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**1795 Columbia Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976**



**MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM (eve of Holy Day)  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
*(Christmas and New Year’s have special schedules)*

**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:**

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,  
Radio – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

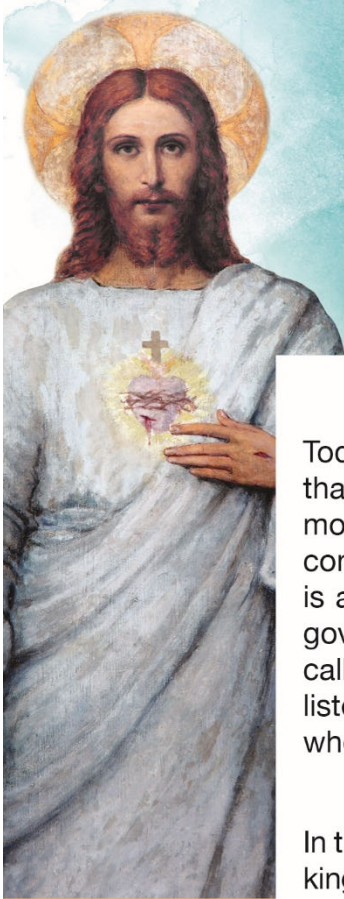
**BAPTISMS:** Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the **FIRST** and **THIRD** Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents 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 PM, 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, CCD School of Religion, Choir (Adult and Children’s), Home & School Association, Men’s Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women’s Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and  
ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him be glory and power  
forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6

### A KING LIKE NO OTHER

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one “who is and who was and who is to come.” Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ’s command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

### BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

In the waters of Baptism, we were drawn into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king and called to be “alter Christus,” “other Christs.” Christ who is priest sanctifies the everyday stuff of life, building a bridge between God and humanity. Christ who is prophet proclaims God’s love and mercy in a world that desperately needs it. Christ who is king rules the universe in loving, sacrificial service. We who are baptized into Christ are called to bring God’s love into our hearts, homes, places of work, and the wider world. We are called to show and share God’s love to others, especially those who most need the care, compassion, and forgiveness that is at the heart of Christ’s eternal message. We are called to give of ourselves beyond what might seem reasonable, in imitation of our Lord and king who gave himself on the cross and who reigns forever.

### CALLED TO LISTEN AND SERVE

Jesus said to Pilate, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Jesus spoke to the disciples and his voice reaches through the ages in the words of sacred scripture and the tradition of the Church. In prayer, participation in the liturgy, and learning from the saints and the teachings of the Church, we grow in belonging to the truth of Christ’s love. We hear and follow Jesus’ command to wash others’ feet, to love as he loves, to serve as he serves. And while it is certainly our duty to do so, there is more to our service than merely fulfilling the instructions of another. We fulfill Christ’s command as a grateful response to the incredible love of God for us. How will you listen to and serve the Lord? How will you make Jesus the king of your heart and life?

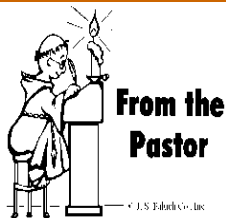
### TODAY’S READINGS

Daniel 7:13–14  
Psalm 93:1, 1–2, 5  
Revelation 1:5–8  
John 18:33b–37

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

**November 21, 2021**

## A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

This week marks the end of the current liturgical year, and the Year of St. Joseph. Next year we will begin a new liturgical year and season with the start of Advent. Because we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish, we will keep the small shrine to St. Joseph in our sanctuary. This week we also celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on all the blessings that God has given us and to make our response back to Him with praise and worship. I hope that you enjoy some time with family and loved ones during this special time. You are invited to join us for a Mass on Thanksgiving morning, **November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. Please note the time.** There will be no 8:00 Mass that day. At this Mass we will continue the tradition of blessing loaves of freshly baked bread and then handing them out after the Mass. It is a way to symbolically carry the blessing of the Mass home with you to your Thanksgiving tables. Please plan to be with us on this special day.

We started our Giving Tree program. This is the annual opportunity to provide gifts to the less fortunate. We ask you to take a "gift tag" off the tree in the sanctuary, which identifies a specific need for the various charitable organizations that we help. Then you are asked to supply a gift card in the amount of \$25 - \$35 from a department store, or check to St. Joseph (for tuition) to help meet the particular need. We ask that you return the card to the Giving Tree Box – placed at the base of the tree by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> so they may be distributed to those in need, with enough time to get their shopping done. If you are not yet coming to church because of Coronavirus concerns, you do not need to have a gift tag in order to submit a Giving Tree Donation. You can put the gift card or check in an envelope and put it in the weekly donation lock box in the back hallway, drop it off at the rectory, or put it in the mail slot of the rectory front door and we will see that it gets distributed to one of our charities. The people of this parish have always been very generous with this program and we are very grateful for your support.

God Bless you, Fr. Bordonaro

[The following is a Thanksgiving Reflection from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 2019, I thought it was very appropriate.]

With Thanksgiving approaching [this month], we would like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of gratitude in the Christian faith. The Bible contains over 150 verses about gratitude, and countless more reflecting a general attitude of praise to the Lord. Why do we give thanks to God, and why is it important?

### 1. Christians are Commanded to Give Thanks

We give thanks, first and foremost, because it is God's will that we do so. God's Word is replete with exhortations to thanksgiving, both in the Old and New Testaments, and especially in the Psalms:

**Philippians 4:6** – *Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.* (Continued on page 4...)

## Masses For The Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 20, 2021</b>	Dec'd. members of the DiTore Family
	5:00 p.m.	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 21, 2021</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	Joan & Charlie Casey
	9:30 a.m.	Joanne Blaney and Kitty & Jim Casey
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Mark Mackey
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Dec'd. mems. Albino & Bruni Families
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 a.m.	T. J. McCarthy
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 27, 2021</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	Patricia Devlin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 28, 2021</b>	
	7:30 a.m.	Beverly McPoyle
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Barbara Eisenhardt

## Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Stanley Travis, III, Nancy Angelino, John Roley, Sr., James Martin, Claire Brooks, Baby Jordan Evans, Mary Vincelli, Fran Mirabella, Michael DiTore, Theresa Romaniello, Sarah Sutton, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Thomas Henderson, Michael McCarthy, Louis Cerritelli, Gianna Farris, Kim Bell, Frances Bungard, June Faust, Russel Heim, David Jones, Ralph Lawson, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Daniel McKinny, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Joanne Slouskey, Jack Streisky, Jack Wilhelm.

## This Week In Our Parish

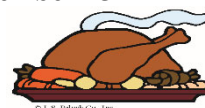
### Monday, November 22, 2021

\*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

\*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

\*Men's Group – 7:30 p.m. - Room 18

**Please note:** Rectory and Offices will be closed **Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**



**Bulletin Submittals** Requests may be emailed to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net). All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24;  
Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 —  
4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## A Note From The Pastor (Continued)

**Psalm 118:1** - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

It is God who has created us and sustains us; God has provided for our salvation through His sacrifice, has given us grace, and shown us love. As God's love for us is unconditional and everlasting, so too should our gratitude be never-ceasing, regardless of our temporal circumstances.

**Hebrews 12:28** – Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe.

**James 1:17** – [A]ll good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

### 2. Gratitude: An Appropriate Response

Gratitude is the appropriate response to God our Creator, Lord, and Savior, who, in His goodness, redeems and sustains us. Conversely, ingratitude is at the heart of sin, associated with those who are in rebellion against God, as the Scriptures say:

**Romans 1:21** – [F]or although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened.

### 3. Following Christ's Example of Thankfulness

By practicing an attitude of thanksgiving in our daily lives, believers follow the model set by Jesus himself, who expressed gratitude to the Father throughout His life and ministry (Matthew 26:27; Mark 14:23; Luke 22:17-19; 1 Corinthians 11:24). It is for this reason that the Eucharist begins with a prayer of Thanksgiving, after the example of Jesus at the Last Supper.

As Pope Francis has remarked:

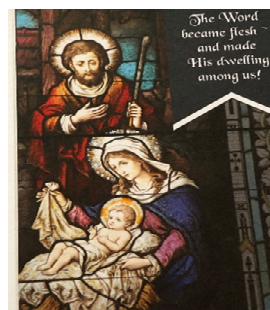
Gratitude is always a powerful weapon. Only if we are able to contemplate and feel genuine gratitude for all those ways we have experienced God's love, generosity, solidarity and trust, as well as his forgiveness, patience, forbearance and compassion, will we allow the Spirit to grant us the freshness that can renew... our life and mission. Like Peter on the morning of the miraculous draught of fishes, may we let the recognition of all the blessings we have received awaken in us the amazement and gratitude that can enable us to say: 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man' (Luke 5:8). Only then to hear the Lord repeat his summons: 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fishers of men' (Luke 5:10). 'For his mercy endures forever.' May the Word of the Lord strengthen your own devotion and inspire you to practice gratitude in your life.

## Reflect on the Readings CHRIST, THE KING

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Christmas Card Sale



Beautiful 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Cards are now on sale and can be purchased at the Rectory or at church after all weekend Masses.

\$15.00 for a package of 25 Cards and envelopes

## National Centre for Padre Pio Events

Bambinelli Sunday with Saint Nicholas Meet & Greet\_Sunday, Dec. 12, 12:30 p.m. Spirituality Centre

Light Lunch in Honor of Saint Lucy

Monday, Dec. 13, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Museum Tree Room

Movie Running Time: 95 Minutes Luncheon Cost: \$20.00

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## Mass Time Change – Thanksgiving Day

Please note the change of Mass time for Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be celebrated **November 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** There will be **no** 8:00 a.m. mass on Thanksgiving Day.



## Treasures from Our Tradition

Despite the fact that the feast of Christ the King was established less than a century ago, it has already undergone a shift in focus. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that it be a “vehicle for spiritual teaching,” one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over all political and social scheming. The last Sunday of October was chosen as the date for the feast because of its proximity to the feast of All Saints, those men and women who bore witness to Christ’s reign in so many different ways.

The calendar reforms of 1969 moved the feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. There, in the context of November’s focus on the end times, Christ’s second coming at the end of all time is highlighted. The threefold cycle of readings also expands our imaginations in regard to this feast. In this year’s Gospel, Christ stands before Pilate, whose own power blinds him to the truth of the Lord’s kingdom. In a world where oppression still holds sway over too many people, this feast is somehow still as timely as when Pope Pius XI first established it. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Feast Of Faith Procession

“The Mass is ended, go in peace.” At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar each week to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell. We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and we go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed.

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## All Souls 100th Anniversary Mass



A special All Souls Mass was held commemorating all those parishioners who have died since the founding of St. Joseph Church, in 1922. Memorial candles were lit for each decade of the past 100 years. Names of persons, who died this year, were read aloud while a representative placed a rose in a vase honoring their loved one. This year’s All Souls envelopes and a special Book of the Dead completed the shrine in front of the Blessed Mother.

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## St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Online Giving

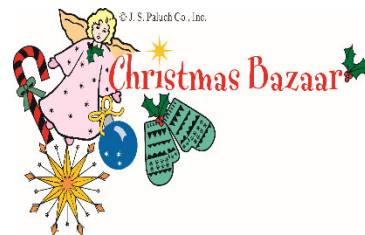
Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at [www.saintjosephchurch.us](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us)
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
3. Click on the Create Profile button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

## Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 5th  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

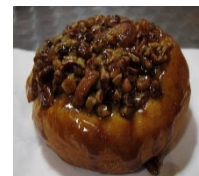
We will have great food, fabulous raffle baskets, 50/50, vendors, crafters, music and of course Santa!



Vendors and Crafters, please contact us. We are now collecting items to be used for raffle baskets. Please place any donations on table outside of Room 16. Contact Rita Roley for vendor tables or to volunteer at 215-872-0499 or email [rrolely2325@comcast.net](mailto:rrolely2325@comcast.net).

## Fritz’s Sticky Bun Sale

Sticky Buns are back!! Just in time for Thanksgiving. (They freeze great.) Don’t miss out and grab yours after the masses on **November 21<sup>st</sup>**.



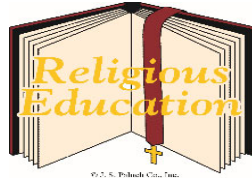
## Share The Warmth

St. Robert Teen Ministry is collecting new hats, gloves and socks (for adults and children) from now until Christmas. All donations will be distributed at the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals prepared by **FEAST** for the less fortunate in our community. Items can be dropped off at St. Robert Church, 856 Euclid Avenue, Warrington in the box located in the Narthex. Do you know a person or a family in need of a meal? Visit [feastcharitable.org](http://feastcharitable.org) to request a meal or find out more about **FEAST**.



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**November****Tuesday, November 23**

Thanksgiving Break - No classes in session

**Tuesday, November 30, 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

Advent Penance Service for all students  
(Includes both Family Home Schooling and In-Person)

**DECEMBER**

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**Tuesday, December 7**

Saint Report Due (*Confirmation class*)

**Tuesday, December 14**

Last CCD class before Christmas break.  
Next class January 4, 2022

**January**

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**Tuesday, January 4**

Confirmation Registration and Sponsor Referral Forms  
due (*Confirmation class*)

**Thursday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Teachers' meeting – Valley Road School Building

**Tuesday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

Reconciliation Practice (*3<sup>rd</sup> grade*) Drop off and pick up at  
Church

**Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Sacrament of First Penance (*3<sup>rd</sup> grade*) – Church

**Tuesday, January 18**

“Protecting God’s Children” classes presented – all grades

**Safe Environment Program**

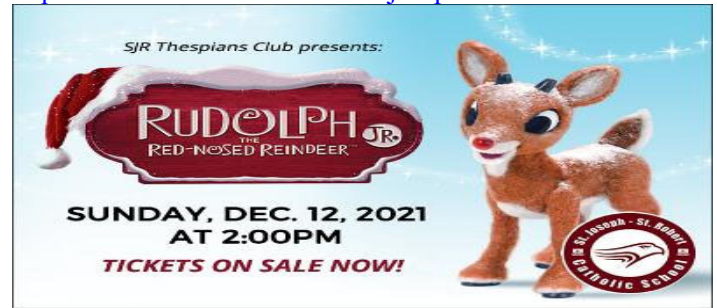
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#GivingTuesday, our nation’s Catholic day of giving on  
November 30th from 12:00a.m. - 11:59p.m. There is  
an **Advanced Giving Day** phase that is currently in progress  
through November 29th @ 11:59p.m. #GivingTuesday is a day  
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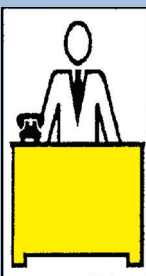
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