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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 (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.)

#### My Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to both 2025 and the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Campus Ministry Center of West Carolina University has a very good article on the history and magnitude of Jubilee Years:

Jubilee Year Origins

The origins of the Jubilee Year go back to the Old Testament. According to Leviticus 25:8-25, Jubilee Years were times when debts were forgiven, slaves were set free, families were restored to their ancestral inheritance, and the whole nation of Israel was to rest in God's blessing.

In Leviticus 25, God commanded the Israelites to observe a "sabbatical year" every seventh year. It was a year without sowing or reaping, when even the land was given rest. After the seventh sabbatical year, the fiftieth year would be called a Jubilee, a year of celebration and rest dedicated to the Lord. Debts were forgiven, slaves freed, and property returned. One of the the greatest examples of social and communal mercy in the Old Testament, the Jubilee allowed the people to learn mercy by giving mercy (Joan Watson, Opening of the Holy Door).

The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word "yobel," the name of the ram's horn which was blown to signify the start of the holy year.

Like so much of what is contained in the Old Testament, we find the Jubilee idea of a special time of mercy fulfilled in Christ. In a reflection written on the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis says that, "Jesus embraced the concept of the Jubilee and gave it new and ultimate meaning." In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus proclaims the opening words of Isaiah 61, describing "a year acceptable to the Lord" and declares these words to have been "fulfilled in your hearing." Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus "revealed Himself as the face of God on earth, sent to redeem the poor, free captives, and manifest the Father's compassion for the wounded, the fallen, and the hopeless."

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:18-21

Jubilee Years in the Church

The Catholic Church renewed the practice of celebrating Jubilees in the Middle Ages as a sign of mercy during times of special hardship.

In 1299, when times were hard due to the effects of plague, war, and material hardship, thousands of Christians eager to amend their lives and seek God's blessing made a pilgrimage to Rome, asking for God's blessing and the protection of the apostles. At the time, it wasn't easy to travel to Rome, and Pope Boniface VIII was so inspired by their faith that he declared 1300 a "year of forgiveness for all sins." Special graces were attached to visiting the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul. (Joan Watson, Opening the Holy Door)

Originally Jubilees were to be celebrated at 100 year intervals. However, in 1343 Pope Clement VI increased the frequency to every 50 years, and in 1470, Pope Paul II declared that ordinary Jubilees would be celebrated every 25 years in the Church.

Sometimes popes have called for extraordinary Jubilees to be celebrated outside of this 25 year cycle. For example, in 1983 a special Jubilee was called by Pope John Paul II to celebrate the 1950th anniversary of the Resurrection, and in 2015 Pope Francis called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Jubilee Years are times of special emphasis on God's mercy, peace and reconciliation, spiritual growth, and renewing our life of faith. They are marked by prayer, works of charity and penance, and pilgrimages (especially to Rome).

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## **January 12, 2025**

## From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

#### Theme of Hope

For the first ordinary jubilee since the Great Jubilee of 2000, Pope Francis has chosen the theme of hope, a virtue that "does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love," the Pontiff said in his "papal bull" proclamation of the Holy Year.

The goal of the Jubilee "is to give an experience of the mercy and love of God," the Vatican's chief Jubilee organizer, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, told EWTN News in May. "I hope that all pilgrims coming to Rome or celebrating the Jubilee in their own local Church can have this kind of experience: God loves me." (EWTN)

#### Pilgrimages

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For those of us who cannot make a pilgrimage to Rome during this Jubilee Year, Archbishop Perez has designated the following Shrines within the Archdiocese as places to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- NATIONAL SHRINES
  - St. John Neumann at St. Peter Church, Philadelphia
  - Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown
  - St. Rita at Rita's Church, South Philadelphia
- DIOCESAN SHRINES
  - St. Anne in St. Anne (upper) Church, Philadelphia
  - Bl. Carlo Acutis at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern
  - St. Gianna Beretta Molla at Nativity of Our Lord Church, Warminster
  - o St. Jude at St. Jude Church, Chalfont
  - St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
  - Miraculous Medal Basilica, Philadelphia
  - Padre Pio at St. Bede Church, Holland ADDITIONAL PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES
  - - To the places of Baptism The clergy and faithful are encouraged to visit the font of their Baptism, where their pilgrimage of hope began as Christians.
    - To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC

       This pilgrimage will be scheduled for a weekday during the Jubilee to allow for greater participation of clergy and students in all the schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

## **Masses For The Week**

Saturday	<u>Jan. 11</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Harry Cappa, Sr.
Sunday	<u>Jan. 12</u>	
	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
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John. F. Hayes & family
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Samuel Ellis
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	0
		4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Paul McDermott
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Melvin & Glena Soria
		(Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	James J. Lill
	<u>Jan. 18</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>Jan. 19</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Fr. John Bowe
	9:30 a.m.	Frances Cerritelli
	11:30 a.m.	Andy Landmesser

## 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 Elsie DiTore

## <u>This Week In Our Parish</u> <u>Monday, January 13</u> \*Adoration – 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

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#### <u>Tuesday, January 14</u>

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

#### Wednesday, January 15

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

#### Thursday, January 16

\*First Penance – 7:00 – Church \*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.

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## The Baptism of the Lord

## **Readings for The Week**

 Mon:
 Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

 Tues:
 Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6, 7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

 Wed:
 Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

 Thurs:
 Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

 Fri:
 Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

 Sat:
 Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

 Sun:
 Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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

The Jubilee Prayer Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Additional Information of our Archdiocesan Observance of the Jubilee Year of Hope can be found at <u>https://archphila.org/holyyear</u>. May our Jubilee Year of Hope help us enter more deeply into the reality that God does love us.

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

## **2024 Contribution Letters**

Contribution letters are available by request by calling or emailing the office

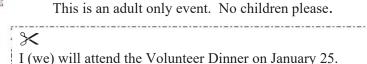
## St Joseph Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

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



Name(s)

Number attending\_\_\_\_\_ Please RSVP by Monday, January 13

Music Ministry <u>Adult Choir</u> January 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am January 25<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm <u>Children's Choir</u> January 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am <u>Contemporary Group</u> February 16<sup>th</sup> -11:30 am mass



## **HOPE Committee MONTHLY Diaper Drive**

St. Joseph will be holding a monthly drive for the collection of baby diapers and wipes. It will be on the **3rd Sunday weekend**. The proceeds will be going to A Baby's Breath center and to Legacy of Life Foundation, both local to our parish.

We appreciate your continued generosity to the "little ones" in need. Our next drive is next weekend, January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

## **Fuel Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. The **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, **individuals** with a **monthly income of \$1,882 or less**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income of \$2,555 or less**, can qualify for the grant. If there are more than two individuals in your household, income guidelines will be given when you call. Call **United Social Services at (215) 923-1900, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.** A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **This grant is provided to all who qualify, and does not have to be repaid. All inquiries are strictly confidential.** 



#### **Treasures From Our Tradition** The Baptism of the Lord

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

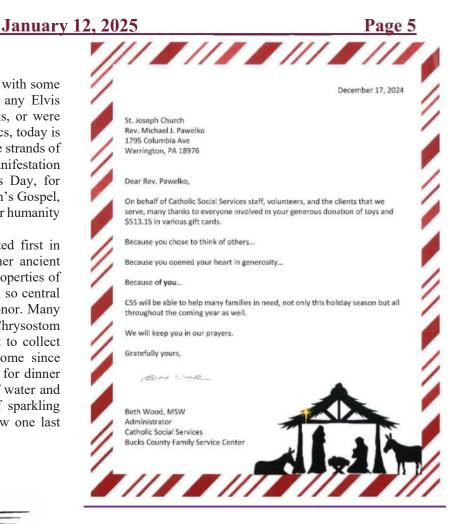
At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. —James Field



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## **Giving TreeThank You**

Please see the letters from **Catholic Social Services** and **St. Margaret of Castello Maternity Home** expressing gratitude for your generous donations to the Giving Tree.





St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church 1795 Columbia Ave Warrington, PA 18976

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No child should ever be unwanted No mother should ever be rejected

Dear Rev. Pawelko and parishioners,

I just wanted to say how thankful we are here at the Home for your generous donation of \$300 in gift cards. We have one mother with a three month old baby girl and two expectant mothers in the Home. We also continue to help over 115 parents a month in the community during their pregnancies and child's first year of life. I would like to say how much we appreciate the support for the Home and parents we serve. We are only able to continue helping hundreds of parents a year because of supporters like yourselves.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers one of our moms who delivered early and the baby girl is currently in the NICU. Donating to the less fortunate is one of the most selfless acts someone can do and it is much appreciated. Thank you again! Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and has a happy and healthy New Year!

> Sincerely, Cileen Aster

> > Eileen Artysh, MA Executive Director



The Saint Margaret of Castelio Maternity Hon P.O Box 361 | Bensalem, PA 19020 215.245.8039 | www.SMOCMaternityHome. 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>

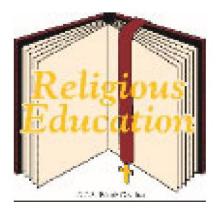
## January Schedule

<u>Tuesday, January 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.



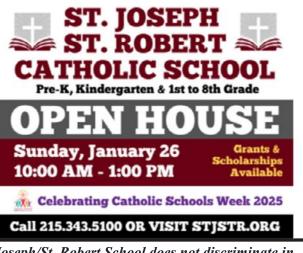


#### Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, Principal 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976 215-343-5100 www.stjstr.org

Our SJR Robotics Club recently participated in their firstever Lego Robotics Competition at LaSalle College High School, demonstrating their creativity and teamwork. Congratulations and thank you to the team and their coaches, Mr. Tom Molz and Mr. Vince Mandes. Thank you also to our sponsor, Alliance Holdings of Horsham. Competing against 22 teams, our students performed extremely well, earning an impressive 8th place finish! We are so proud of their hard work and dedication, and we look forward to using all that they've learned to build another awesome team for next fall.

This spirit of innovation and teamwork will also be on display during our upcoming open house on Sunday, January 26th, as we kick off Catholic Schools Week. Prospective families are invited to visit our beautiful building, meet faculty and administrators, and explore all that SJR has to offer. Please visit our website at www.stjstr.org to register for the open house or schedule a school tour.





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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 CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY FIVE** (5) YEARS

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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 Emails

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.

## **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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