

February 16, 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.)

# **2025 Parish Lenten Day of Reflection Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**Presenter: Father Patrick Brady  
Vice-Rector and Professor of Sacred Scripture  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**



## **Order of Day:**

**10:30 Welcome and Refreshments: Church Hall**

**11:00 Presentation by Fr. Brady: Church Hall**

**12:00 Lunch: Church Hall**

**1:00 Holy Hour with Presentation by Fr. Brady and Benediction: Church**

The Lenten Day of Reflection is free, but please register for lunch.

Call or email the Parish Office to register for the lunch.  
215 672 3020 or [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net).

**From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko**

My Dear Parishioners,

For our second reading we have been hearing from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

St. Paul's visit there is recorded in Acts of the Apostles, and he personally helped to establish the Church in the Greek city of Corinth.

The city in which St. Paul evangelized was a "new" city. It had been built by the Romans to replace a city that they had destroyed. As such, it was very much a pagan city with many pagan temples and pagan cults. Yet, it also had a Jewish synagogue.

St. Paul had great success in Corinth and brought a mix of Jewish and pagan converts into the Faith.

He wrote the letter to address divisions within the community and immoral practices that had crept into the community. While doing so, St. Paul also expounded on several important theological topics. One of those is the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and our share in His Resurrection which he takes up in chapter 15.

The fact that he took up the topic of the Resurrection means that there were some in the community who were questioning Jesus's Resurrection and our own bodily Resurrection.

Those doubting the Resurrection could have been Jewish converts from the Sadducees. The Sadducees doubted the existence of an afterlife.

Those doubting the Resurrection could also have been converts from paganism. Pagan philosophers taught that the body was a prison for the soul, and so death was a freeing of the soul from the body. Thus, for a pagan, the idea of a bodily Resurrection would only mean that their souls would be in a bodily prison forever.

This past weekend St. Paul affirmed the fact of Jesus's Resurrection against the doubters: *For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally he appeared to me.*

This weekend St. Paul continues his affirmation of the Doctrine of the Resurrection and that those who doubt the Resurrection are depriving themselves of a share in Jesus's Victory: *Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.*

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**Masses For The Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>Feb. 15</u></b>	5:00 p.m. Fr. John Bowe
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Feb. 16</u></b>	7:30 a.m. Raymond Generale
		9:30 a.m. Andy Landmesser
		11:30 a.m. People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>		8:00 a.m. Rita Carsley
<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Michael Pham
<b>Wednesday</b>		8:00 a.m. Ted Marchese
<b>Thursday</b>		8:00 a.m. Alice Molly
<b>Friday</b>		8:00 a.m. Robert Amon
<b>Saturday</b>		8:00 a.m. James J. Lill
	<b><u>Feb. 22</u></b>	5:00 p.m. Joseph McColgan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Feb. 23</u></b>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
		9:30 a.m. Fred Adamski
		11:30 a.m. Edwin Steck

**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**

***Trudy Pilla and Nolan Jones***

**This Week In Our Parish****Monday, February 17**

\*Adoration – 8:30 am – 7:30 pm  
 \*Mass @ Christ Home – 2:30 pm  
 \*Rosary - 6:30 pm  
 \*Kathleen McCarthy – 7:00 pm  
 \*Benediction – 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 19**

\*Children's Choir – 5:30 pm  
 \*Adult Choir – 7:30 pm

**Thursday, February 20**

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

**Bulletin Submittals**

Email requests to [sjc18976@verizon.net](mailto: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:** Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

**Tues:** Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wed:** Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

**Thurs:** Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18; 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

**Fri:** Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 - 9:1

**Sat:** 1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

**Sun:** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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

*Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

We are created with body and soul. Death for us is the separation of our souls from our bodies. Our souls go to be with God (God willing) while our bodies go to decay. Our souls then become “disembodied” souls. It is a Doctrine of the Faith that at the General Judgment we will receive a new body, a Glorified Body, so that we can then again be both body and soul.

St. Augustine helps to explain just how wonderful our Resurrected bodies will be: *The bodies of the saints, then, shall rise again free from every defect, from every blemish, as from all corruption, weight, and impediment. For their ease of movement shall be as complete as their happiness. Whence their bodies have been called spiritual, though undoubtedly they shall be bodies and not spirits. For just as now the body is called animate, though it is a body, and not a soul [anima], so then the body shall be called spiritual, though it shall be a body, not a spirit (Handbook on Faith, Hope, and Love).*

We are so blessed to have such a loving and merciful Savior. Jesus wills that we will share in His Glory. As He has a Glorified Body, so He also wills us to enjoy the fullness of the Resurrection by also having a Glorified Body. I can't wait to see what mine is like.

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for our families, our parish family, our first responders, for vocations to the priesthood, for the sick, for the dead.

St. Joseph, our Patron, pray for us!  
Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

## Kathleen McCarthy Monday, February 17, 2025



### The Jubilee Year of Hope: A Special Time of Love, Mercy, and Forgiveness

- 6:30PM Rosary
- 7:00PM Sharing by Kathleen
- Followed by Benediction

To find out more about Kathleen and her Radio Ministry, please go to In His Sign Catholic Radio Network

<https://www.inhissign.com/>

## Hospitality Sunday

The Music Ministry will be hosting Hospitality Sunday after all Masses on Sunday, March 2 in Room 18.



Also, the Health and Help Ministry will be available outside Room 18 to check Blood Pressures.

## Weekly Collections

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	February 2	February 4
Envelopes	\$ 6,842.00	\$ 6,900.00
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Total	\$ 8,801.55	\$10,592.21

# Thank You

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Valentine's Day approaches, and its immediate impact may be heard in the rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to "set a date." We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the eighth century. He required that nobles and commoners alike have public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative, however, and resisted the emperor's creativity. It was enough for the pope that the couples exchange consent.

That tradition is passed on to this day, to some couples' surprise. In 866, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or a priest, that made a marriage "count." If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not "take." Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire had virtually collapsed by the year 1000. Europe broke into a checkerboard of princedoms and languages, and at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together. —Rev. James Field

## Man Up Philly "Becoming Pilgrims of Hope"

**March 8, 2025, 8:30 am**

Join the over 1400 men of the archdiocese in a day of reflection and spiritual regeneration. Listen to our awesome speakers recount their faith journeys and the importance of their faith in their lives.

**Speakers:** Pro Football HOF safety, Brian Dawkins, entrepreneur and Papal Knight, Ward FitzGerald, founder of Team Hope, Eddie Morris, and Pastor of St Cyprian Parish, Msgr. Federico Britto.

Cardinal O'Hara High School, 1701 S. Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064.

**Register at** <http://www.manupphilly.com/registration/>

For more information contact us at

[Manupphilly@gmail.com](mailto:Manupphilly@gmail.com). Cost \$65.00; Students \$25.00

## Archbishop Wood High School

We are hosting several events this Spring! Register for any of the following events at [www.archwood.org](http://www.archwood.org):

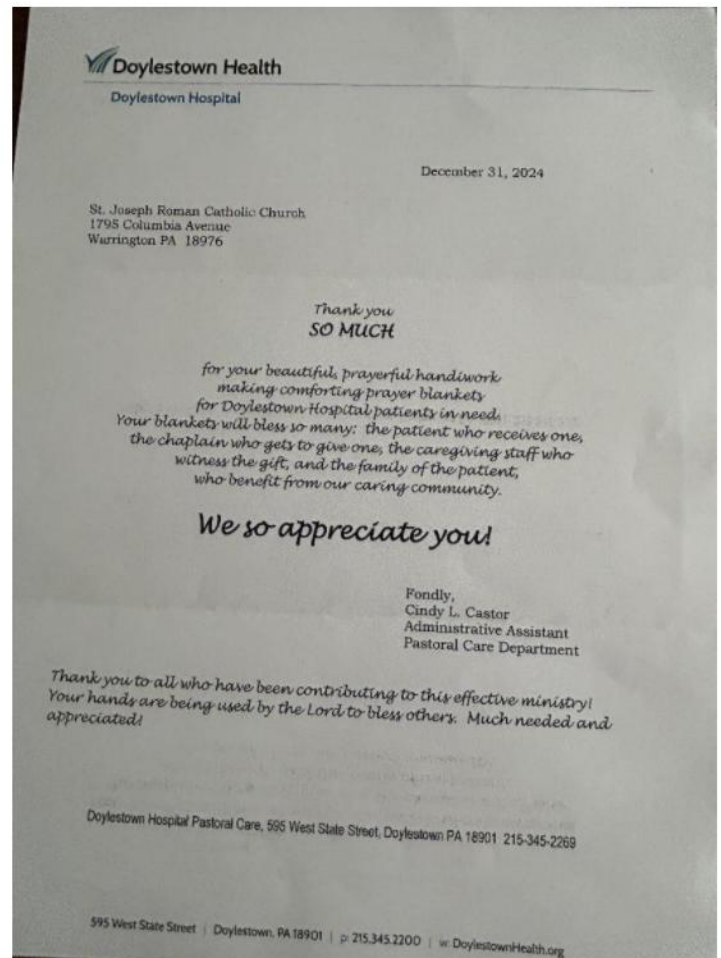
**March 20th** 7th Grade Visitation Day

**March 30th** Spring Open House

**April 5th** 7th Grade Practice Scholarship Exam

## Thank You Letter for Prayer Shawls

Please see the attached letter receive from Doylestown Hospital for your generous donation of prayer blankets for hospital patients. Your generosity is much appreciated.



## La Salle College High School

La Salle College High School, located in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, will administer a practice test on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 8:30 am for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys. To register, please visit [www.lschs.org](http://www.lschs.org) or call the Admissions Office at 215-402-4800.

## Music Ministry

### Adult Choir

February 15<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 11:30am

### Children's Choir

February 15<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm (with Adult Choir)

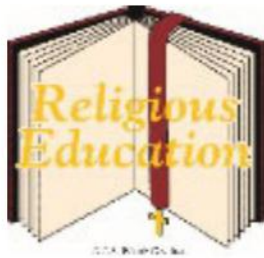
March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:30am

### Contemporary Group

February 16<sup>th</sup> -11:30 am



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 Parish Religious Education Program  
 Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator  
[stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com)  
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The Birds' decisive Super Bowl win had me reflecting on the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and dedication. Jalen Hurts' MVP performance, combined with the defense's resilience, showcased exactly what can be achieved when individuals come together with a common goal and refuse to give up. Their commitment to excellence and trust in one another made all the difference on the field. At SJR, we see that same spirit of teamwork every day. Our faculty and staff work tirelessly to create an environment where students can learn, grow, and thrive. Their dedication ensures that each child receives the support and encouragement they need to be successful in school.

Another shining example of teamwork at SJR is our incredible Home and School Association. This devoted group of parents often works behind the scenes to enrich the school experience for students and families alike. Their recent Bingo event was a fantastic success, bringing our community together for a night of fun and raising significant funds for our iReady materials.

Much like a great football team, SJR thrives because of the dedication, collaboration, and unwavering commitment of so many people. Whether in the classroom, at school events, or within our broader community, we continue to work together to make SJR the best it can be. If you would like your family to be part of SJR, please contact our Director of Enrollment, Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org). If you are interested in joining our staff, please see current job postings at [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org) under the "About" tab.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin



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**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](mailto:sjc18976@verizon.net).

## Safe Environment Program

All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:  
**CLEARANCES:**

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<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

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<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](http://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](http://www.saintjosephchurch.us)
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
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