

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

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MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (MonSa	t.) 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	7:30 a.m.
2	9:30 a.m.
	& 11:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses 5:30 p.m. (eve of Holy Day) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 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 date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 p.m. 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 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 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. PREP (Parish Religious Education Program), Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Respect Life Committee, Rite of Rosary, Christian Initiation of Adults. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

St. Joseph's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST!! Sunday December 8th Easton & County Line Roads Warrington, PA 18976

> Breakfast starts 8am Bazaar 9:00am till 2:00pm







Join us for some Christmas FUN on December 8th in the Church Hall. We'll have lots of FOOD, VENDORS, CRAFTERS, MUSIC, PICTURES WITH SANTA, PLENTY OF GREAT RAFFLE BASKETS & 50/50!!







#### From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we are also preparing for Thanksgiving Day. I am certain there is still much to do as we either get ready to host, or we prepare ourselves to travel to someone else's home for Thanksgiving.

I myself will be hosting my family in our rectory on Thanksgiving Day. This is something that I have been doing annually, and I am looking forward to my first Thanksgiving with you, and my first Thanksgiving with my family in my new home of St. Joseph.

It is good that this Feast of Christ the King coincides with Thanksgiving Day, because we have a King who gave thanks **for us**: that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (Matthew 11: 25-27).

Then at the Last Supper, He gave additional thanks for the gift to able to share Himself with us through the Most Holy Eucharist: "For, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."(Luke 22: 16-20).

Jesus Our King is so good and so loving! As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving Day and give thanks for our family and friends and reminisce about Thanksgivings past and family and friends who are no longer with us, let us continue to give praise and thanksgiving for Jesus's thanksgiving for us!

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00.

I have included President George Washington's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. I have loved this Proclamation, because it is a reminder from a civil authority that we owe all good things to God.

On behalf of our faithful staff, I do wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, and our Patron, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor (Continued on page 4)

Saturday	<u>Nov. 23</u>		
	5:00 p.m.	Josephine Newhard	
Sunday	<u>Nov. 24</u>		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Brinda Robin	
	11:30 a.m.	Thomas Ambolino	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	William J. Holman	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	T. J. McCarthy	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain	
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Rakszawski	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Megan Soria (Birthday)	
	<u>Nov. 30</u>		
	5:00 p.m.	Ray & Clara Young	
Sunday	<u>Dec. 1</u>		
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	9:30 a.m.	Grace Mattera	
	11:30 a.m.	Sean & Michael Sharkey	
Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:			

**Masses For The Week** 

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Valerie Fidler, Paul Han, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Art McLaughlin, John Merritt, Moira Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Julia Reese, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, Clare Smith, William Sparke, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

#### **This Week In Our Parish**

#### Monday, November 25

\*Adoration – 8:30 am \*Mass at Luther Woods – 2:00 pm \*Men's Group – 7:30 pm – Room 18 \*Rosary - 7:30 pm

#### **Tuesday, November 26**

\*Rosary & Communion Service – Christ Home - 2:00 pm

#### Wednesday, November 27

\*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 – 6:45 pm \*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **Thursday, November 28**

\*Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 am \*Rectory and Offices – CLOSED

#### Friday, November 29 \*Rectory and Offices – CLOSED

#### **Bulletin Submittals**

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

#### From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

#### George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation Smithsonian Institution Transcript of President George

Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 1789. By the President of the United States of America—

#### A Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their Joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks-for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation-for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war-for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyedfor the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us—and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Geo. Washington

#### **Readings for The Week**

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thurs: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Sun: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### **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. –Rev. James Field

#### **Music Ministry**

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.

#### **Adult Choir**

November 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am December 15<sup>th</sup> -11:30 am **December 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am mass** (Christmas carols begin at 9:00 am)

#### Youth/Children Choir

November 24<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 am December 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 am December 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 pm mass (Christmas music begins at 3:30 pm)

**Contemporary Group** 

December 1<sup>st</sup> - 11:30 am mass February 16<sup>th</sup> -11:30 am mass

#### November 24, 2024

#### **Sticky Bun Sale**





The famous Fritz's Sticky Buns after all the masses today, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> until they run out. Just in time to freeze for Thanksgiving. One box -\$15.00 and two boxes - \$25.00. Always a crowd favorite!

#### **Christmas Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m.

Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join us for breakfast and stay for



the Christmas Bazaar with ristmas Bazaarie vendors, crafters, music, Santa, food, plenty of GREAT raffle baskets, and 50/50.

We are now accepting new unused items for the Christmas Bazaar Raffle Baskets. Please leave your items on the table across from room 18. We appreciate it! Also, if you wish to donate a gift card, please leave them at the rectory.

#### Save the Date – Christmas Concert

St. Joseph's Christmas Concert! Friday, December 13th @ 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Bill Monaghan and company will



provide some great Worship as well as all-time favorite Christmas music. Refreshments will be served.



	2024	2023
	November 10	November 12
Envelopes	\$ 7,825.00	\$ 7,386.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,493.63	\$ 2,691.42
Total	\$11,318.63	\$10,077.42

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#### **Job Vacancy**

The Sisters at Saint David Convent in Willow Grove are looking for someone to cook their evening meal four days a week: Monday - Thursday. Each day's work would entail a 3-hour commitment. Hours are flexible. No planning or shopping is involved. Come to the convent in the afternoon, cook the meal and leave when cooking is completed. For more information call Sister Margie Langer at 703-635-8788 or 215-659-0445.

#### **Marriages of Grace**

Looking for an opportunity to enrich and strengthen your will be on sale marriage? Marriages of Grace, a nonprofit organization with a mission to enrich and strengthen Catholic marriages, is offering a CanaNight! Friday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

#### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (St. Mary's Hall)

235 E. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

During this informal event, you will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with other Catholic Couples and hear an entertaining and encouraging talk on marriage and family by Dr. Daniel Drain.



To register for this event, visit bit.ly/CanaNight or scan the QR code.



ore information, visit: FollowingTheTruth.com



St. Joseph Church Parish Religious Education Program Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator <u>stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com</u> 215-672-3020 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has limited spots for Middle and High School youth to attend Catholic Youth Summer Camp on **June 29** – **July 4.** Bus transportation provided. Cost is \$620 per student. Bucks County DREs will offer one 7th or 8th Level PREP student a scholarship. The scholarship will be determined by an Essay. The flier below gives details for the scholarship essay.



Catholic Youth Summer Camp 2025 Archdiocese of Philadelphia Group Registration OPEN!

# Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Choose a gift of the Holy Spirit and give an example of how this gift has changed or could change your life

> The essay should be **3-5 paragraphs** in length (min 500 words) May be typed or neatly handwritten

Essay Submission Deadline: December 15, 2024 The winner/parents will be notified via email or phone after the submission deadline

Those who do not wish to apply for the scholarship or who do not get selected can register before the January 25 deadline at:

https://www.damascus.net/catholic-youth-summercamp ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

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

This year's Walkathon was a joyful celebration of one of SJR's favorite traditions, blending faith, community, and support for our Health and Wellness Program. This vital initiative provides daily nursing services and essential training for our faculty and staff, ensuring the well-being of our students.

The Walkathon was more than just a fun event and important fundraiser; it was a powerful opportunity to be missionary disciples. As we walked through the neighborhood last Friday, we became visible reminders of the Catholic school tradition and God's invitation to follow Jesus. Our transformational encounters with Christ inspire everything we do, and this event was no exception.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and an incredible turnout. Families, students, and staff came together to share in this meaningful day. We are deeply grateful for the generosity and participation of everyone involved, especially our faculty, our Home and School Association, and Mrs. Debby Perks, who chaired the event.

As we move into this Thanksgiving week, please know that our community is also very grateful for your prayers and the support of our parishes. I hope you have a blessed week and a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Sincerely,

Mrs. Durkin



St. Joseph/St. Robert School does not discriminate in admissions or hiring based on race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age or sex." 

#### **Parish Registration**

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.

#### Safe Environment Program

All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations: **CLEARANCES:** 

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

https://epatch.pa.gov/home

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck. https://www.compass.state.pa.us

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance\*

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 FIVE (5) YEARS

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- Go to https://signup.formed.org/
- 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 *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

#### Visit with Our Lady of Guadalupe

"The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe" is brought to your home by a parishioner on Sunday. Our Lady wants to come and visit with you in a personal way for a whole week. Welcome her with love and gratitude. Gather each day to pray, speak to her about your concerns. Empty your heart out to her then in silence let her fill it with her maternal love, guidance and graces she obtains for you. Let her renew you in the spirit of her Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior. Then on the following Sunday the picture of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be picked up and continue on to her next family visit. To schedule a visit call Kathie Zajkowski @ 484-925-8080.

#### Stay Informed at St. Joseph Parish

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE

We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. **Evangelus** is the new communication system for our parish. If you have not received a

message, visit <u>eva.us/carpenter</u> to sign-up. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app as well.

#### **Reminder**

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.

#### 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:

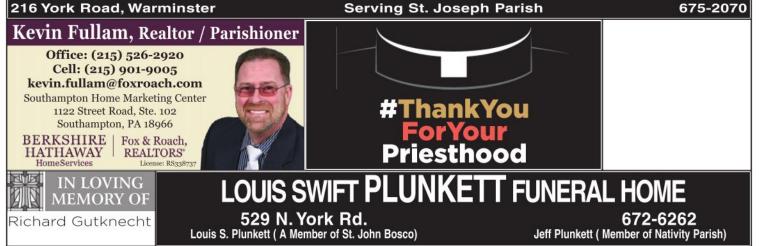
- 1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
- 2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
- 3. Click on the Donate button

4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online

profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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