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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.)	8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	7:30 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	& 11:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses:

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.
& 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS:

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,
Daily & Sunday, 8:00 a.m. EWTN

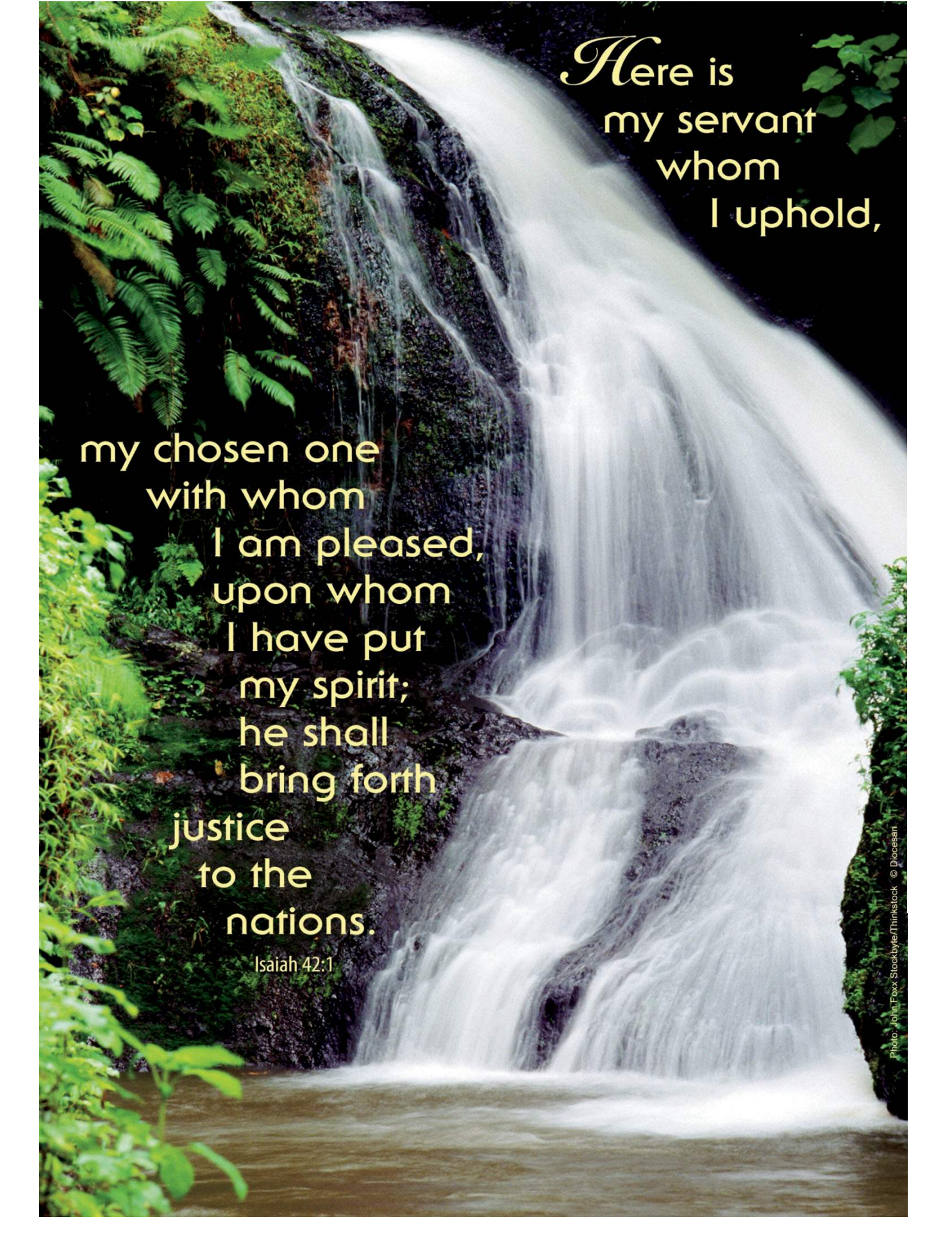
BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the requested date. Baptism is usually celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 pm (following 11:30 am Mass). Please contact Rev. Michael J. Pawelko for Pre-Jordan preparations. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present 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 that 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, OCIA, Catholic in Recovery, Women's Group, Charismatic Prayer Group, Hospitality, Hope Committee, Health & Help Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary.



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my servant
whom
I uphold,

my chosen one
with whom
I am pleased,
upon whom
I have put
my spirit;
he shall
bring forth
justice
to the
nations.

Isaiah 42:1

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko(continued)

My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we recall the Baptism of Our Lord. This Feast may bring back memories of when our own children and grandchildren were baptized. It may bring back memories of dressing our little babies in white and memories of the church in which they were baptized. It may bring back memories of the priest or deacon who presided at the baptism. It may bring back memories of the luncheon that followed the baptism and of the family and friends who were there. Hopefully, this Feast brings back many fond memories of baptisms from within our own families.

Hopefully, this weekend brings back another memory: a memory of thinking that there was now something different about the child or grandchild who was just baptized. Hopefully it does, because there was something different about the child or grandchild after their baptism.

At baptism, Original Sin is washed away, and one becomes a child of God, a brother or sister in Christ Jesus, a person worthy of receiving the other Sacraments, and an heir of Heaven. This is the power of baptism. Thus, baptism is so much more than a nice social occasion but a necessary step towards salvation.

Jesus entered the waters not to be cleansed but to give the waters of baptism the power to cleanse: *Our Lord was baptized because He wished, not to be cleansed, but to cleanse the waters, that, being purified by the flesh of Christ that knew no sin, they might have the virtue of baptism (St. Ambrose).*

It was fitting that Jesus chose the Jordan River as the place to be baptized: *It was through the river Jordan that the children of Israel entered into the land of promise. Now, this is the prerogative of Christ's baptism over all other baptisms: that it is the entrance to the kingdom of God, which is signified by the land of promise; wherefore it is said (Jn. 3:5): "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (St. Thomas Aquinas).*

Jesus is so good and so loving. He is so good and so loving that He entered the waters to save us. Pope Francis gave a very good teaching on this fact in an address on January 8, 2023:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the Gospel presents us with an astonishing scene: it is the first time that Jesus appears in public after his hidden life in Nazareth. He arrives on the bank of the River Jordan to be baptized by John (cf. Mt 3:13-17). It is a rite by which the people repented and committed to converting; a liturgical hymn says that the people went to be baptized "with a bare soul and bare feet" — an open, naked soul, without covering anything — that is, with humility and with a transparent heart. But, seeing Jesus mingling with the sinners, we are surprised and we wonder: why did Jesus make that choice? (Continued on Page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Jan. 10</u>	4:00pm Helene Burns
Sunday	<u>Jan. 11</u>	7:30am The People of the Parish
		9:30am John A. Angeloni, Jr.
		11:30am Eileen Nelson
Monday		8:00am John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00am For the Intentions of Michael K. Pham
Wednesday		8:00am David Dziedzic, 14 th Anniversary
Thursday		8:00am James Pellegrino, 5 th Anniversary
Friday		8:00am Jeanne Brandt, 1 st Anniversary
Saturday		8:00am Glena & Melvin Soria, Wedding Anniversary
	<u>Jan. 17</u>	4:00pm Miss Kitty Casey
Sunday	<u>Jan. 18</u>	7:30am Linda Generale
		9:30am The People of the Parish
		11:30am Ramona Villamater

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Lillian Cannon, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Robert Fisher, Jim Gordon, Paul Han, Dee Hottinger, Emery Kutney, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Dominic Lightcap, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Art McLaughlin, Joseph McNamara, John Merritt, Moira Merritt, Suzi Molz, Laura Masorli Nardone, Gertrude Nelson, Michael K. Pham, Patricia Picciocchi, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Michael Tashjian, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, William Sparke, Rob Skalski, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, Edward White, John Zerbe.

***Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead
Michael McGinn, Christopher Evans,
Kay Hartman and Angela Layre***

This Week In Our Parish**Monday, January 12**

- *Adoration -8:30am – 7:30pm
- *Communion Service @ Pathways – 2:00pm
- *Communion Service/Rosary @ Christ Home – 2:30pm
- *Rosary – 7:30pm
- *Men's Group – Room 18 – 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 13

- *PREP – 6:00pm (3rd Grade Penance Practice)

Wednesday, January 14

- *Communion Service/Rosary @ Luther Woods – 1:30pm
- *Catholic In Recovery – Church Hall – 7:00pm
- *Adult Choir Practice – 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, January 15.

- *Children's Choir Practice – 5:30pm – 6:45pm
- *OCIA – Room 18 – 7:00pm
- *Charismatic Prayer Group – Church Hall - 7:00pm

Readings for The Week

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

He, the Saint of God, the Son of God without sin, why did he make that choice? We find the answer in Jesus' words to John: "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness" (v. 15). Fulfil all righteousness: what does it mean?

By having himself baptized, Jesus reveals God's justice, that justice he came to bring into the world. Very often we have a limited idea of justice, and think that it means: those who do wrong pay, and in this way compensate for the wrong they have done. But God's justice, as the Scripture teaches, is much greater. It does not have the condemnation of the guilty as its end, but their salvation, rebirth and their being made righteous: from unjust to just. It is a justice that comes from love, from the depths of compassion and mercy that are the very heart of God, the Father who is moved when we are oppressed by evil and fall under the weight of sins and fragility. God's justice, then, is not intended to distribute penalties and punishments but rather, as the Apostle Paul affirms, it consists of making us, his children, righteous (cf. Rm 3:22-31), freeing us from the snares of evil, healing us, raising us up again. The Lord is never ready to punish us. His hand is outstretched to help us rise up. And so, we understand that, on the banks of the Jordan, Jesus reveals to us the meaning of his mission: He came to fulfil divine justice, which is that of saving sinners; he came to take on his own shoulders the sin of the world and to descend into the waters of the abyss, of death, so as to rescue us and prevent us from drowning. He shows us today that God's true justice is the mercy that saves. We are afraid to think that God is mercy, but God is mercy because his justice is indeed the mercy that saves. It is the love that shares our human condition, that makes itself close, in solidarity with our suffering, entering into our darkness to restore light.

As we recall the Baptism of Our Lord and the baptisms of our children and grandchildren, let us take a moment and recall those who made sure that we were baptized along with the priest or deacon who baptized us. They did something for us that is worth more than anything else in the world. We owe them a lot, and may they be richly rewarded for what they did for us.

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

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Warm Weather Clothing Drive

The **St. Joseph's Saint Vincent de Paul** conference is having a warm weather clothing drive after all masses this weekend **January 10th and 11th**. Please bring any/all clothing for those whom we serve in the Kensington area (SVDP's "Feed the Hungry" ministry): coats/sweaters/hats/gloves.

We are in the process of forming a Saint Vincent de Paul conference at St. Joseph's church. Here is the SVDP Mission Statement: "Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. We conduct home visits in teams of two, meeting with those who are in need in our parish area". If interested in this amazing organization, please attend a meeting (St. Robert's church currently, first room on the right): first and third Mondays of the month, starting at 7:00pm. Questions? Call Tom Molz: 215-801-9158.

From The Health and Help Ministry

The American Red Cross will hold Blood Drive in St Joseph Parish Hall on **Thursday, January 22 from 1:00 – 7:00 pm**. Register to donate by calling Mary 215-806-5693.



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(ref:NY Presbyterian Health Matters)



Hope Committee Diaper Collection



Next weekend, **January 17 & 18** we will collect diapers/wipes for our babies in need. The back hall table is the collections site. Thank you for your continued generosity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols! —Rev. James Field

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 January 24 at the 4:00 PM Mass
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As we move through the heart of winter, our school community is looking ahead to one of the most exciting times of the year—Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month. We’ll kick off the week on Sunday, January 25th with an Open House for current and prospective families from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We warmly invite parishioners and anyone considering SJR for their child next year to stop by, tour the school, and experience the faith-filled community that makes SJR such a special place. Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic education.



TUESDAY, January 6 All grades in session.

TUESDAY, January 13 All grades in session. 3rd grade students report directly to church at 6:00pm for reconciliation practice. 3rd grade students picked up at church at 6:45pm

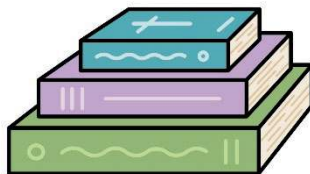
THURSDAY, January 15 First Penance for all 3rd grade students – 7:00pm

TUESDAY, January 20 All grades in session. “Kids Talk” presented to all grades.

TUESDAY, January 27 All grades in session. (Snow date for “Kids Talk” if necessary.) End of First Semester.

We’ll close out the week with one of our favorite traditions, the annual Ladies’ Bingo event, on Saturday, January 31st—an evening of fun hosted by our Home and School Association in support of our school. Parishioners are welcome to join in the fun, and tickets may be purchased through our website at www.stjstr.org. What a great way to finish an exciting week!

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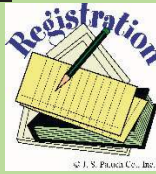
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New parishioners are always welcome! Call the Parish Office Monday – Thursday to register. Help us keep our records updated by notifying us if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020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



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