

January 26, 2025

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.)

FAMILY **FOOD** ***BINGO*** **FUN** **DOOR PRIZES** ***NIGHT***



FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2025

\$10 per person for 10 Games
(price does not include food)

DOORS OPEN 6PM
GAMES START 7PM

Bring your friends and family for a night of fun and laughter
Cash winners and door prizes!



From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

This week we observe “Word of God Sunday.” This observance was instituted by Pope Francis to encourage an ever-greater devotion to Sacred Scripture.

Our First Reading fits nicely into this theme. Ezra the Scribe and Priest was assigned to lead the people back to the Promised Land from the land of exile in Babylon. When they returned, they lacked a king and much of what was left behind had deteriorated or was destroyed, including the Temple. What they still had were the Scriptures and the Law of Moses. The Torah gave the people a sense that God was still with them and also gave them a sense of identity as a nation.

One way we can grow in our devotion to the Sacred Scriptures is by spending some time, each day, with our daily Mass readings. We can do this whether or not we attend daily Mass. Along with printed resources such as Magnificat and Word Among Us there are many on-line resources such as usccb.org and ewtn.com. Along with the readings, many of these resources also offer some commentary on the Scriptures or the Saint of the Day. We remember that time spent with the Scriptures is time spent with God, and the more time we spend with God, the more we must love Him.

A couple of weeks ago I was blessed to join some 200 other priests at a conference on the Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year will help us accomplish three goals: the remission of sins, a restoration of inheritance, and a deeper incorporation into the Body of Christ.

The restoration of inheritance is a spiritual restoration that follows remission of sin. The restoration we seek is a restoration as a child of God and an heir to Heaven. This restoration comes through the Sacraments, especially through Baptism and Confession.

In order to help us enter more deeply into the Jubilee Year of Hope and to receive its benefits, we will start having ***Saturday morning Confessions immediately after Saturday morning Mass and Novena, from about 8:30-9:00.*** This will start Saturday, February 1. Please do take advantage of what the Jubilee Year of Hope offers.

A few updates on projects around here.

- Our security cameras are up and running and soon we will have the ability to remotely access the cameras.
- The dusk to dawn lighting project in the grassy area between the two parking lots is on hold because of the weather. Hopefully things will warm up a bit and the project will get completed.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Jan. 25</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. John Bowe
Sunday	<u>Jan. 26</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Raymond Generale
	9:30 a.m.	Andy Landmesser
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Robert Hoffman
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mrs. Mary Higgins
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Pathrose George
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Eugene (Gene) Donachie
Friday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	James J. Lill
	<u>Feb. 1</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>Feb. 2</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Fr. John Bowe
	9:30 a.m.	Dr. Louis Cerritelli
	11:30 a.m.	Dorothy Babcock, 2 nd 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, Patricia Picciocchi, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, Clare Smith, William Sparke, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 27

**Adoration – 8:30 am – 7:30 pm*

**Men's Group – Room 18 – 7:00 pm*

**Rosary - 7:30 pm*

Tuesday, January 28

**Mass @ Luther Woods – 2:00 pm*

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

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

Thursday, January 30

**Pastoral Council Meeting – 7:00 pm*

**Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:00 pm – Church Hall*

Friday, January 31

**Family Bingo – 7:00pm - Church Hall*

Bulletin Submittals

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

Readings for The Week

Mon: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tues: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wed: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20
Thurs: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Fri: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sun: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

- You may or may not be aware of this, but the parish owns the house at 31 Poplar Rd—the green house with the siding that is coming off. The house was originally purchased under Fr. Grant. The house now needs a considerable amount of work both inside and outside. So, we have started the process with the Archdiocese to divest ourselves of the house. This process will take a few months, and we are planning on using the proceeds from the sale on other projects around here.

Some news from the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Perez has issued a Pastoral Letter on future Pastoral Planning in the Archdiocese. He is developing this Pastoral Plan with the assistance of the Catholic Leadership Institute of Malvern, PA.

The Archbishop writes in his letter: *I want to embark on a new form of pastoral planning by asking a new question, "Where does the Church need to be and how?" We need to inspire a pastoral change of heart that focuses on those who are absent (from our pews) and that aligns our collective efforts across parishes, schools, and charitable ministries to listen, rebuild trust, and invite people home.* He also adds: *When I became Archbishop, the second question at my introductory press conference was, "Will you close parishes?" My answer then, and now, is the same: I didn't come here to close parishes; I came here to build up the Church of Philadelphia.* This is a great consolation to all, and certainly we all agree that we need to be creative in calling others back to the practice of the Faith.

The full text of the Archbishop's letter can be found at trustandhope.org. We are also providing some copies on the tables around the church.

At trustandhope.org there is also a list of information sessions around the Archdiocese. I have also extended an invitation to have an information session here at our parish. I am still waiting to see if they will.

Since the Archbishop's plan is still in its early stages, there are many details still to be worked out. As such, I really cannot answer specific questions, so it is best to ask specific questions of those who are helping to develop

the plan, and again, those questions can be asked at trustandhope.org or at one of the information sessions.

This Friday, January 31, is the Feast of St. John Bosco, and so we wish our friendly neighbors in Hatboro a very Happy Feast Day.

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for ourselves, our loved ones, our deceased, our service personnel, and our country.

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

Hospitality & Health and Help Ministries

Sudden Cardiac arrest is a condition in which the heart suddenly stops beating. It is among the leading causes of death in the US.

An AED (*Automated External Defibrillator*) is a portable device that can be used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working. Many public places have AED's. St Joseph Church has an AED.

On Saturday, February 1, after 5:00 pm Mass and on Sunday, February 2 (HOSPITALITY SUNDAY) after all Masses, members of the Health and Help Ministry will be outside room #18 to demonstrate how to use an AED. No Blood Pressure checks this time. Please join us for coffee and fellowship and learn this valuable lifesaving skill.

2024 Contribution Letters

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

Men's Group

The Men's Group meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in Room 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir

January 25th – 5:00 pm

February 2nd – 9:30 am

February 15th – 5:00 pm

February 23rd – 11:30am

Children's Choir

January 26th – 9:30am

February 15th – 5:00 pm (with Adult Choir)

March 2nd – 11:30am

Contemporary Group

February 16th -11:30 am mass



50 Year Reunion

Cardinal Dougherty HS Class of 75

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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or Checks Payable to 1975 Cardinal Dougherty 50th Reunion C/O John Lennon 861 Beverly Road Rydal, Pa. 19046. Additional questions, information or hotel reservations please email 1975cdreunion@gmail.com

Job Opportunity: Part-time Operations Manager for St. Jude Church and School

Our parish is seeking applicants for the position of part-time Operations Manager. This is a revision of the previous full-time Business Manager position. If you or anyone you know may be interested in applying for this position, please visit our web page stjudechalfont.org/job-opportunity for more details about the position. Kindly submit your resume and cover letter to office@stjudechalfont.org.

Villa Joseph Marie High School

6th & 7th Grade Placement Exam Practice Test
Saturdays, February 22 and March 8, 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Villa Joseph Marie High School's practice test helps students to become comfortable with the entrance exam for Catholic high schools and gain an understanding of where their strengths and weaknesses lie. Register now at vjmhhs.org/test.



	2025	2024
	January 12	January 14
Envelopes	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 5,487.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,489.56	\$ 2,257.04
Total	\$ 8,429.56	\$ 7,744.04

Thank You

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Monthly Food Drive



Next weekend, **February 1st & 2nd**, we will be collecting items for the Food Bank. Non-perishables only. **No expired food please.** Foods currently requested at this time include: Vegetable Soup, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Salad Dressing, Chili, Pasta Sauce, Beef Stew, Peanut Butter, Salsa, Stuffing Mix, Gravy Packets. 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 **974 pounds** collected in January!

Martin Saints Classical High School will be hosting an open house on Sunday, February 2nd at 12:00 pm. This will conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools' Week! As such, we would love to invite families from your parish community to attend the event and visit us at our new campus at St. Titus parish in East Norriton. Families may register for the open house at <https://www.martinsaintsclassical.org/events/open-house-ghwp9-f4fd7-jlkst-k655h-g3gxw>.

Martin Saints Classical High School
Admissions Open House: February 2, 2025
7th Grade Visitation Day: March 11, 2025

www.whymsc.org

Contact: Ms. Laura Lindmeier
(llindmeier@martinsaintsclassical.org)

Thank You Letter

A Baby's Breath is so grateful for the diapers and wipes delivered to us today! As an all-volunteer crisis pregnancy center, we rely on the generosity of our neighboring churches. We are currently serving about 73 client families. Our volunteer Advocates help our clients by finding the resources they need (WIC, food banks, churches, housing), and by providing the material supplies they need for their young children - diapers, wipes, clothes and baby equipment. Our Advocates get to know and love our clients and their children and love seeing them thrive. It is truly a blessing to be able to serve these families in need. Again, thank you!!

God Bless,
Catherine Fry
Director - Warminster
A Baby's Breath

St. Joseph Church
 Parish Religious Education Program
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Schedule

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

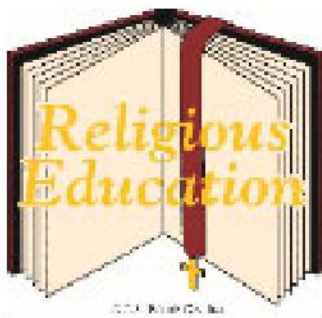
Tuesday, February 4 – All grades in session. First Semester Progress Reports distributed.

Tuesday, February 11 – All grades in session. Signed Progress Reports should be returned to teacher.

Monday, February 17 – Confirmation Retreat 9:00 am – 2:30 pm for students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

Tuesday, February 18 – All grades in session.

Tuesday, February 25 – All grades in session. Pre-Lenten Penance Service for all students.



Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been an annual celebration of Catholic Schools in the United States. This Sunday is the first day of Catholic Schools Week 2025! Today, the school children at SJR are celebrating our parishes and will be speaking at Masses this weekend. In thanksgiving for your support through our parishes, we'd love to have you join us over in the school for our Open House which runs from 10:00a.m. -1:00p.m. It's an opportunity to view the school and enjoy some light breakfast treats. In addition, you can vote on the best decorated door – based on each class's selected book theme and visit our Book Fair. We are blessed to be supported by two wonderful parishes which we will keep in prayer during this special week! Other events and activities this week include:

Monday: Celebrating Our Students

We'll be celebrating our students with some fun activities today.

Tuesday: Celebrating the Nation

We'll be thanking those who have served in the military and remembering them in prayer during our school-wide rosary.

Wednesday: Celebrating our Community

We are so blessed by the students in our school and we'll be hosting their parents today to visit classrooms. Our Home and School is also providing them with a pizza lunch!

Thursday: Celebrating our Faculty, Staff and all Vocations

We will be celebrating our faculty and staff whose commitment to Catholic Education make it all possible!

Antoinette Marie Reaves, MA, Th.M., MS. Ed., D. Min will be speaking to the students about vocations.

Friday: Closing Celebration

We'll be wrapping up this wonderful week in the most wonderful way possible – by attending Mass. The students will also attend an assembly provided by the Home and School Association – The Brain Show.

Thank you so much for keeping us in your prayers! You will certainly be in ours as we celebrate Catholic Education and our wonderful school this week.

God bless you!

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.

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
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