

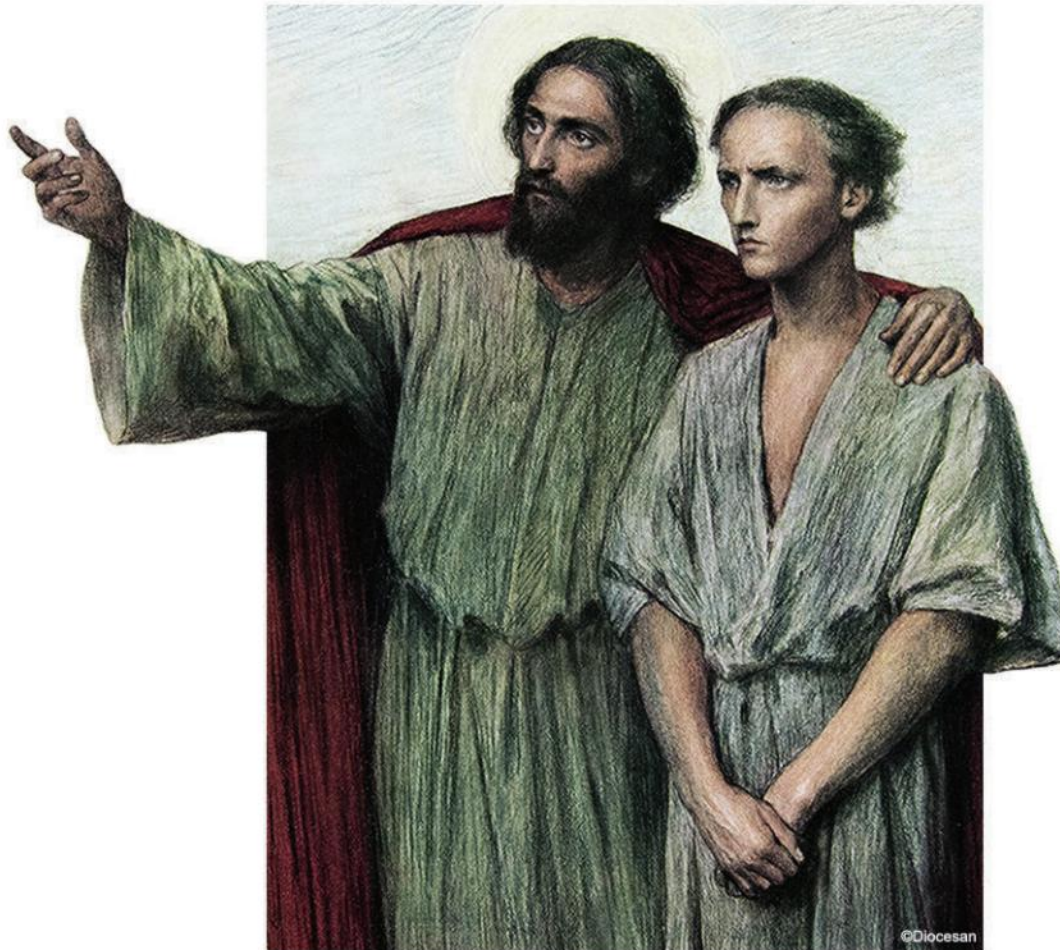


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Sunday, October 20, 2024 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**



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# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, Oct. 20

**5pm Vigil:** Gavin Pippin

**6am:** Parishioners

**7:30am:** Jim DiSante

**9am:** Francis Joseph Francella & Thomas Moore

**10:30am:** Lorie Petrie Formica

**12pm:** David Gallagher

**4pm:** William & Catherine Fulton

*Sanctuary Candle:* Joseph Batten

*Chapel Sanctuary Candle:* Tony Ursini

## Monday, Oct. 21

7am: John Ousey

9am: Chrisanne Zima

## Tuesday, Oct. 22

7am: Claire McGovern

9am: Dominic (Coogs) Castaldi

## Wednesday, Oct. 23

7am: Mary Jo Hoffman

9am: Don Lichok

## Thursday, Oct. 24

7am: Joseph Batten

9am: Veronica Moore

## Friday, Oct. 25

7am: John Anthony Roch

9am: David Gallagher

## Saturday, Oct. 26

8am: Carmine DiPietro, 19th Anniversary

## Next Week: Sunday, Oct. 27

**5pm Vigil:** Vincent Leva

**6am:** Parishioners

**7:30am:** Eileen Mary Curtin

**9am:** Catherine Hughes

**10:30am:** David Gallagher

**12pm:** Carla Isola

**4pm:** Elise Levito, *Living*

## Sacraments & Devotions

### Baptism

First-time parents are asked to please attend Pre-Jordan. Baptism scheduling and Pre-Jordan class information can be found on the parish website.

### Matrimony

Engaged couples are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible to enroll in a marriage-prep program at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 330PM-430PM &

Wednesdays: 630AM, 830AM, 630PM

### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

## Prayer List

*Every three months we will remove names from the military and sick list to ensure the list remains up-to-date. Please call the parish office to add intentions.*

### For those that are serving our country:

Brandon W. A'Hara, GySgt Steve & GySgt Shaina Anderson, Petty Officer Katesiree Cannon Bosen, Lt. Mitch Byers, Caytie Castells, Francesca Chindemi, Specialist, Ensign Morgan S. Dankanich, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, CPL Daniel A. DiLuigi, Ensign Jude DiMedio, USN, Airman First Class, James G. DiSantis, Cpt Mark Edwards, ROTC, Sargent Ian Fay, James Heisler, LTJG Nathan J. Horton, USN, USN Victoria Jones, SFC Peter Karol, Peter Kurtz, Lt. Col. Paul Lang, Krzysztof Malarz, Lt. Col. J. Kevin McKittrick, Capt. Andrew C. Oddo, Pvt. Vincent Romano, 1st Lt. Eric F. Satterthwaite, Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Scalia, Cmdr. Christopher Schwarz, Jr., Corporal Jeremy Solnosky, SaR. Max Spatola, LT Sean Sweeney and Aaron Thieroff, and Sgt. Stephen Yori

### For those who are sick:

Lidia Arasin, Joseph Bilder, Kevin Bilder, Baby Botero, Dennis Brehany, Ashlyn Brown, Donn Cabott, Sandy Cabott, Terry Campbell, Mary Conners, Tim Connor, Lanai Costanzo, Ryan Coombs, MPatricia Cudahy, Mary Ellen Curran, Gerry Daney, Kari D'Amore, Baby Kai D'Amore, Dante Danilshenko, Joan Dawson, Lisa Dawson, Richard Deblasio, Patricia Derelanko, Lori D'Ginto, Robin DiMattei, Lauren Elliot, Jack Falkner, Conner Farnum, Joe Fasano, Nicole Ferst, Michelle Ford, Jeff Ford, Trudi Gauss, Jane Gill, Jim Guiseppe, Carol Gray, John G. Haney, Dana Hathaway, Liam Hawk, Michele Hill, Barbara Hartmann, Gary Henderson, Tom Ippolito, Jimmy Kane, Matthew Keenan, Rose Kuchar, Elizabeth Lisse, Jack and Maryann Logan, Deb Lojewski, Kathleen Manuel, Patricia Melcher, Jim Mento, Rich Miller, Sean Moore, Winnie Mullen, Michelle Murdaugh, Jennifer Murphy, Robert Nagy, Katie Nejman, Angie Pisano, Nancy Paquet, Dave Parker, Brenda Pezone, Larry Polinsky, Lucy Poole, John Protivnak, Jeanette Randall, Dave Robey, John Rogelstad, Leila Ruedy, Alexis Shaffer, Stephen, Don Skomsky, Alexis Shaffer, Robin Smith, Helen Rechner Short, Diana Simmons, Justin Smith, Noah Thomas, Don and Irene Tuffner and Barbara Wayne.

## We remember in our prayers those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.



# Weekly Letter

October 20, 2024

Dear Friends,

When we were kids, we would often play a game that we called "slave." My older brother Paul and I would make bets about things we thought we could do and if you lost the bet, then you would have to be the other persons "slave" for the week or two weeks or whatever. I fell for this time and time again as I truly believed that I would be able to best my older brother at some point. Honestly, it never happened and I ended up doing his chores or other tasks for quite a while.

When we hear Jesus say, "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all," it is challenging to hear Jesus say those words and to live them out in our lives. I am confident that none of us likes the idea of being a servant or a slave to another person. Do I think that Jesus misspoke or used these terms accidentally? Of course not. True discipleship requires of each of us a willingness to put ourselves out there for others. Honestly, it cannot always be about me and what I want or what I hope for. When we decide to live our lives as disciples of Jesus, we need only look at his life to see how it is done. Jesus gave of himself at every moment even giving his own life. That gift, that sacrifice is what brings us life and forgiveness and true joy. We expected to do the exact same thing, maybe not get up on a cross but perhaps dying to my wants and desires so that I can offer the gift of myself to another.

It can be no big surprise that as Christians and disciples of Jesus we are to be about the other. Allowing Jesus to be our example and our guide will help us to see how we can best serve each sister and brother so that Christ is clearly seen in our actions and in our words. Here is the example that we are to live out in our lives, "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." We are not playing now my friends, being a servant of the other is the job of every Christian person. The life of Jesus and his actions and his words shows us exactly how to do this.

On the weekend of October 26-27 we will have the Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary for our parish and our parish families. This was last done in our community in 2006, and it is a wonderful opportunity to rededicate our parish and our lives to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. I pray that Jesus and Mary will continue to watch over our parish and to guide our parishioners and their families each day.

You might not see me around for a few weeks as I had back surgery on October 14th and now, I am healing from that surgery. I am leaving you in the capable and caring hands of Father Auletta and Father Monica. Please keep me in your prayer and know that you are always in my prayers. I will see you soon. God bless you.

Peace,  
Fr. Steve Leva



*Best Wishes for a  
Speedy Recovery!*

GET WELL SOON, FR. LEVA!



## HOPE Transportation Ministry

HOPE is a transportation ministry which provides rides to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, the pharmacy and other necessary errands.

Rides require a minimum of 48 hours notice and can be requested a week in advance. For more information, please contact Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH PHONE CALLS.**

For the week of Oct. 21  
Helen Lyons at 484-402-8407  
Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631

For the week of Oct. 28  
Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631  
Patti Frank at 610-316-7163



## Ministry of the Week: Knights of Columbus

This fraternal benefit society welcomes Catholic men ages 18 and older who are dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. It upholds and promotes Catholic teaching, and sponsors and provides support for various parish and Knights of Columbus activities throughout the year.

For those interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or learning more, the Knights will be recruiting new members after Masses this weekend.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.stjosephrc.org/knights-of-columbus](http://www.stjosephrc.org/knights-of-columbus)

## Charismatic Prayer Group

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of St Joseph Parish invites all people to experience anew, the person, the presence, and the power of the Holy Spirit who opens us to a life changing relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father.

The Holy Spirit empowers us for inner and personal transformation, renewed Catholic life, love of the sacred scriptures and evangelization.

This group celebrates charismatic prayer on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to join.

For additional information, please visit  
[www.stjosephrc.org/charismatic-prayer-group](http://www.stjosephrc.org/charismatic-prayer-group)

## St. Joe's Prayer Chain

A prayer chain is a group of people who share prayer requests and commit to pray for needs as they arise. It's called a "prayer chain" because the individual members are "linked" by prayer; each link represents one person committed to pray for the needs of others.

Requests for prayers will be shared with our Prayer Chain Ministry Team. Please note the following conditions so that we may respect the privacy of others:

- When requesting prayers for an individual, please do not use full names. First Name, Last Initial (Joseph P. for example) is sufficient
- When listing the reason for the request, refrain from being too specific. We do not need specific illnesses, surgical procedures, relationships, etc. Use terms such as battling an illness, facing surgery, lost a loved one, struggling with an issue, etc.
- This is for prayer requests only; do not share devotional practices, events, or other information in this space

To request prayers, please visit:  
<https://stjosephrc.org/prayer-chain>

## The King and Queen are Coming: Enthronement Weekend

At the end of all Masses on October 26 & 27 we will host an Enthronement Weekend.

### What Does it Mean?

The word "enthroned" means to put upon a throne. In effect through enthroning Jesus into our homes we are inviting Him to become the King and head of our homes and of our hearts.

### Why is it Important?

It is a way to obtain special graces and blessings in our daily lives. Jesus said to Saint Margaret Mary "I will bless the homes in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored". To invite Jesus and Mary into our homes takes on even greater meaning in these troubled times and is a source of great comfort and grace.

### How will it work?

At the end of each Mass on October 26 & 27, a short presentation will be given and Enthronement Packets will be distributed. The packets include beautiful images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and an Enthronement Scroll suitable for framing (and on which the names of the living and deceased family members are written). You get the pictures framed and put them in a place of honor in your home while saying the prayers from the Enthronement Scroll to complete the Enthronement and Consecration.



*Please plan on coming to Mass on the weekend of October 26 & 27 as a family and participate in this short but powerful program at the end of Mass.*

## Caring for Friends: Meals Needed

### Share a Meal

Volunteers prepare meals for the homebound in the area. They pick up containers from the Holy Family Center or the St. Katherine Drexel room in the church, fill them at home, and return the meals to the Caring For Friends freezer in the Holy Family Center. Prepare an extra serving of your next meal!

### Serve a Neighbor

Caring for Friend ministry has a current need for a driver to deliver meals to local neighbor in need. If you are able to assist, please contact Debby O'Keefe at [dokeefe19@hotmail.com](mailto:dokeefe19@hotmail.com).



## Fall Campaign Update

Fall 2024 | Sept 25 - Nov 3

Two volunteers needed each hour, 7 am - 7 pm, every Monday through Saturday.

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers. Vigil runs 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon - Sat on the public right of way outside West Chester Planned Parenthood, 8 S. Wayne St. Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign: [www.40daysforlife.com/chestercounty](http://www.40daysforlife.com/chestercounty).

# We Remember



Monday, November 11 at 7pm

Please join us at our annual 'We Remember' Mass as we honor and pray for those who have entered into eternal life in the past year. A light reception will follow immediately after Mass.





## Fair Trade Holiday Shopping

Shop our SERRV sale! Choose beautiful, unique holiday, home, and personal gifts for friends, family, or even yourself. Every item is made by a skilled artisan or farmer earning vital income and gaining opportunity through fair trade. Proceeds benefit Catholic Relief Services.

**When:** Nov. 2-3 (after all the Masses)

**Where:** In front of the church (rain location: St. John Neumann Room)

**Prices:** Most items under \$20; cash or check only, please!

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Faith and Justice-CRS Team

## Young Adults (21-35)

**Friday, October 25th at 7pm- Fall Party!**

Please join us for a fall party featuring our 3rd annual pumpkin carving contest! Hot apple cider and marshmallows for roasting will be provided! Please bring a snack to share. Please also bring your own pumpkin and carving tools if you'd like to participate in the contest!

## Upcoming Masses

### Cemetery Mass

Saturday, November 2 (All Souls' Day) at 12:00 Noon  
St. Joseph Cemetery (1107 Glenside Rd. Downingtown, PA 19335). *Please bring a lawn chair for seating*



## CYO SPORTS BRIEF

### Upcoming Dates

Oct. 28 -

Basketball Registration Closes

### Picture Day Schedule

Oct. 27th in the Cafeteria

10:30am - Volleyball

11:00 - Cross Country

11:15 - Soccer

12:00 - Field Hockey

12:15 Flag Football

### Introduction to Field Hockey Clinic

Open to 1st - 4th grade girls. After school from 3-4:30pm Tuesdays and Fridays, Oct. 15-Nov.12. \$50 sign up fee. All proceeds support the SJS Field Hockey program. Sign up fee will include t-shirt and loaner equipment. Visit

[St-Joseph-CYO.SportNginer.com](http://St-Joseph-CYO.SportNginer.com).

### Basketball Registration

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and High School basketball registration is now open. Sign up soon, registration closes Oct. 28! As of 10/11, over 100 players have registered!

# DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Friday, Nov. 8 at 7pm

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## IHM Companions in Prayer


Monday, Oct. 21 at 1pm in the St. John Neumann room. This week's reflection is "Virtue: Recollection / Silence and What Are Relics." Please join us.

## Philly Catholic Singles 30-45

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45... hope you can join us!

- Sun 10/27 @ 4pm: Eagles Watch Party for Catholic Singles 30-45. Barnaby's in Havertown. \$40 covers entry and heavy appetizers like pizza and meatball sandwiches. Cash bar. Join waitlist at [www.PhillyCatholicSingles.com](http://www.PhillyCatholicSingles.com).

Email [PhillyCatholicSingles@gmail.com](mailto:PhillyCatholicSingles@gmail.com) to join our email list and get early access to our events. Our chaplain is Fr. DeLacy. Learn more at [www.PhillyCatholicSingles.com](http://www.PhillyCatholicSingles.com)



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Contact our team to register or for questions:  
Susan – 610-716-4795, [Susiemck@comcast.net](mailto:Susiemck@comcast.net)  
Georgeann – 484-955-4278, [geemcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:geemcgarry@gmail.com)



## Stewardship Report

October 13, 2024

Weekly/Monthly/Online:  
\$29,104

Fiscal Year to Date:  
\$732,663

Weekly Poor Box:  
St. Joseph Families in Need  
\$154

NOTE: All prior second collection donation checks have been submitted to the diocese or related party these include Sister Parish, Pontifical Mission Society, Catholic University have been sent to the diocese, St. Katherine Drexel and thePontifical Mission Society for distribution. No more donations will be accepted for these collections. They will be applied to the next month's second collection.



## Women of Hope Casserole Schedule

Group 1:

Southwest Chicken w/ Corn & Rice

Group 2:

Stuffing - Crusted Creamy Chicken

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