

February 2, 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.)

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY FEB 9TH
AFTER MASSES

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KICKSTART
YOUR DAY!

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

We are now about forty days past Christmas which means that this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In the “old days,” the Feast of the Presentation was considered a continuation of the Feast of the Epiphany. This Feast was also known as the Feast of the Purification.

This Feast has ancient origins. This is an account from the Fourth Century observance of the Feast in the Holy Land: *But certainly, the Feast of the Purification is celebrated here with the greatest honor. On this day there is a procession to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher; all go in procession, and all things are done in order with great joy, just as at Easter. All the priests preach, and also the bishop, always treating of that passage of the Gospel where, on the fortieth day, Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple, and Simeon and Anna the prophetess, the daughter of Famuhel, saw Him, and of the words which they said when they saw the Lord, and of the offerings which the parents presented.*

In the “old days,” this Feast was also known as Candlemas and the end of “Christmastide,” the end of the Christmas Season. The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales teach us: *This feast is the last of all those celebrated in honor of the Incarnation. From now on the liturgical cycle does not refer to this mystery or to the infancy of the Savior, but rather to His Death, Resurrection and Ascension. In other words, they will be feasts of our Redemption.*

In those “old days,” this Feast would be when many families would take down the last of their Christmas decorations. However, before they did so, many would burn a candle before their Nativity Set. They did so in remembrance that Jesus is a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

This Sunday, we rejoice that the light of the world has come. He has come. We rejoice that He came because of His love for us. He wanted to become one like us so that we can become like Him. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us: *He had to become like His brothers and sisters in every way, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because He Himself was tested through what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested.*

We also rejoice that He has entrusted us to be His lights in this world. That is why I am inviting the St. Vincent de Paul Society to come to our parish. They will be coordinating our assistance to those who are in need.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so good and does such great work.

We celebrate their history and their efforts: *just 12 years after its founding in France, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul established roots in the United States. On November 20, 1845, the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established in St. Louis, Missouri. With nearly 90,000 Vincentian volunteers serving their communities, today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul works in 4,428 parish-based Conferences across the United States. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the face-to-face Encounter (also known as the Home Visit), in which Vincentians visit the homes of those they serve, to identify both immediate and longer-term needs, including emergency assistance with utilities, rent, food, and clothing. (Continued on page 4)*

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<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
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	David Dziedzic
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Dalton
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Doyle
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Michael Pham
	<u>Feb. 8</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	<u>Feb. 9</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale
	9:30 a.m.	Louis Picciocchi
	11:30 a.m.	Maria Zerbe

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Josh Craft, 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.

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Louis Wilms

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, February 3

*Adoration – 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

*Rosary & Benediction- 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

*Rosary/Communion Serv @ Luther Woods – 1:30 pm

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

*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 -9:30 pm

Thursday, February 6

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

Bulletin Submittals

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

2024 Contribution Letters

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

Readings for The Week

Mon: Heb 11:32-40, Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tues: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thurs: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is composed of women and men who seek personal holiness through works of charity. In this essential way, the Society differs from organizations whose principal objective is not the spiritual advancement of their members but the doing of good for someone else. We don't provide transactions; we create and nurture relationships. Our Mission: "A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

Going forward, our poor box donations will now go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Also, our Ash Wednesday collection will be for them.

We thank our own parishioner, Mr. Tom Molz for accepting the invitation to help form the new council in our own parish. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please stop by and speak with them, and you may find how you can radically change someone else's life for the best. By doing so, you may make yourself into a brighter light and make Jesus very happy.

After all Masses this weekend, we will be receiving some instruction in our AED Defibrillator. We do have a defibrillator that was donated by our nurses' group and is kept in the hallway leading to the sacristy. It is important that as many parishioners as possible know about it and have some basic instructions to use it. Again, lives can be saved and transformed by just knowing where the AED equipment is and how to use it.

Along with the presence of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our AED training and our signups for Monday Adoration, and our donut Sunday, we will have the blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise.

The St. Blaise blessing is a reminder that our Catholic Faith helps us overcome all challenges. While things may not turn out as we want, our Faith confirms in us that Jesus is always in charge and, that as long as we stay with Jesus, all will be all right.

As I conclude, I would love to say "Go Birds." As much as I love our Philly teams, I do fear that way too many of our families are setting the wrong priorities. Of their own free will, they are choosing sports and other extracurricular activities over Mass. Of their own free will, they are thus setting the wrong priorities for themselves and their children. Sadly, they are depriving themselves of God's Grace, and the Graces that they and their children need to reach Heaven just by choosing other things over Mass.

In response, we challenge them. We challenge them to read the Gospel of John Chapter Six. Here Jesus gives a very serious teaching on our Sunday obligation. This teaching is only

ignored by the foolish but embraced by the wise. Anyone who says that it is okay to miss Mass for a sporting event, or something similar, is included in the foolish. Only the most foolish of the foolish will try to defend themselves on this.

As a parish, we are so thankful to have beautiful liturgies in such a beautiful church. We are also so blessed to have the wisdom to set the right priorities. Jesus is so good. St. Joseph is such a wonderful Patron. Let us all continue to slay siege to Heaven for each other, for our children, our grandchildren, and for the good of the Parish. And "Go Birds!"

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.

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

February 2nd – 9:30 am

February 15th – 5:00 pm

February 23rd – 11:30am

Children's Choir

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

March 2nd – 11:30am

Contemporary Group

February 16th -11:30 am mass



February Diaper Drive

Our next drive is February 15 & 16.

We will be collecting diapers and wipes for the **Legacy of Life Foundation** this month. They educate, inspire and support women with unplanned pregnancies because every choice is a life choice.

They are located in Warminster and are the other group that St. Joseph will be supporting with your donations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FYI - if you order online, you may send your donation to the rectory.

Treasures From Our Tradition

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candle maker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world." —Rev. James Field

Weekly Collections

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	2025	2024
	January 19	January 21
Envelopes	\$ 5,062.00	\$ 5,471.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,220.10	\$ 2,652.81
Total	\$ 7,282.10	\$ 8,123.81



	2024	2023
	Christmas	Christmas
Total	\$ 23,690.00	\$ 23,326.00

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Giving Tree Thank You Letter

Dear Fr. Pawelko,

Thank you and your Parishioners for the donation of gifts cards to our Outreach Program at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church.

Your donation helps immensely in our mission to provide for the people that come to our Outreach Program for support.

Your donation is truly a blessing for us and to those we serve.

Your donation allowed many to have a blessed

Christmas and enjoy the reason for the season, JESUS!

May God's love and grace continue to bless you.

We will keep you in our hearts and prayers.

In GOD's love,

Lorna Horsey, Coordinator

Joan Chisholm for St. Ignatius Outreach Program.

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>.

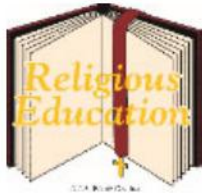
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7th Grade Visitation Day: March 11, 2025

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Contact: Ms. Laura Lindmeier
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This past week, we had the joy of celebrating Catholic Schools Week at St. Joseph/St. Robert School, a time to reflect on the blessings of Catholic education and the incredible community that supports it.

The week began with student speakers at all parish Masses, followed by a lively Open House. Families, prospective families, alumni, and other visitors enjoyed a variety of activities, including a robotics club demonstration, our Book Fair, and a door-decorating contest! It was so wonderful to see some of you there! I also had the thrill of welcoming some of our alumni back to SJR for the event!

Throughout the week, we focused on honoring the heroes in our lives. Photos of those we love who served or are currently serving in the military or as first responders lined our hallways, and we prayed for them daily, culminating in a beautiful, school-wide rosary on Tuesday afternoon.

Our students shone in special events like "Minute to Win It" games and the highly-anticipated *SJR's Got Talent* show on Monday. Parents joined us Wednesday to see learning in action during our classroom open house. Thursday was dedicated to showing gratitude to our teachers and included a vocation assembly to inspire our students.

We closed the week by attending Mass on Friday, reminding us of our shared faith. This was followed by the exciting Brain Show assemblies.

We are especially grateful to SJR families, our Home and School board and volunteers, and our distinguished faculty. Thank you also to our parish communities for your prayers and support, which make all of this possible. Catholic education is a gift, and we are grateful to share it with our students, families, faculty, and parish family!



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."

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 8:30 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.

Tuesday, March 4 – All grades in session.

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday.

Tuesday, March 11 – Stations of the Cross for all students - 6:15 pm. Drop off and pick up at Church.

Tuesday, March 18 – All grades in session.

Tuesday, March 25 – All grades in session.

Wednesday, March 26 – Confirmation practice in Church Hall 6:00 pm. - Drop off and pick up at Church.

Thursday, March 27 – Confirmation Mass 5:00 pm. Students should report to Church by 4:15 pm.

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:
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***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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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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