CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Mass Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24</u> 4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass 6:30 PM Christmas Vigil Mass 12:00 Midnight Mass

<u>Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25</u> Masses: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM

<u>New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31</u> Vigil Mass – 4:00 PM

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM



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School: Principal: Religious Education: PREP Office: Music Director: Rev. Michael J. Pawelko

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MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (MonSa	at.) 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, Education Program), 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.)

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is just days away and the celebrations have already begun, and we should celebrate and celebrate big!

The Scripture accounts about the Nativity fill us with hope and joy. The Nativity accounts lead us to celebrate as they confirm that a Savior is born to us; God has become man; we can now share in the Glory of God. The Prologue of the Gospel of John joyfully proclaims: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be. What came to be through Him was life. and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.....And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth......From His fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of St. Luke adds to our sense of hope and joy: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Our Christmas Masses begin Christmas Eve at 4:00PM and 6:30PM and continue with our Christmas Masses at Midnight and 7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM. I am looking forward to my first Christmas as your pastor.

Masses For The Week				
Saturday	Dec. 21			
	5:00 p.m.	Rita Carsley		
Sunday	<u>Dec. 22</u>			
	7:30 a.m.	Dorothy Smedley		
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	11:30 a.m.	Dr. Louis, Francis, and		
		Louis Cerritelli		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of		
		Michael Pham		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Ambolino		
	4:00 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
	Midnight	Celebrant's Intentions		
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
	11:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joy Soria (Birthday)		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	James Pellegrino		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the		
		DiTore & Sansoni Fams.		
	Dec. 28			
	5:00 p.m.	Andy Landmesser		
Sunday	Dec. 29			
	7:30 a.m.	Daniel Hartey		
	9:30 a.m.	Rev. C. Joseph Goodyear,		
		STM		
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

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

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

Monday, December 23

*Adoration – 8:30 am

*Men's Group - 7:30 pm - Room 18 *Rosary - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 24

*Rosary/Communion Service @ Christ Home-2:00 pm *Office and Rectory CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25

*Office and Rectory CLOSED

Thursday, December 26

*Office and Rectory CLOSED

<u>Bulletin Submittals</u>

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

Readings for The Week

Mon: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66 *Tues:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wed: <u>Vigil Mass</u>: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thurs: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Fri: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sat: 1 Jn 1:5 -2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

I will be spending Christmas with my family. Since we are both Polish and Italian descent, we have the best of both worlds when it comes to Christmas dinner. I hope that you will be with your friends and family and also again enjoy your family traditions.

May you carry the hope and joy of the Nativity in your hearts day and night, and if I may, on behalf of our staff, may I offer you and yours an early Merry Christmas!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective immediately you can no longer park in Jewelry Store driveway next door to the Rectory. Please heed this warning or your car may be towed.



	2024	2023
	December 8	December 10
Envelopes	\$ 6,863.00	\$ 6,710.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,524.47	\$ 3,745.55
Total	\$11,387.47	\$10,455.55



Music Ministry



Adult Choir

December 24th - 6:30 pm* December 25th - 9:30 am* *(*Christmas carols begin ½ hour prior to each mass*) January 5th - 11:30 am January 19th - 9:30 am

Youth/Children Choir

December 24th - 4:00 pm mass (*Christmas music begins at 3:30 pm*)

> **<u>Contemporary Group</u>** February 16th -11:30 am mass

Health and Help Ministry News

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 2, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Every two seconds someone in the US needs blood. Please consider becoming a donor. To register call Mary 215-674-4612.

Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, January 5. Stop by Room 18 for donuts and coffee with fellow parishioners and get your Blood Pressure checked by parish nurses if you wish.

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"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



December 22, 2024

Treasures From Our Tradition

Novena to Our Lady of Hope

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

—James Field



Festival of Lessons & Carols

READINGS | ANTHEMS | CAROLS

Experience the profound beauty of Advent and Christmas with our sacred Service of Lessons and Carols. Join us as we gather in revenance to hear the timeless words of scripture, intervoven with the heavenly melodies of beloved carols. Immerse yourself in the true sprit of the season, filled with peace, hope, and the enduring love of Christ.



National Centre for Padre Pio - 111 Barto Rd - Barto, PA Wednesday, January 8 to Thursday, January 16, 2025 (Following the 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet) Join us as "*Pilgrims of Hope*" as we honor Our Lady of Hope with a special novena during this Jubilee Year. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube. Facebook: www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc YouTube: https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc

College-Age* Retreat

January 3 – 5, 2025 Marianist Family Retreat Center, a seaside sanctuary! Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of **college-age** (17-22). So, whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$150 per person Register at: <u>www.capemaymarianists.org</u> or call 609-884-3829

* High School Seniors are welcomed

Young Adult Retreat

February 7 - 9, 2025

Marianist Family Retreat Center, a seaside sanctuary! Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$150 per person

Register at: <u>www.capemaymarianists.org</u> or call 609-884-3829 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. Register before the January 25 deadline at: <u>https://www.damascus.net/catholic-youth-summer-camp</u>

January Schedule

<u>Tuesday, January 7</u> – All grades in session.

<u>Tuesday, January 14</u> – All grades in session. All 3^{rd} grade students should report directly to the Church at 6:00 p.m. for Reconciliation practice. 3^{rd} grade students should be picked up at the Church Hall approximately 6:45 p.m.

<u>Thursday, January 16</u> – Sacrament of First Penance for 3^{rd} grade students at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

<u>**Tuesday, January 21**</u> – All grades in session. "Kids Talk: presented to all grades.

<u>**Tuesday, January 28**</u> – All grades in session. Snow date for Kids Talk, if necessary. End of First Semester.





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

I would like to extend a "Merry Christmas" to you and your family from all of the faculty, staff, and students at St. Joseph/St. Robert School! We hope that Christmas is a time of great blessing for you.

Preparing for Christmas was certainly a blessing for us. The teachers integrated the message of Christmas into writing activities, art projects, and other work throughout the day. Our wonderful Home and School Association outdid itself with our Tree Lighting and "Little Elf Shop" Christmas shopping opportunity for the students. Our student musicians gave an awesome Christmas concert. But, the most wonderful part of our preparation was beginning the Christmas holiday with our annual Christmas Pageant Thursday evening in church. Just in case we were distracted by the fun and the shopping and the lights and the action, it circled us back to the reason why we celebrate this holy day as the students participated in the telling of Jesus' birth through story and song. Beautiful.

As the school community takes a well-deserved break to spend time at home with our families, we look forward to the New Year. And the new school year in 2025-26! If your child is not yet part of our school community, please know that you are welcome. We will be hosting an Open House this winter or you can call 215-343-5100 to schedule a tour. Applications are currently being accepted for new students in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades first through seventh. Our eighth grade is already filled. You can apply online by going to our website at stjstr.org. Please do that as quickly as possible to assure a spot for the fall! God bless you this Christmas! 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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To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to https://signup.formed.org/
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- 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

Stay Informed! We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. **Evangelus** is the communication system for our parish. 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:

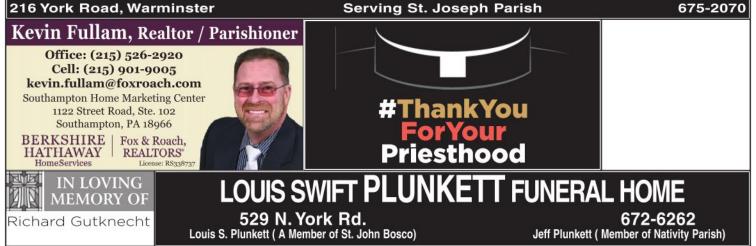
- 1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
- 2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
- 3. Click on the Donate button

4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online

profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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