1897 Warrington, 1795 Columbia Avenue,



MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

Pastor:

School: **Principal: Religious Education: CCD** Office: **Music Director:**

Rev. Joseph C. Bordonaro

850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington Mrs. Jennifer Durkin Mr. James Ness 215-672-9990/3020 Mrs. Maria Lennon mariaalennon@gmail.com

WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTJOSEPHCHURCH.US **RECTORY:** 215-672-3020 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. to Fri.) **EMAIL:** sjc18976@verizon.net SCHOOL: 215-343-5100

MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

schedule:	
Daily Mass (MonSat.)	
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.)

С 192 <u>ن</u> December 3, 2023 Founded

June

St. Joseph's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!!!!

Sunday December 3rd Easton & County Line Roads Warrington, PA 18976 9:00am till 2:00pm







Join us for some Christmas FUN on December 3rd in the Church Hall. We'll have lots of FOOD including Pancake Breakfast! VENDORS, CRAFTERS, MUSIC, GAMES FOR THE KIDS, PICTURES WITH SANTA, PLENTY OF GREAT RAFFLE BASKETS & 50/50!!







Masses For The Week

A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends. This week we begin a new

liturgical year and the holy season of Advent. Advent is about preparing for the birth of Jesus, but it is also about actively waiting on the Lord. While we wait we also have to rush and get a lot of things done. It is a bit incongruous. I pray that you and I will take time to experience the wait, the longing for God that this season calls forth.

One way to prepare spiritually and to express your anticipation of Jesus is to make use of the various opportunities for confession. Our regular time for confession is Saturday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. This year we have been invited to join with St. John Bosco Parish for a communal Advent Penance Service. The invited celebrant will be Msgr. George Majoros, who was recently appointed as a Missionary of Mercy. Missionaries of Mercy are appointed priests worldwide and given a special mandate to lead missions or facilitate specific initiatives with particular attention to the sacrament of reconciliation. Please consider coming as a family to the Communal Advent Penance, on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Bosco parish. There will be additional priests available for confession.

The Christmas Bazaar is this Sunday, Dec. 3rd in the Church Hall. Please come down after Mass and get a jump on your Christmas shopping. Our parish Christmas Cards will be available for purchase. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Rita Roley, and her fantastic team of helpers.

I am happy to let you know that we have formed a guiding committee for the Parish Pastoral Council. The members are Teresa Anatasia, Cathy Cain, Laura DeHennis, Brian Gozdan, Tom Molz, and Lisa Sciscio. We have voted on and accepted a parish Mission Statement. It is:

> We are a faith filled family of believers who are committed to nurturing our relationship with Jesus Christ as we join together through Prayer, Sacraments, Proclamation of the Word, and Service to the Community on our journey to God's Kingdom.

(Continued on page 4)

Saturday	Dec. 2		
	5:00 p.m.	Angelo Ballerino	
Sunday	Dec. 3		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Peggy Thomas	
	11:30 a.m.	Mary Kanta Gomes	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary J. Gorniak	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Generale	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Dowzicky	
	5:30 p.m.	Carolyn E. Ford	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of	
		Michael Pham	
	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention –	
		Fernandez Family	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Susan & Alfred Denofa	
	Dec. 9		
	5:00 p.m.	DiTore Family	
Sunday	Dec. 10		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Ray & Clara Young	
	11:30 a.m.	Miss Kitty Casey	

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Steve Becker, Michelle Bird, Louis Cerritelli, Kristina Crawford, Peter Evans, Sr., Luke Gallo, Sr., Kevin Fullam, John Hesser, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hottinger, Wendy Jacobs, Joyce Kelly, Enoch Kroutch, Andy Landmesser, Irene Lennon, Mary Lishman, Annabelle Long, Dana Madden, Paul Malachowski, James Martin, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, John Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Clifford Patton, Michael Pham, Albinka Potocka, Ronan Power, Stephanie Radcliffe, James Ritsick, Gino Romaniello, Theresa Romaniello, Joanne Slouskey, Brian Stec, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, John Zerbe.

<u>This Week In Our Parish</u>

Monday, December 4

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. *Rosary & Benediction - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5

*Rosary & Communion Serv. at Christ Home – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

*Rosary & Communion Serv. At Luther Woods – 1:30 pm
*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
*RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Room 18
*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8

*Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation Bulletin Submittals

Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings For The Week

Monday: Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11 *Tuesday:* Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24 *Wednesday:* Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37 *Thursday:* Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27 *Friday:* Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 *Saturday:* Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 *Sunday:* Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

A Note From The Pastor (continued...)

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. This presents us with the unique situation of celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Dec. 23-24th and then Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on Sunday Evening and Monday morning. We will therefore have to decorate the church for Christmas before the Fourth Sunday of Advent, in order to be ready for the Christmas Season. Also there is the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and also Christmas Mass. For those who choose to do this, you may attend one of the regular Sunday Morning Masses and receive Holy Communion, and then also attend one of the afternoon or Midnight Vigil Masses and receive Holy Communion again.

This Friday we celebrate the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is the patronal feast of our country and it is always a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be as follows: Vigil Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, Dec. 8th Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and also at 7:00 p.m. This feast celebrates that Mary was born without the stain of Original Sin, in anticipation of her giving birth to our Savior Jesus Christ.

> May God Bless You, Fr. Bordonaro

Living Drive-thru Nativity

Saturday, December 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Come experience the miracle of the Christmas story presented with live characters and animals. Plus receive a bag of home-baked Christmas cookies! This is a free event. Grounds of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 605 West Street Rd., Warminster, PA 18974.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Full-time Cook/Dining Assistant

Regina Coeli Residence for Retired Priests 685 York Road, Warminster PA

Tuesday-Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Responsibilities: Kitchen/Dining Prepare meals, set-up and clean up dining room for 8 -10 resident Priests, Cleaning and organizing of kitchen area, Stock pantry, as needed, Maintain list of pantry needs for supervisor, Ability to work flexible hours, if needed, Light Housekeeping and Laundry assistance as needed. Skills Required: Ability to work independently, Ability to lift, bend, and stand for long periods, Ability to lift 25 lbs., Experience with dining and serving multi-resident community, Knowledge and experience.

Regina Coeli is a private retirement home for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia located in Warminster, Pa. All resumes can be sent to Sharon Gibbs email address: <u>SGibbs@chs-adphila.org</u>. Villa Saint Joseph is an EOE, M/F/V/D



	2023	2022
	November 19	November 20
Envelopes	\$ 5,025.00	\$ 7,623.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,382.51	\$ 2,933.63
Total	\$ 7,407.51	\$10,556.63

Thank Soy

<u>Children's Advent Celebration</u>

Sunday, December 17 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA Celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent with some fun and faith-filled activities at the National Centre for Padre Pio. Invite your young children, grandchildren, Godchildren, or nieces and nephews. Older siblings are welcome to join their younger siblings to act as their *Guardian Angel*. We'll view a movie on the big screen, read a story, enjoy a "*Meet and Greet*" with Saint Nicholas, complete a simple Advent craft project, and eat a sweet treat! There is no cost to attend this *Advent Celebration for Children*; however, <u>it is a ticketed</u> <u>event.</u> Register at <u>www.padrepio.org</u> by clicking on the event calendar for December 17th.

Choir News



We are looking for more singers and instrumentalists for Christmas!!! If anyone - adults, teens or children would like to sing or play an instrument for one of the Christmas masses, please email Maria Lennon at <u>mariaalennon@gmail.com</u> or call the rectory and leave a message for Mrs. Maria

Lennon. Practices will start the first week in December.

Adult Choir

• December 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

• December 25th at 9:30 am mass (*Christmas carols begin at 9:00 am*) **Youth Choir**

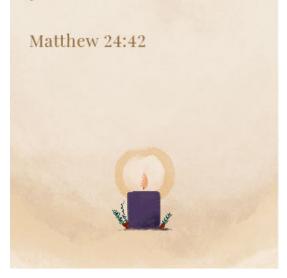
• December 24th at 4:30 p.m. mass *(Christmas music begins at 4:00)*

Contemporary Group

- December 17th at 11:30 mass
- February 19th at 11:30 mass

unday

Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.



<u>Christmas Bazaar Today!</u>

Sunday, December 3rd 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Join us today for our Christmas Bazaar. Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast and do your Christmas shopping. We have

great food, fabulous raffle baskets, 50/50, vendors, crafters, music and Santa!

Christmas Concert

The professional musical ensemble, GAUDEAMUS, is pleased to announce their upcoming Christmas concert series. The concerts will include sacred, classical and traditional music of the season. Their unique musical arrangements for piano, string quintet, harp and vocalists will truly set the stage for a beautiful and uplifting Christmas event! All concerts are free and open to the public, with a free-will donation benefiting various charities. The concert series includes:

- St. Patrick's Church in Malvern- Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m.
- Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting- Sunday, December 10 at 7 p.m. (Joined by the Valley Forge Chorale) This concert will be live-streamed.
- St. Francis of Assisi Church in Norristown-Friday, December 15 at 7 p.m.

For more information, please visit the Gaudeamus website at <u>www.letusrejoice.org</u>.

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

First Saturday of Every Month at 10:30 a.m.

The First Saturday Devotions, according to <u>Sister Lúcia of</u> <u>Fátima</u>, were requested by the <u>Virgin Mary</u> in an apparition at <u>Pontevedra</u>, <u>Spain</u>, on December 10, 1925. At the National Centre for Padre Pio, First Saturday Devotions consist of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.), Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayers, and Benediction. Recitation of the Rosary and veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio follow Benediction. Contact <u>angela@padrepio.org</u> for more information.

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA



<u>CCD School Of Religion</u> <u>stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com</u> 215-672-9990 215-672-3020

St. Joseph Church Religious Education In Person Times: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

CCD SCHEDULE

<u>**Tuesday, December 5**</u> All grades in session. Advent Penance Service for all students – both Family Home Schooling and In-Person.

Tuesday, December 12 Family Advent Gathering. All families should gather in the Church Hall at 6:00 p.m. Both Family Home Schooling and In-Person Families should attend. Last CCD class until January 2, 2024! Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, January 2 All grades in session.

Thursday, January 4 CCD Volunteer meeting, Valley Road School Building, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in session. 3^{rd} grade students report directly to Church for Reconciliation practice. Pick up at church for SJR and Family Home Schooling students at 6:45 p.m. CCD students will be walked back to classrooms for regular pick up at 7:15 p.m. Family Home Schooling drop off and pick up assignments in the CCD office.

<u>Thursday, January 11</u> Sacrament of First Penance for 3^{rd} Grade students in Church – 7:00 p.m.

<u>**Tuesday, January 16**</u> All grades in session. "Kids Talk" classes presented to all grades.

Tuesday, January 23 All grades in session. (Snow date for "Kids Talk" classes)

<u>**Tuesday, January 30**</u> All grades in session. End of First Semester.

ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 <u>www.stjstr.org</u>

Advent is a time of preparation. As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, we have also been busy preparing for other things at SJR, too.

Our music teacher, Ms. Amanda Hatfield, has been working with the students as part of our music curriculum to prepare for our annual Christmas pageant. She and Mrs. Jen Jacobsen have worked hard in selecting, crafting, and practicing an event that is both beautiful and meaningful for the students and their families. We are so looking forward to this SJR tradition!

The first trimester of our school year ended on Friday and our faculty is busy preparing report cards using our new student information and grading system. Administration is busy using the new online application and enrollment system to prepare to open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. The switch to the new system is significant – but it's been exciting as well.

Our Home and School Association just wrapped up our Fall Fundraising Campaign. While I'm still waiting for the final tally, I know our Walkathon raised over \$15,000! This means that the generous donor who offered to match donations up to \$15,000 will be giving SJR a check for that full amount! Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to our event. All of your donations will be used for the Health and Wellness program at SJR. The HSA is now busy preparing for our 2nd Annual SJR Tree Lighting to help the school community get into the Christmas spirit! Please keep all of the students preparing for their sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist this year in your prayers. Our third graders who are members of St. Robert's Parish will make their First Penance this month while our students in St. Joseph's Parish will make their First Penance in January. What an exciting time for them, their families, and our school!

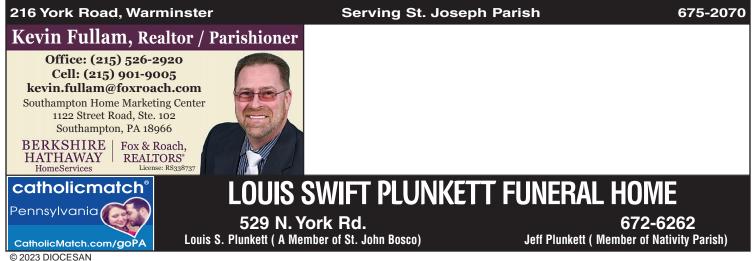
This Advent, we will continue to pray, rejoice with our community, and get our hearts ready for Christmas. Blessings as you prepare your heart and home, too!

Sincerely, Mrs. Durkin

Parish Registration New parishioners are always welcome! To register see Fr. Bordonaro after Mass. Please help us keep our records updated by notifying the office 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.	American Sign Language Masses Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will have a Sign Language Interpreter on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (when applicable) Sundays of the Month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. St. Stanislaus Church in Lansdale has a "Deaf Community Mass" at 11:45 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month.
	Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and
Safe Environment ProgramAll people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphiaare required to fulfill the following obligations:CLEARANCES:PA State Police Criminal Record Checkhttps://epatch.pa.gov/homePA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.https://www.compass.state.pa.usFederal History Fingerprint Clearance*	likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people with disabilities. A <u>"Sensory Friendly Mass"</u> is one way that a parish can assist in destigmatizing the experience of attending Mass for individuals and families with members with Autism and other disabilities. Across the Archdiocese there are a number of Sensory Friendly Masses that are taking place. To find a Sensory Friendly Mass near you, visit <u>https://opdarchphilly.org/sfm/.</u>
https://uenroll.identogo.com *ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS	<u>Reminder</u> Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to <u>St. Joseph Church</u> , not the individual charity. All donations received are then
	forwarded to the appropriate organization.
 FORMED To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps: Go to <u>https://signup.formed.org/</u> Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph Enter your name and your email address That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching <i>FORMED Catholic</i> in your app store. 	St. Joseph On-Line 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 <u>www.saintjosephchurch.us</u> 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.

THE DECKER FUNERAL HOME

Pre-Arrangements Available



View Our Parish Supporters at www.DiscoverMass.com



The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible. Please support them when you can.

Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week. Go to DiscoverMass.com/subscribe