

December 29, 2024

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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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

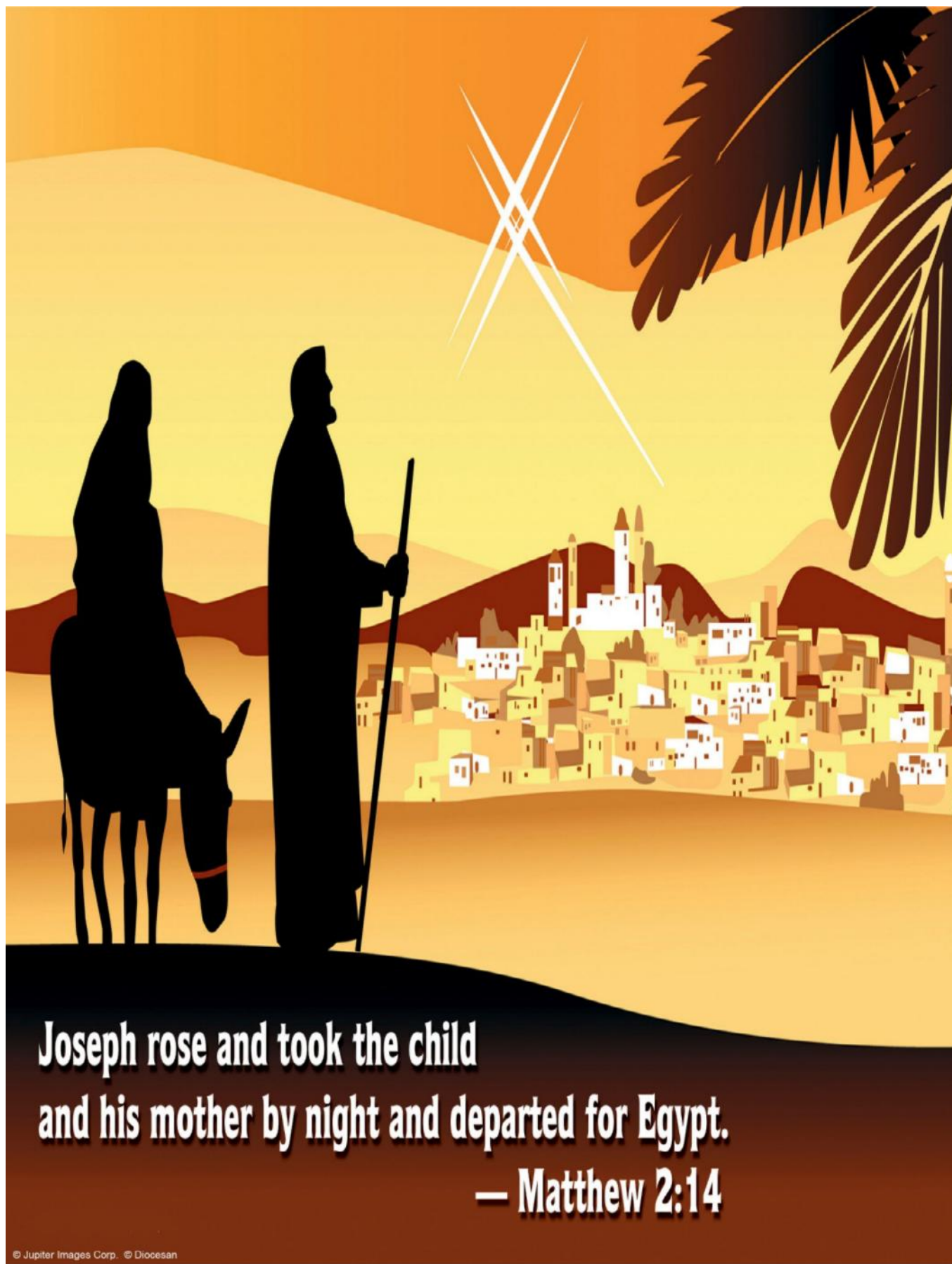
BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 p.m. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be 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.)



**Joseph rose and took the child
and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.
— Matthew 2:14**

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

The gifts are now open. Some gifts have already been returned, or maybe even re-gifted. However, most of our gifts we will be cherishing for years to come.

By now, most of our Christmas leftovers are gone—or at least we have gotten tired of them! The exception, of course, are the Christmas Cookies; we never grow tired of them, do we? Why do they taste so good? Is it the love that they are made with that makes them taste so good?

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. My family had a fun Christmas here at the rectory. Yes, I did cook, although everyone did bring something. We had plenty of our own leftovers, and they were even better the next day.

Christmas has also been made special by so many of you who have dropped off cards and cookies for the rectory. On behalf of our staff, I thank you for your generosity. Your kindness does warm the heart.

I also thank you for your generosity to the parish. Our Christmas collection helps to keep us going throughout the rest of the year. So, again, on behalf of our staff, I thank you.

I also thank all of those who helped to make our Christmas Masses so special, from those who help to maintain the church, to those who helped to decorate the church, and to those who provided the music, and to those who are always making things happen from behind the scenes. You helped to make our Christmas so joyful and so memorable. Thank you.

Thankfully, our celebration continues. The Nativity is way too big of an event to celebrate in just one day. This is why we have the Octave of Christmas.

During our Octave of Christmas, we observe this weekend's Feast of the Holy Family.

Our Feast of the Holy Family is a relatively new Feast in the history of our Church. The Feast was first promoted by Pope Benedict XV. Pope Benedict XV feared that the traditional family structure was starting to breakdown, and this was in the 1920s—yes, the 1920s. The Feast was added to the universal calendar by St. Paul VI in the 1960s. With this Feast, we are celebrating the Traditional Family and Traditional Family Values.

Our celebration this weekend affirms that the most basic unit of society is the family. The Blessed Apostle St. Paul teaches us that a family is joined by right relationships governed by love: *Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts.* (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Dec. 28</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Andy Landmesser
Sunday	<u>Dec. 29</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Daniel Hartey
	9:30 a.m.	Rev. C. Joseph Goodyear, STM
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Susan Reeves
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Cecilia G. Chapman
	4:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Ambolino
	10:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Walter H. Engelhardt, Jr.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Betty Mumbauer
	<u>Jan. 4</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	James J. Martin
Sunday	<u>Jan. 5</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Andy Landmesser
	11:30 a.m.	Paul McDermott

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Paul Han, Dolores Krystopowicz, 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.

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Phyllis Mandaglio

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 30

*Adoration – 8:30 am

*Mass @ Luther Woods – 2:00 pm

*Rosary - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 31

*Rosary/Communion Service @ Christ Home-2:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1

*Office and Rectory **CLOSED**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Thursday, January 2

*Blood Drive 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Church Hall

Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:30 pm - Church Hall
*after blood drive

Bulletin Submittals

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

Readings for The Week

Mon: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Tues: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Wed: Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thurs: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Fri: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sat: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

St. Paul VI lovingly teaches us that we first turn to the Holy Family for good example: *The lesson of domestic life: may Nazareth teach us the meaning of family life, its harmony of love, its simplicity and austere beauty, its sacred and inviolable character; may it teach us how sweet and irreplaceable is its training, how fundamental and incomparable its role on the social plane.*

St. John Paul II lovingly warns us that the failure to learn from the Holy Family is our failure: *The deepest human problems are connected with the family. It constitutes the primary, fundamental and irreplaceable community for man. "The mission of being the primary vital cell of society has been given to the family by God himself", the Second Vatican Council affirms. (Apostolicam Actuositatem, 11). The Church wishes to bear a particular witness to that too during the Octave of Christmas, by means of the feast of the Holy Family. She wishes to recall that the fundamental values, which cannot be violated without incalculable harm of a moral nature, are bound up with the family. Material perspectives and the "economico-social" point of view often prevail over the principles of Christian and even human morality. It is not enough, then, to express only regret. It is necessary to defend these fundamental values tenaciously and firmly, because their violation does incalculable harm to society and, in the last analysis, to man. no experience of the different nations in the history of mankind, as well as our contemporary experience, can serve as an argument to reaffirm this painful truth, that is, that it is easy, in the fundamental sphere of human existence in which the role of the family is decisive, to destroy essential values, while it is very difficult to reconstruct these values.*

With the Holy Family we celebrate the traditional family structure and traditional family values. Yes, sadly, things do not always go as planned. Divorces do happen, and sin gets in the way of loving and right relationships. Even more sadly, many in our society continue to sow the seeds of confusion and promote lifestyles contrary to the Gospel. Yet, we continue to point ourselves and our society toward the ideal. We continue to encourage all to form homes of true love, true respect, and, most importantly, Holiness. Through, with, and in, Jesus, and the Holy Family, this is all possible.

Our Octave of Christmas concludes with the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and New Year's. Mass New Year's Eve is at 4:00. New Year's Day Mass is at 8:00 and 10:00.

If I may, on behalf of our staff, I do wish everyone an early very Happy New Year and may the graces of our Octave of Christmas make this coming year a year of truth, love, and Holiness.

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

Music Ministry

Adult Choir

January 5th - 11:30 am

January 19th - 9:30 am

Contemporary Group

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 at 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.



Monthly Food Drive



Next weekend, **January 4th and 5th**, we will be collecting items for the Food Bank. Non-perishables only. **No expired food please.** Foods currently requested at this time include: Canned Fruit (Peaches), Ketchup, Mustard, Macaroni & Cheese, Cream of Mushroom and/or Cream of Chicken

Soup, Pasta Sauce, Canned Chicken, Chili, Beef Stew, Sloppy Joe Mix, Cereal, Jelly, Ravioli, Apple Sauce, Salsa. Non Food items: Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (liquid or pods), Household Cleaning Supplies, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Oral Care, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and **gently used grocery size paper bags.** The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for your generous donation of **1,068 pounds** collected in December!

Treasures From Our Tradition

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind! —James Field



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	2024	2023
	December 15	December 17
Envelopes	\$ 5,754.00	\$ 8,669.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,725.27	\$ 2,330.03
Total	\$ 7,479.27	\$10,999.03

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St Joseph Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thank you to all who
graciously donate their time
and talents.

We invite you and your
spouse to our

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Saturday, January 25 following 5:00 p.m. Vigil
Mass in our newly renovated Church Hall

This is an adult only event. No children please.



I (we) will attend the Volunteer Dinner on January 25.

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____

Please RSVP by Monday, January 13

Novena to Our Lady of Hope

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

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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: www.capemaymarianists.org 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: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

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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.

Register before the January 25 deadline at:

<https://www.damascus.net/catholic-youth-summer-camp>

January Schedule

Tuesday, January 7 – All grades in session.

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

Thursday, January 16 – Sacrament of First Penance for **3rd grade** students at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, January 21 – All grades in session. “Kids Talk: presented to all grades.

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



As we are set to begin a new year it's the perfect time to reflect on some of the highlights from the beginning of this school year that exemplify our Catholic identity, academic growth, and strong sense of community.

Many moments showcased our Catholic identity. The newly instituted Patron Award, given monthly to students who display the virtue of the month, has been a meaningful way to recognize and encourage the virtues that reflect our patrons, St. Joseph and St. Robert. I'd like to congratulate Owen, Millie, Kaeden, and Charlotte, our most recent recipients!

In academics, we continued to prioritize our students' growth and learning. We are now in the second year of implementing a new middle school science program to align



instruction with current standards. For a third year, we used iReady, an online diagnostic and instructional tool, to support reading and math instruction, providing valuable data to guide teaching. Additionally, we introduced *Benchmark Advance*, a new reading program for kindergarten through sixth grade, after extensive research into the best options for our students.

Strengthening our school community remains at the heart of our mission. The addition of a third kindergarten classroom has been a blessing, allowing us to welcome more families and serve even more children. The Home and School Association hosted wonderful events that fostered connection and celebration. Fundraisers supported essential initiatives, including the purchase of 37 new Chromebooks.

As we look ahead to this New Year, I am filled with gratitude for our incredible faculty, staff, students, school families, and parishioners. Your prayers, support, and dedication make everything we accomplish possible. Thank you for being such an integral part of the SJR family.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year is one of peace and joy for your family.

Gratefully, Mrs. Durkin

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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

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 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.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
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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
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