take love and a lot of love, but Jesus is giving us all of the love we need to fight—to fight for the souls of those we love.

Here are some additional thoughts on this week's readings from our late Holy Father, Pope Francis:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

In today's liturgy we listen to these words from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb 12:1-2). We must give special emphasis to this affirmation in this Year of Faith. Let us too, throughout this Year, keep our gaze fixed on Jesus because faith, which is our "yes" to the filial relationship with God, comes from him, comes from Jesus. He is the only mediator of this relationship between us and our Father who is in heaven. Jesus is the Son and we are sons in him.

This Sunday, however, the word of God also contains a word of Jesus which alarms us and must be explained, for otherwise it could give rise to misunderstanding. Jesus says to his disciples: "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Lk 12:51). (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Aug.16		
	5:00pm	The People of the Parish	
Sunday	Aug. 17		
	7:30am	Raymond Generale	
	9:30am	John Conway	
	11:30am	Sophie Mechell	
Monday	8:00am	John F. Hayes & Family	
Tuesday	8:00am	Penny Hare	
Wednesday	8:00am	Forgotten Souls	
Thursday	8:00am	Roberto DiIorio	
Friday	8:00am	Rev. James A. Grant,	
		2 nd Anniversary	
Saturday	8:00am	Anthony Thanickal	
	Aug. 23		
	5:00pm	Louise, George E., &	
		George J. Snyder	
Sunday	Aug. 24		
	7:30am	The People of the Parish	
	9:30am	Huf & Corey Families	
	11:30am	Anthony Thanickal	

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Emery Kutney, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Dominic Lightcap, 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 18

*Mass @ Christ Home - 2:30pm

*Rosary - Church - 7:30pm

Thursday, August 21

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



Readings for The Week

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt

19:16-22

Tues: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14 **Fri:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10;

Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sun: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

What does this mean? It means that faith is not a decorative or ornamental element; living faith does not mean decorating life with a little religion, as if it were a cake and we were decorating it with cream. No, this is not faith. Faith means choosing God as the criterion and basis of life, and God is not empty, God is not neutral. God is always positive. God is love, and love is positive! After Jesus has come into the world it is impossible to act as if we do not know God, or as if he were something that is abstract, empty, a purely nominal reference. No, God has a real face, he has a name: God is mercy, God is faithfulness, he is life which is given to us all. For this reason Jesus says "I came to bring division". It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up. On the contrary Jesus is our peace, he is our reconciliation! But this peace is not the peace of the tomb, it is not neutrality, Jesus does not bring neutrality, this peace is not a compromise at all costs. Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties. However, be careful: it is not Jesus who creates division! He establishes the criterion: whether to live for ourselves or to live for God and for others; to be served or to serve; to obey one's own ego or to obey God. It is in this sense that Jesus is a "sign that is spoken against" (Lk 2:34).

This word of the Gospel does not therefore authorize the use of force to spread the faith. It is exactly the opposite: the Christian's real force is the force of truth and of love, which involves renouncing all forms of violence. Faith and violence are incompatible! Instead, faith and strength go together. Christians are not violent; they are strong. And with what kind of strength? That of meekness, the strength of love.

Dear friends, even among Jesus' relatives there were some who at a certain point did not share his way of life and preaching, as the Gospel tells us (cf. Mk 3:20-21). His Mother, however, always followed him faithfully, keeping the eyes of her heart fixed on Jesus, the Son of the Most High, and on his mystery. And in the end, thanks to Mary's faith, Jesus' relatives became part of the first Christian community (cf. Acts 1:14). Let us ask Mary to help us too to keep our gaze firmly fixed on Jesus and to follow him always, even when it costs what it may.

A little note: I see that some of us park on Columbia Avenue in spite of the "no parking" signs. Just a friendly reminder that Columbia Avenue is a public street and not church property. So, if you park there and the police happen to come through......

It is so good to be part of our parish. We are so blessed. Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for our children and grandchildren, for our teachers and catechists, for our police and first responders, for our fallen away family members, for doctors and nurses, for an increase of vocations to the sacred priesthood and religious life, and for our entire parish family.

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



News From the Archdiocese

Are you a Licensed Mental Health Professional?

Join the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Mental Health Referral Network. The Archdiocese is seeking local clinicians who would like to support Catholic families and individuals seeking mental health care that aligns with and respects our Catholic beliefs and values. We are especially in need of therapists who can provide services in various languages.

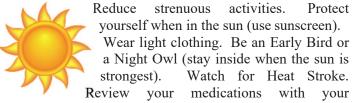
A therapist seeking to be referred by the Archdiocese is required to submit the following for the vetting process:

- Current license information
- Proof of insurance
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Letter of good standing from his or her pastor (or other Catholic ministry leader)

If you are interested in joining or for more information about this program, please contact Natalie Morales, Director of Office for Persons with Disabilities-namorales@archphila.org.

From The Health and Help Ministry

Summer Safety Tips for Seniors



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)



Choir News

St. Augustine is credited as saying: "To sing is to pray twice."

Our Music Ministry is looking for new members! **Children's Choir**

Grades 2 through 12- practice Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Practices start on Wednesday, September 3rd. They will be singing for the 11:30 Mass on September 7th for the start of the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph School. New members are welcome any time throughout the year!

Adult Choir

Vocalists and instrumentalists- practice Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30. Practices start Sept. 3rd. New members welcome any time! HELP!! We need male voices!!!

Cantors

Those who have nice singing voices who lead the assembly in song from the altar- individual rehearsals will be based on convenience of you & the Music Director.

<u>Guitarist, pianists, organists, flutist, violinists,</u> clarinets, trumpet players etc.

We can find a spot for you! No prior experience is necessary and attendance at masses and practices is flexible. It is not necessary to commit for the entire year! Only the instrumentalists need to be able to read music! Please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email at mariaalennon@gmail.com



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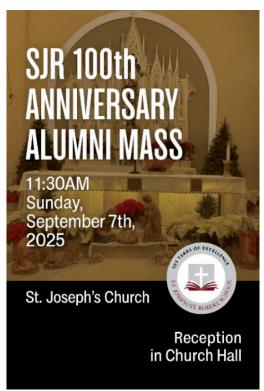


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the Pescatorio, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the Pescatorio as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

-Rev. James Field



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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.



Back to PREP Prayer

Almighty God, We give you our PREP Program. We give you all the teachers and staff who volunteer here. We give you all the children who study here. We pray our program will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love. A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 215-343-5100 www.stjstr.org

As the Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us—and as The Byrds famously sang—"to everything there is a season." Life in our parish school is no exception, with seasons of celebrating, saying farewell, and welcoming new beginnings.

This spring, we joyfully celebrated the graduation of the SJR Class of 2025. While we will miss seeing them in the hallways, we send them forth with our prayers and blessings. We also express gratitude to three members of our faculty and staff who have retired: Mrs. Taylor, our 8th grade teacher, and Mrs. Barnes, our technology teacher, and Mr. Larry Rumpf, our longtime band director. Their years of dedication, care, and service have shaped generations of students and will leave a lasting mark on our community.

The new school year will bring fresh faces and opportunities. Mrs. Nadine Plomchok will join our faculty as the 7th/8th grade ELA and Social Studies teacher, bringing a wealth of experience in Catholic education and a passion for preparing students for success in high school. Mr. Kevin Miller will take up the baton as our new instrumental and band teacher, and we look forward to the creativity and enthusiasm he will bring to our music program.

In addition, increased enrollment in first grade has allowed us to add an additional class. Miss Bertram, previously one of our kindergarten teachers, will step into this new role, continuing to guide our youngest learners in faith and knowledge.

As we prepare for another exciting year, we would love to welcome more parish involvement in our day-to-day life. One small but meaningful way to help is by volunteering to cover our school's front desk for about an hour during our secretary's lunch break. This simple act of service provides a warm welcome to visitors and an extra layer of safety for our students. If you are available one day a week—or even once or twice a month—please reach out to me at jdurkin@stjstr.org.

We are deeply grateful for the prayers and support of our parish families.

God bless you and have a wonderful week! Mrs. Durkin

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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.



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https://epatch.pa.gov/home

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*ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

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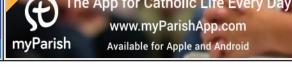


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