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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.

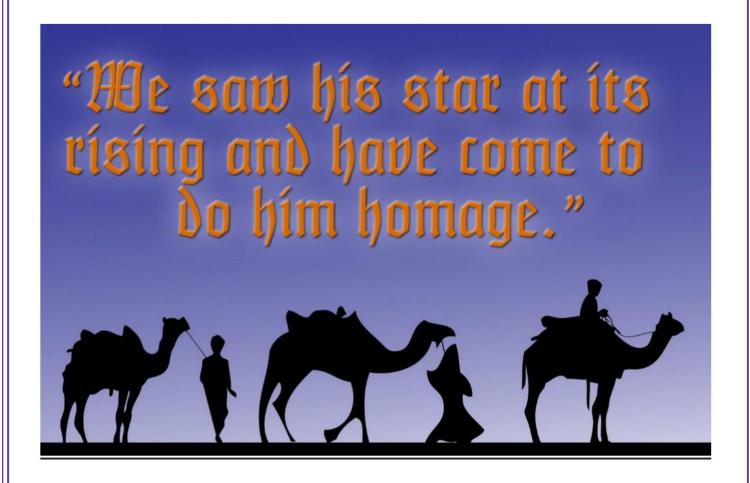
MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 p.m., or on Friday afternoons.

**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 Respect Life Committee, Rite of Rosary, Christian Initiation of Adults. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)



#### **Parish Ministry Leaders**

Adult Altar Servers	Laura De Hennis
CCD (PREP) Program	Danielle Staffieri
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ann Trotter
Food Pantry	
Giving Tree	
Health & Help Ministry (Parish Nurses)	Dee Queen
Hope Committee	Laura De Hennis
Hospitality/Special Events	
Lectors	Brian Gozdan
Legion of Mary	Sharon Kelly
Maranatha Charismatic Prayer Group	
Men's Group	Tom Molz
Music Ministry	Maria Lennon
Rosary (Monday Night)	
Ushers	
Women's Group	Kathy Pacitti

#### From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! And Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Or Three Kings Day, if you prefer.

Epiphany is from the Greek word epiphanos, usually translated as appearance or manifestation. Epiphanos is usually more specifically used in relation to a Divine Manifestation.

Today we remember this historical event as recorded by St. Matthew:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the Child. When you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and do Him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the Child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Interestingly, their exact number of Magi is not given to us. The tradition of "three" comes from the three gifts that were presented to Jesus. There is another tradition from Eastern Rite Churches that there were twelve Magi, representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

In many countries, the Feast of the Epiphany is the day that gifts are exchanged in honor of the gifts presented to the Baby Jesus by the Magi. Fr. Anthony Kadavil (Vatican News Network) helps us understand the symbolism behind the gifts:

Gold, frankincense and myrrh may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future, gold representing his kingship as well as divinity, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of his death and embalming.

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#### **Masses For The Week**

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Saturday	<u>Jan. 4</u>	T. A. A.		
	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		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Melvin Soria (Birthday)		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Trotter		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Trotter		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	William J. Holman,		
		9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the		
		DiTore & Sansoni Fams.		
	<u>Jan. 11</u>			
	5:00 p.m.	Harry Cappa, Sr.		
Sunday	Jan. 12			
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale		
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	11:30 a.m.	William G. Nelson,		
		11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		

#### 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.

#### Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Fr. Addisalem Mekonnen, Joseph Kearney, & Allan Muchler

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

#### Monday, January 6

\* $Adoration - 8:30 \ am - 7:30 \ pm$ 

\*Rosary & Benediction- 7:30 pm

#### **Tuesday, January 7**

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

#### Wednesday, January 8

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

\*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 -9:30 pm

#### **Thursday, January 9**

\*Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:00 pm – Church Hal

#### **Bulletin Submittals**

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

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

**Mon:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tues:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wed:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

*Thurs:* 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

**Fri:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

*Sat:* 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sun:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or

Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-

14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

- Gold was a gift for Kings, and the Magi accepted the baby Jesus as the king of the Jews. Gold is also a symbol of Divinity and is mentioned throughout the Bible. Pagan idols were often made from gold and the Ark of the Covenant was overlaid with gold (Ex 25:10-17). The gift of gold to the Christ Child was symbolic of His Divinity—God in flesh.
- Frankincense is highly fragrant when burned and was therefore used in worship, where it was burned as a pleasant offering to God (Ex 30:34) Frankincense is a symbol of holiness and righteousness. The gift of frankincense to the Christ Child was symbolic of His willingness to become a sacrifice, wholly giving Himself up, analogous to a burnt offering.
- Myrrh was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex 30:23) Myrrh was used in ancient times for embalming the bodies of the dead before burial. It was a fitting "gift" for Jesus who was born to die. It was also sometimes mingled with wine to form an article of drink. (Mt 27:34) refers to it as "gall." Such a drink was offered to, and refused by, Our Savior when He was about to be crucified, as a stupefying potion (Mk 15:23). Myrrh symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction.

It is quite possible that St. Joseph then sold these valuable gifts to finance the Holy Family's Flight into Egypt to escape Herod.

Herod the Great played a prominent role in the story, and sadly, he is a tragic figure. He had an opportunity to join the Magi and touch the Divine. Instead, he chose to stay behind and then to try to kill the Divine. Herod represents those of our own time who also allow their pride and their fear keep them from touching the Divine and from knowing Jesus.

Our prayer for them this Epiphany is that they allow Jesus to touch their hearts, to remove their pride and their fear, and to allow them to have what we have: a close and personal relationship with Jesus.

Through the Church and her Sacraments, we have an encounter with Jesus that is just as real but even more profound than the encounter that the Wise Men had with Jesus over 2000 years ago. Jesus is so good and so loving. We give praise and thanksgiving as we cry out, Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

I will like to continue to thank all of our angels who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful and inspiring. I will also like to continue all of you for your continued support of our beautiful parish family. May you all be richly rewarded for your love and generosity.

I will also like to thank all who coordinated and supported our giving tree. Over \$11,000.00 was collected. Over thirty families were helped and six different outreaches benefited, including Catholic Social Services of Bucks County.

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

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor

#### 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.

X I (we) will attend the Volunteer Dinner on January 25.
Name(s)
Number attending

Please RSVP by Monday, January 13

#### **Health and Help Ministry**

Today is **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.





#### **Treasures From Our Tradition**

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

#### **Music Ministry**

**Adult Choir** 

January 5<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 am January 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am

**Contemporary Group** 

February 16th -11:30 am mass





	2024	2023
	December 22	December 24
Envelopes	\$ 5,604.00	\$ 9,862.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,207.77	\$ 2,272.60
Total	\$ 7,811.77	\$12,134.60



#### **Monthly Food Drive**



This weekend, January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, we are collecting items for the Food Bank. No expired food please. Non-perishables only. New statistics just released by shows the extent of food insecurity in our area for 2024. In Bucks County, 8% of the population is

food insecure representing 50,200 individuals, 43% are below the SNAP eligibility limit. (\$46,000 total income for a family of 4.) In Montgomery County, 9% of the population is food insecure representing 35,520 individuals, 38% are below the SNAP eligibility limit. The Warminster Food Bank thanks all of you for being so generous during the holiday season, but asks that you please remember that these numbers remain the same year-round. We are a suburban mission: "Neighbors helping Neighbors."

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

- Mother Teresa

#### **Novena to Our Lady of Hope**

National Centre for Padre Pio - 111 Barto Rd - Barto, PA

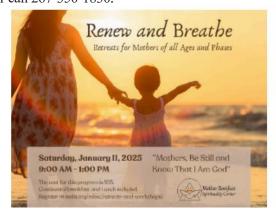
Wednesday, January 8 to Thursday, January 16, 2025 (Following the 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet) Join us as "Pilgrims of Hope" as we honor Our Lady of Hope with a special novena during this Jubilee Year. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream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

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YouTube: <a href="https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc">https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc</a>

#### Retreat - Mothers Be Still and Know That I Am God

This retreat offers a space for faith sharing and reflection with other mothers. Come as you are and let God delight in you. It's a meditative retreat designed for mothers to slow down, be present to God, breathe, relax, and start the New Year with a spiritual reset. The retreat costs \$55 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. **Location:** Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Avenue, Phila, PA 19136.

**Speaker:** Stephanie McCarthy, a Catholic wife, mother, spiritual director, and companion on the journey. Register at <a href="https://msbt.org/event/mothers-be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/">https://msbt.org/event/mothers-be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/</a> or call 267-350-1830.



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**

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

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

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

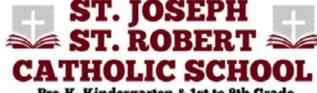
Tuesday, January 21 – All grades in session. "Kids Talk: presented to all grades.

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





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Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st to 8th Grade

Sunday, January 26 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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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 sic18976@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

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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

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#### 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.

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.

#### 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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