

December 8, 2024

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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## 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 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m.  
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 Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

## From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

On this Second Weekend of Advent, we join with the Psalmist and sing out: *the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!*

Don't we have a sense of joy, especially after a long journey and a long time in the car, when we finally arrive home? We sing a song of joyful thanksgiving, don't we?

The Psalmist was singing a joyful song for finally arriving *home*. Psalm 126 was composed after the Babylonian Exile ended and those who wished were finally allowed to go home.

While the end of the Exile was an answer to many prayers, it was not the full restoration of Israel for which was hoped.

Not all of the tribes came back to Judea. The Exile had lasted for 70 years, and so, for many, Babylon was the only home they had ever known, and they chose to stay.

Also, no king arose from the line of David to govern the country, and so Judea seemed like a home without a head of the household.

Judea, moreover, had been left impoverished by the Exile and the wars that had preceded it, and so it was a home that was neglected and run down.

Yet, those who did return were very joyful and saw their return as a great work of God. They were grateful to be home and again on ground which they believed that was a gift from God Himself, the Promised Land.

What was not accomplished then would be accomplished by the Birth and Death of Our Blessed Savior. Jesus came into this world to die for us so that we could have a home with Him forever. He gave us the home of our beautiful Church of St. Joseph as only a temporary home and a foreshadowing of the home that He offers us in Heaven. So, we too sing for joy for the great things that He has done for us and He has invited us into His home.

We also rejoice this Advent and this Christmas for the opportunity to help the homeless. Yes, we have many homeless people around us. I am not speaking about those who are physically homeless, but about those who are *spiritually homeless*. There are so many spiritually homeless around us: those who were raised Catholic, but sadly haven't been to Mass in years and who have sadly deprived themselves of the Sacraments. Many of these spiritually homeless know that something is missing in their lives. Many just don't know how to find their way home.

That is our opportunity. We have the power to help them find their way home with a simple invitation: come to Mass with me, come with me to Christmas Mass, come, see that Jesus is there, waiting for you.

We rejoice that we have an opportunity, now, to invite them home.

Speaking of homes, on Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Loreto. Loreto, Italy, is the shrine containing the very home of the Holy Family and the home that Jesus called home. It is fitting that we celebrate this Feast this time of year, as we approach the Feast of the Nativity and the Feast of the Holy Family on December 29.

To help us celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Loreto, I have included some words from the Little Flower on her visit to Loreto, along with the Litany of Our Lady of Loreto.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Loreto and St. Joseph, may we always be a welcoming home.

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

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### Litany of Our Lady of Loreto

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*I was indeed happy when on the way to Loreto. Our Lady had chosen an ideal spot in which to place her Holy House. Everything is poor, simple, and primitive; the women still wear the graceful dress of the country and have not, as in the large towns, adopted the modern Paris fashions. I found Loreto enchanting. And what shall I say of the Holy House? I was overwhelmed with emotion when I realized that I was under the very roof that had sheltered the Holy Family. I gazed on the same walls Our Lord had looked on. I trod the ground once moistened with the sweat of St. Joseph's toil, and saw the little chamber of the Annunciation, where the Blessed Virgin Mary held Jesus in her arms after she had borne Him there in her virginal womb. I even put my Rosary into the little porringer used by the Divine Child. How sweet those memories!*  
~Autobiography of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (continued on page 3)





**Readings for The Week**

**Mon:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Tues:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wed:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thurs:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Fri:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Sat:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sun:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

Queen of the most Holy Rosary, *Pray for us.*  
 Queen of families, *Pray for us.*  
 Queen of peace. *Pray for us.*  
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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- Cleaning stock areas / yard
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- Assisting on installations as needed
- Learning to diagnose electrical and mechanical faults for HVAC systems.
- Learning to clean, adjust and repair systems.
- Expected to be open to technical direction and on-the-job training.
- Learn to record all daily functions, including time card.
- Has necessary hand tools to perform their responsibilities and basic knowledge of how to use them.
- Complying with service standards, work instructions and customers' requirements.

### Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Basic mechanical skills and familiarity with hand tools
- Strong willingness to learn and follow instructions
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Valid driver's license

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- Competitive pay
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## Christmas Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast

St. Joseph's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR &  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

Sunday December 8th  
Easton & County Line Roads  
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Breakfast starts 8am  
Bazaar 9:00am till 2:00pm



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## Christmas Concert

St. Joseph's Christmas Concert! **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doylestown

**Sensory Friendly Mass**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24**  
**6 PM**

Mass will also be Interpreted in American Sign Language  
parishengagement@ourladyofmountcarmel.org

## 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 [mariaalennon@gmail.com](mailto:mariaalennon@gmail.com) or call the rectory and leave a message for Mrs. Maria Lennon.

### Adult Choir

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

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

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



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November 12, 2024

### 7TH GRADE VISITATION DAY

March 11, 2025

[whymsc.org](http://whymsc.org)

## Advent Lessons and Carols at Martin Saints

**Thursday, December 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

Step away from the holiday rush and join us for a beautiful evening of scripture, song, and prayer. Led by the Martin Saints choirs and instrumentalists, this cherished tradition prepares our hearts to celebrate the true joy of Christmas. All are welcome. **Location:** 3000 Keenwood Road, East Norriton, PA 19403



**St. Joseph Church**  
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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**  
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## Gifts of the Holy Spirit



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**Essay Submission Deadline:**  
**December 15, 2024**

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-summer-camp>

The Christmas season is in full swing at SJR, and our students have been busy this past week with both meaningful learning and fun holiday traditions!

Thanks to the generosity of the Connelly Foundation, our 5th through 8th graders had an amazing opportunity to visit the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. This hands-on trip brought history to life and got our students thinking about the values and sacrifices that have shaped our country. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders had the opportunity to go to the New Jersey Aquarium last week and see science in action there. As we wrap up the first trimester, we're celebrating all the growth and joy in our school community. One of the highlights for our Kindergarteners was "Polar Express Day," a favorite SJR tradition. Cozy in their robes and slippers, the children loved hearing me read the story aloud and had a lot of fun doing themed activities with their buddies. It's a special way to spark wonder and connection for our youngest learners.

During this season of Advent, we're also helping our students balance the excitement of the holidays with the spiritual practice of waiting and preparing our hearts for Jesus. Through quiet reflection, acts of kindness, and meaningful traditions, we're keeping Christ at the center of this beautiful season.

SJR is currently enrolling Pre-K and Kindergarten students for next year. Please share this information with interested family, friends, and neighbors.

Thank you for keeping SJR in your prayers as we journey through Advent and prepare for Christmas together!

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](mailto: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>

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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**

## 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



Stay Informed! We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. **Evangelus** is the communication system for our parish. Visit [eva.us/carpenter](http://eva.us/carpenter) 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 **St. Joseph Church**, 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 <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.

## 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](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us)
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