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**Theresa Martin** Music Ministry  
**Natalie Lopez** Youth Faith Formation  
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**Worship Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**, 4:00p  
**Sunday Mass 11:15a**; En español, 1:00p  
**Daily Mass, Holy Days** Consult bulletin  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

**Sunday Mass** 9:00a  
**Communion Service** Tuesdays, 12:15p  
**Holy Days** 7:00p  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 26, 2022**



**Do some Spring cleaning!!**  
**Donate useable items**  
**to our Yard Sale.**

**Bring you donated items to the FLC:**

**Sundays, July 17 & 24**

**10:35a, after Mass**

**Tuesdays, July 20 & 27**

**1:15p, after Communion Service**

**YARD SALE DATE:**

**Saturday, July 30**

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**The following items**  
**will NOT be acceptable for our YARD SALE**

<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Books without covers</b>
<b>Unframed glass</b>	<b>Large or CRT televisions</b>
<b>Opened paint cans</b>	<b>Building supplies</b>
<b>Large appliances</b>	<b>Broken items</b>
<b>Cribs or baby equipment</b>	<b>Dirty items</b>

**Please do your part:**  
**donate items, show up,**  
**and buy something!**

*Ladies Guild are donating*  
*Yard Sale proceeds towards the cost of new church roof.*

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## Reception of the Body of Christ



If you choose to received the Eucharist in your hands:

- ~ Approach the altar with your right palm on top of your left or vice versa. Prayerfully *set one palm on top of the other.*
- ~ When it is your turn to receive, make a reverent bow, then approach the EM.
- ~ When the Minister says, “Body of Christ”, you respond, “AMEN.”
- ~ With your free hand, reverently place the Host in your mouth before leaving the altar.
- ~ Then return to your seat and join in the Communion Song and then the time of thanksgiving.



If you choose to received the Eucharist on your tongue:

- ~ Approach the altar with your hands prayerfully folded; Make a slight bow before the EM in preparation.
- ~ After the Minister says, “Body of Christ, you respond, “AMEN!”
- ~ Put your head back, open your mouth as wide as possible, and extend your tongue forward to received.
- ~ Then return to your seat and join in the Communion Song and then the time of thanksgiving.



**Our Lady,  
Queen of Peace,  
pray for us!**



**The Summer Day ~ Mary Oliver**

**Who made the world?**

**Who made the swan, and the black bear?**

**Who made the grasshopper?**

**This grasshopper, I mean--**

**the one who has flung herself out of the grass,**

**the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,**

**who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down -**

**who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.**

**Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.**

**Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.**

**I don't know exactly what a prayer is.**

**I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down**

**into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,**

**how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,**

**which is what I have been doing all day.**

**Tell me, what else should I have done?**

**Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?**

***Tell me, what is it you plan to do***

***With your one wild and precious life?***



Educating and Serving  
Philadelphia's  
Immigrant Community

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center  
A Sponsored Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph ~ Chestnut Hill ~ Philadelphia

# the **Welcome** edition

## Dear Friends,

Happy summer to everyone! This is our 19th year of service in the Kensington neighborhood. And during these last months, so much has happened at the SSJ Welcome Center! At the heart of all that takes place here is the spirit of St. Joseph. On May 1, we remembered St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph lived his life as a simple man, working hard and looking out for his family. We encounter so many immigrant women and men who do just the same... work hard and care for their families.

In this edition, you will read about some of the other awesome happenings from this year. On May 23, we hosted our second Annual Golf Outing at Sandy Run Country Club. We are grateful for our many supporters and friends who were able to join us. Another highlight involved many of our friends who collected cookies and sandwiches to share. Two of the other Sisters of Saint Joseph Sponsored Ministries, Norwood-Fontbonne Academy and Chestnut Hill College Campus Ministry, joined in the process. Students, staff, and parents collected food for us to share with our families and neighbors.



As we celebrate these moments, we also anticipate future events. We look forward to meeting again on November 5 at our Trivia Night LIVE at Norwood-Fontbonne Academy. We are excited to host the event in-person again and hope to see many of you there. More information to come! At this event and throughout next year, you will hear more about how blessed we are to be 20 years old! SSJ Maxim 70 reads, "Trust God's timing. The future will unfold." We trust in God's timing and know that a future of goodness will unfold for the next twenty years!

God Bless,  
*Sister Kathy*  
Sister Kathy McShane  
Director

20  
YEARS



SPRING/SUMMER 2022

# One Thread **Dyakuyu** (Thank You in Ukranian)

The Ukrainian people have an expression, "A thread from all over the world makes a shirt for a needy person." We are so grateful to all our friends, family, parishes, and communities who have contributed to our collection for Ukraine. We have built towers of first aid supplies and hygiene products to bring to the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC) headquarters in Philadelphia.

We recently visited and brought supplies to the UUARC. The workers were overwhelmed by our donations, as well as the generosity of local people and those from out of state. So, with all "the threads" that we have collected, hopefully many people will be served and refreshed.



Staff members and friends visit the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee headquarters

## The Sweetness of Saint Joseph



March is the month of Saint Joseph. At the Welcome Center, we celebrated Saint Joseph's Day and our 19th Anniversary with cookies! Students and staff from Norwood-Fontbonne Academy and Chestnut Hill College, along with many volunteers and friends of the Welcome Center, donated cookies to be packaged and given out to our dear neighbors. Sweetness flowed in all shapes and colors in and out of the Welcome Center.

Of course, the staff was happy to sample all the goodies before deeming them acceptable to be handed out. We didn't count the calories but we were happy to count the many dozens of cookies that were donated in honor of Saint Joseph! We are grateful to all who helped spread sweetness in our neighborhood.

by Pat Madden SSJ



Amarily, Lizám and Rosa caring for 'the dear neighbor'

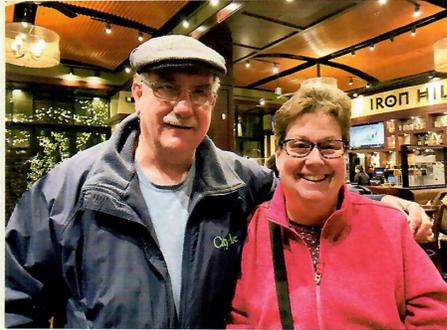


Students and staff of Norwood-Fontbonne Academy bring cookies to the Welcome Center



Since our last publication, **8** more students have become citizens of the United States! They serve as an inspiration for those who have similar goals. We are proud of them and those who continue to study and work hard to become citizens. Thank you to all who help support the efforts of our dear neighbors!

## News from the Advisory Board



For the last two years, I have been the Chair of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center Advisory Board. Although I have been on the board for many years, my 'official' time has come to an end. My hope is to remain involved in the activities of the board as the Center meets the needs of immigrant women and men in the city of Philadelphia.

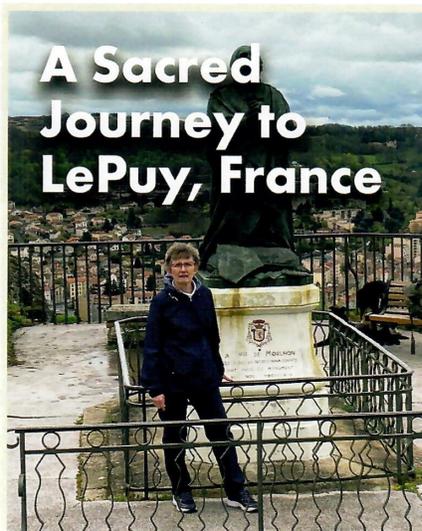
The Sisters of Saint Joseph have been a part of my life since I was in first grade and I have seen firsthand their love of the 'dear neighbors' around them. It has been an honor to be a part of the SSJ Welcome Center Advisory Board and I look forward to many more years.

*Terrence (Terry) Foley*

It is hard to put into words what it has meant to me to teach English and serve on the Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center Advisory Board. Over the past six years, I have witnessed the extraordinary generosity of the Welcome Center's Sisters and staff as well as the profound resilience of its students. I have come to a greater understanding of the complex challenges facing our dear neighbors who journey to the United States.

As I leave the board, I am most grateful for the many relationships I have been able to develop - with fellow board members, students, and staff. These relationships have left the biggest imprint on me. I am so thankful for my time on the board and I look forward to supporting the Welcome Center for many years to come.

*Emily Schademan*



The Welcome Center's own Sister Fran Ratay recently made a pilgrimage to LePuy, France with Sisters and Associates in Mission of the SSJ Community. LePuy is where the Sisters of Saint Joseph were founded in 1650.

In 1847, after arriving in Philadelphia, they continued their original mission of "love that unites" and continue today to serve 'the dear neighbor' through ministries that include education, social services and advocacy for vulnerable populations. What a blessing for Sister Fran to have made this sacred journey!



*Sisters and Associates make the journey*

## MISSION STATEMENT

In the just and compassionate spirit of Saint Joseph, the Welcome Center offers opportunities that enable immigrants and others to improve the quality of their lives through access to education, support services and programs leading to self-sufficiency. This neighborhood center in urban Philadelphia extends hospitality, linking newcomers and persons with resources for the enrichment of both.

## Welcome Center Staff

Sister Marian Behrle SSJ  
Nancy Bordewick  
Dori Costello  
Samantha Henry  
Sister Pat Madden SSJ  
Sister Kathy McShane SSJ  
Heber Monroy  
Lizám Morales  
Rosa Murcia García  
Juan Paredes  
Sister Fran Ratay SSJ

## Welcome Center Advisory Board

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker  
Fr. Robert Bazzoli OSFS  
Mr. Christopher Cooper  
Sister Dolores Egnér SSJ  
Mr. Terrence Foley  
Ms. Guelisse Gonzalez  
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Mrs. Irene Tori



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## Another Great Day for Golf

by Sam Henry - Grant Writer & Events Coordinator

Thank you to everybody who attended and supported our 2nd Annual Golf Outing. It was a beautiful, sunny day and over 100 golfers come out for the event, as well as many generous sponsors and volunteers.

We are so grateful for the support we've received for this event and our ministry serving immigrants in Kensington. We look forward to continuing this exciting event again next year!



Mark McMahon, Delran Builders (Tournament Sponsor) with Sister Kathy



## SAVE the DATE for Annual Trivia Night!

Saturday, November 5, 2022  
Norwood-Fontbonne Academy  
6:00pm

## Excuses, excuses, excuses...

### *Morning Church!*

If you pray and reflect on the Scriptures, you'll remember the encounter the prophet Elijah had with the widow and her son. (10<sup>th</sup> Tues OT) The widow shared a little cup of water and a morsel of bread with the prophet. He blessed her generosity by insuring she and her son would have food for a year. A prophet has a three-fold role: speak to the people in God's Name; point to a future full of hope, especially to The Exiled, and remind the people that God's top priority is to take care of those who are poor. Elijah fulfilled the ministry God entrusted to him, then passed it on to Elisha.

Elisha, like most of us, is ready with an excuse of why he cannot do what God is asking of him. Like our white garment of Baptism, Elisha understood that being draped by Elijah's cloak is a sign of God's call. It's the saying we know today, "handing on the mantle" to another leader. After some resistance, Elisha is all in. He slaughters his oxen, burns up the yoke for fuel so he can cook the oxen and feed his people. The destruction of what symbolizes his former farm life is a sign that he is ready to respond to God's call. No excuses.

The Galatians' faith seem to lack spirit and inner freedom. Paul serves as their prophet reminding them of what is essential to Christ: Christian freedom is gained through love, and not by following their drives and addictions of self-gratification. Followers of the gospel avoid all that prevents them from living in true freedom. Self-indulgent behaviors lead to destruction. There is no middle ground here, no excuses. Life in Christ leads to freedom. Freedom comes from service and self-sacrifice.

Today's gospel reinforces what it means to be Christ's disciples and to be truly free: live in the Spirit, love in the Spirit, serve in the Spirit. There is no middle ground here. Jesus calls you, then you must choose: make excuses or live the gospel lifestyle or be all in like Elisha. He sacrificed everything that prevented him from following the call to serve as God's prophet.

You were baptized into the ministry of Christ, to serve as priest, prophet and leader. Yours is an irrefutable call to be lived out in love of God and your neighbor, without distinction. No excuse can exempt you from God's call. No excuse.



God's presence and commitment are unquestionable.  
These concerns are truly ours alone.

God's blessings,

*spanis*

## Discipleship: no excuses...

JUNE	
26	13 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
 27	RCIA, 1p
28	Communion Service, 12:15p
JULY	
 03	14 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT Baptism: Bastian Leon Barrientos
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	15 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
 11	Ladies Guild, 7p <b>IMPT mtg in prep for Yard Sale</b>
12	Communion Service, 12:15p
17	16 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
19	Communion Service, 12:15p
21	Wise Ones TBA
23	SSJ ZOOM, 9a-1p
24	17 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
26	Communion Service, 12:15p
30	<b>PARISH YARD SALE</b> 

*Pope Francis Walking the Word*

...Walking in the Spirit...guides our journey along the way of Christ, ~ a stupendous, but difficult journey, that begins in Baptism and lasts our whole life.

**Parish Reno May, 2020 ~ June, 2022**

One blessing of COVID closings:  
St. S pews and kneelers repaired & refinished;  
interior church walls painted.  
Church basement fully renovated; new roof installed.  
**Donations accepted for these parish projects.**



**Daily Readings** <https://bible.usccb.org/>

*Reflecting and Acting on the Word*

*How can you be a stronger, more consistent follower of Jesus? What's your go-to excuse for not doing so?*

**PROCLAIMERS of the WORD**

6/26	Judy S	Wendy McC
7/3	Jerry S	Lou S
7/10	Jason McC	Lukas McC
<i>Please sign in at the door &amp; get a sub if you're unable to serve. Thanks!</i>		

JUNE

26	+Victims and Families of recent gun violence
JULY	
03	+ Carol & Charles McQuade
10	+Ray Wayda, r/b Jo DeJournette +Irene & Joe Krakovsky, r/b Ronnie K

**Parish Celebrations**



26 Daniel Reikowsky  
30 Aileen Cahill, Susana Martinez  
26 Jenny & Rudy Ardizzola  
27 Ellen & Richard Bernabe



*Thank you...Lou Stackhouse, Ronnie Krakovsky, Judy & Frank Simon, for the lovely flowers that grace God's altar for Eucharist.*

Start cleaning out and donate useable items for our parish

**Yard Sale, July 30**

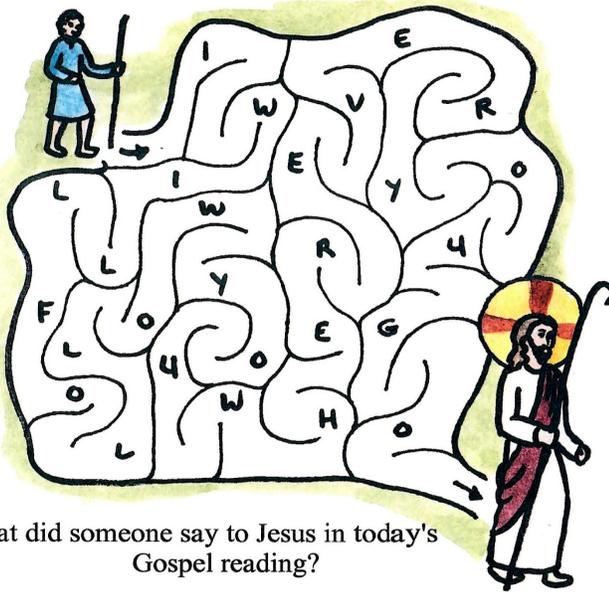
All proceeds donated to new church roof.

*Thank you, Ladies Guild!*

# The Kids' Bulletin

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 26th, 2022

Luke 9.51-62



What did someone say to Jesus in today's Gospel reading?

Use the letters in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out!

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## Follow Jesus

In today's gospel, Jesus asks some people to leave everything behind and follow him. Actually, Jesus is asking all of us to follow him! Does that mean that you have to start going from town to town preaching? No! It means that you do your best each day to become holy and loving, like Jesus.

Jesus calls *everyone* to be holy and loving. Some do so by serving in the Church as married couples, single persons, and children; others do so as Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. Jesus' call to follow him and be loving and forgiving is *everyone's call!*

You might think being holy is too hard or too boring. It's not! Becoming the person God dreams you can be is an adventure! Every day you have many chances to love, serve, forgive, inspire, and help others.

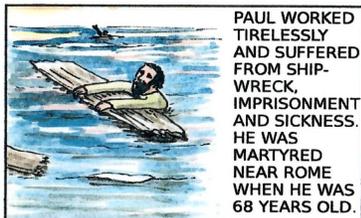
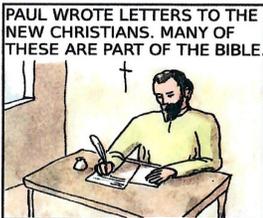
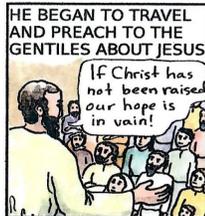
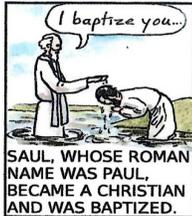
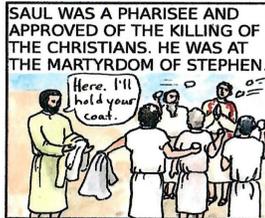
You learn to be like Jesus with your family; when you come to church to celebrate Mass on Sundays; in your classroom; and in your neighborhood. Every day you can make the choice to love as Jesus loves and become holy.



Answers to Maze on front page: I will follow you wherever you go.  
Answers to Word-Find: I will follow Jesus.

## Saint Paul the Apostle

June 29



SAINT PAUL IS CALLED "THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES." BEFORE HE BEGAN TO TEACH THE PAGANS, MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT ONLY THE JEWS COULD BE SAVED FROM THEIR SINS AND GO TO HEAVEN. BUT SAINT PAUL KNEW THAT GOD WANTED EVERYONE TO BE PART OF HIS CHURCH.

## Word-Find: I Will Follow You



See if you can find all the words from today's Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

As they were proceeding on their JOURNEY someone said to him, "I will follow you WHEREVER you go." Jesus ANSWERED him, "FOXES have DENS and birds of the air have NESTS, but the Son of Man has NOWHERE to REST his head."

And to another he said, "FOLLOW me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go FIRST and bury my FATHER." But he answered HIM, "Let the dead BURY their DEAD. But you, go and PROCLAIM the KINGDOM of God." And ANOTHER said, "I will follow YOU, Lord, but first let me say FAREWELL to my FAMILY at HOME." To him JESUS said, "No one who SETS a hand to the PLOW and looks to what was left BEHIND is fit for the kingdom of God."