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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: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 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

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, Respect Life Men's Group, Rosary, Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Women's Group, Charismatic Prayer Group, Hospitality, Hope Committee, Health & Help Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary.

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 by <u>February 28.</u>
215 672 3020 or <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

As of writing this letter, Pope Francis is still alive but in critical condition. By the time this is published, things may have changed. Pope Francis may well be on the way to recovery, or Pope Francis may be journeying home to the Lord. Either way, our prayer for the Pope is important.

Prayer is part of God's plan for our salvation and the salvation of others. Prayer makes us into instruments of God. Prayer opens our hearts to God and His Providence. Prayer also aids those for whom we are praying to open their hearts ever wider to God and His Providence. Prayer helps us, and those for whom we are praying, remain in God's Good Graces and the Company of the Saints.

Monday is the 25th Anniversary of the Canonization of one of our own Saints, St. Katherine Drexel. You may know someone who knew her. If not, maybe your life has been touched by one of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. I know mine has.

Her biography is inspiring:

The Drexel household was a happy one, in a large but simple home at 1503 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Francis Anthony Drexel was hard-working and a successful banking partner with his brother, Anthony. Emma M. Bouvier Drexel, his wife, proved to be very loving, faith-filled and a caring parent to their three daughters, Elizabeth, Katharine (Katie) and Louise. It was here that these young women realized that their lavish wealth was to be shared, not only with neighbors in need, but also with Missionaries throughout the world who were serving the poor and destitute.

When they moved to the Torresdale section of Philadelphia they befriended Fr. James O'Connor, pastor of the Church of Saint Dominic. Soon he was ordained a bishop and sent to Nebraska. His pastoral work to the Native Americans made it necessary for him to seek financial help from the Drexel family. Kate, now known as Katharine, who was following the plight of the native groups, saw the injustices they were suffering at the hands of the federal government. She noted as well, the severe racial injustices and torture of black people in the South, for whom she grieved. Clearly, priests were needed for both races to offer pastoral care and spiritual conversion to Christianity. On one of her final trips abroad, she begged and was granted an audience with Pope Leo XIII to make a request for missionary priests. The Holy Father, asked her to personally become a missionary which sealed her own desire to enter Religious Life. On her return to America. at the suggestion of Bishop O'Connor, she went to the Novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, PA in May, 1889, at age twenty-nine.

She entered for the purpose of founding a new congregation which would serve the Native and African American people, tending especially to their conversion to the Catholic faith. Her deep love for the Blessed Sacrament was at the heart of her mission. She would not only take the three vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience, but a 4th vow of Service to the "Indian and Black Races". (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Mar. 1			
	5:00 p.m.	Catherine & John Dudas		
Sunday	Mar. 2			
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	9:30 a.m.	Stephen Macrone		
	11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of		
		Michael Pham		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Memorial Soc.		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Susan Denofa		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of		
		Katie Mallon		
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish		
	7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the		
		Dziedzic & Dundas		
		Families		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Peggy McKay		
	<u> Mar. 8</u>			
	5:00 p.m.	Hugh Lynagh		
Sunday	Mar. 9			
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale		
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	11:30 a.m.	Frances Cerritelli		

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Don Higgins, 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 Carole Monkres

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, March 3

**Adoration* – 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

*Rosary & Benediction - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 4

*Rosary/Communion Serv.@ Christ Home – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday)

*Rosary/Communion Serv. @ Luther Woods – 1:30 pm *Adult Choir – 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 8

*Lenten Day of Reflection - 10:30 am

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: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5,6, 7; Mk 10:17-27 **Tues:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wed: JI 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-

6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25 **Fri:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 **Sat:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13;

Lk 4:1-13

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

While in the Novitiate, Katharine gave focused attention to her personal religious development and even excelled, but often reflected on her past visits to the Native Americans, and to Sioux Chief Red Cloud. Her novice director, Mother Mary Inez, RSM guided her toward her goal and also helped in the formation of 10 novices and 3 postulants who would travel with her to their own Novitiate in Cornwells Heights, PA. When Mother Katharine professed her vows, February 12, 1891, in the presence of Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, the Foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament became a reality.

As a consecrated religious, Mother Katharine Drexel, SBS wasted no time in moving onward to the West and South establishing missions. By 1940, more than 30 Foundations were made in seventeen states, where 400 of her sisters were serving. These great accomplishments happened in spite of the challenges of the Great Depression, vicious activities of the KKK and the challenges of World War II. These hardships, compounded with the fierce winters, long, arduous journeys which Katharine continued to make, all contributed to her declining health. Her final years came after several heart attacks which then confined her to the Motherhouse, which she called "her little Nazareth". She lived there from her 84th year until her last breath. She died peacefully at age 96 on March 3, 1955.

"All is vanity except knowing, loving and serving God. This alone can bring peace to my soul."

Mother Katharine lived these very words, the heart of her spirituality. The Church recognized her holiness, which was confirmed by two miracles or cures to persons not able to hear, attributed to God through her intercession. She was beatified November 20, 1988 then canonized a saint on October 1, 2000. In 2020, her remains were transferred to her new shrine at the Cathedral Basilica of Ss Peter and Paul (Biography by Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM of the Cathedral Basilica of Ss Peter and Paul).

After celebrating her Feast Day, we will be going right into Fat Tuesday and then Ash Wednesday. Then Friday, March 7, we will have Stations of the Cross. I am looking forward to my first Lent with you. Just a reminder, we have Confessions Saturday mornings from about 8:30-9:00 and again Saturday afternoons from 3:30-4:30.

Through the Intercession of St. Joseph and St. Katherine Drexel, may our Lenten Journey bring us ever closer to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

St. Joseph, our Patron, pray for us! St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko

Hospitality Sunday

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



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



	2025	2024
	February 16	February 18
Envelopes	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 6,408.00
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Total	\$ 8,322.01	\$ 8,670.03



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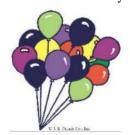
Archbishop Wood High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the **Second Quarter** of the 2024-2025 school year.

First Honors

Alexa Corey '25, Nina Tkach '27,

Second Honors

Emma Jacobsen '25 Jacob Bargerhuff '26, Avalon Waltrich '27





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 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. Cost \$65.00; Students \$25.00

Martin Saints Classical High School

Annual Fish Fry. Meals are \$20 and include two pieces of Icelandic cod, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, and dessert. Eat-in or carry-out. Place your order by March 9. **Friday, March 14th, 2025,** 4:00 - 6:00 pm Located on our school campus at St Titus Church, 3000 Keenwood Road, East Norriton, PA 19403. whymsc.org/fish-fry

Shroud Encounter

Save the Date! The highly acclaimed **Shroud Encounter** will be at Saint John Bosco, 215 E. County Line Road, Hatboro, on March 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the church. This is the kind of event that comes along once in a decade and is a testament to our beliefs as Christians. We welcome all who want to explore this mystery with us. Please mark your calendars so you can be with us that evening. For more information call 267-803-0774.

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Bingo

Saturday, March 29, 2025 Doors open at 9:00 am. Bingo starts at noon. \$35.00 per person (includes lunch and bingo) Corpus Christi Church, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale. Guaranteed Jackpot - \$1,000; Door Prizes; 50/50. For advanced sales and table reservations call Laurie Ponticello 1-610-584-5694 or email geraldponticello@comcast.net

Marriage Enrichment Day

Saturday, March 29, 2025 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm followed by Vigil Mass. St. Helena's Church, 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell. Come with your spouse or fiancé and listen to nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers who will inspire you to live out your marriage with greater fervor, love and joy. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace2025

Rare Relics of the Passion

Join us at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish for an encounter with nine rare Relics of Christ's Passion on **Sunday**, **March 16 at 6:00 pm**. Having the opportunity to be in the presence of these holy relics is sure to be an experience that will help you connect with the very roots of your faith. Take advantage of what is likely to be a once in a lifetime opportunity to engage in a meditative walk to Calvary and venerate these rare and holy relics

This powerful program is a 90-minute meditational experience supported with Eucharistic Exposition, music and prayer, culminating in relic veneration. A collection such as this is generally seen only in Rome or the Holy Land.

This presentation is being brought to us as part of a collaborative initiative between the Knights of Columbus and the Apostolate for Holy Relics.

NOTE: Confessions will be available from 5:30 pm -7:00pm.

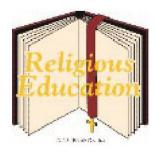
Our Lady of Guadalupe 5194 Cold Spring Creamery Rd. Doylestown, PA 18902

Gaudeamus' First Concert of 2025

Gaudeamus Music Ministry will present their first concert of the new season on April 6th at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting. Featuring an all-new musical program designed to uplift and inspire, the performance will include classical music and a performance of the Faure Requiem, accompanied by the Valley Forge Chorale and a professional orchestra. Faure's Requiem composition is a significant departure from traditional requiem arrangements focused on death, solemnity and mourning. Instead, the piece is focused on the hope of eternal life and is meant to evoke sounds of "angels in heaven". It is our hope that this music during the Lenten season will help to prepare our hearts for the coming joy of Faster

This concert will mark the beginning of Gaudeamus 2025-2026 brand new concert series "You Raise Me Up", which will feature inspirational music to soothe the soul, heal the heart, and lift the spirit. The "You Raise Me Up" concert series is dedicated to raising money for our brothers and sisters in the most impoverished areas of our world, both close to home and in far off locations. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information on Gaudeamus, please visit their website at www.gaudeamusmusic.org

GAUDEAMUS "YOU RAISE ME UP" CONCERT SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025 7:00 PM EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD CHURCH, PLYMOUTH MEETING PA St. Joseph Church
Parish Religious Education Program
Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator
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215-672-3020
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.



<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 4</u> – All grades in session.

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday.

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

Tuesday, March 18– All grades in session.

<u>Tuesday, March 25</u> – All grades in session.

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

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





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We are so thankful to our amazing HSA volunteers who made last weekend one of the best ever! The Sweetheart Dance on Saturday evening brought together girls and their dads or other special guests for a memorable night, followed by a funfilled Mother-Son Bowling event on Sunday. These special traditions do so much to build the spirit of our community. SJR is blessed with dedicated faculty, students, and families who give their time and energy to build this vibrant school community. Members of the wider community can make a lasting impact as well through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state tax dollars to provide scholarships for students at St. Joseph/St. Robert School? Through EITC, taxpayers can allocate their PA tax liability to support Catholic education while receiving a tax credit of up to 90%.

Individuals, business owners, and members of partnerships who pay Pennsylvania income taxes are eligible to participate. Scholarships funded through EITC are awarded to students based on financial need and state guidelines, ensuring that assistance reaches families who qualify. The funds go directly to our school and are applied to student tuition, making a direct impact on our community.

To learn more about how you can turn your Pennsylvania tax liability into tuition assistance for SJR students, contact us at **EITCscholarships@stjstr.org**. A member of our team will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education at SJR! God bless you and have a wonderful week! 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:**

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https://epatch.pa.gov/home

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https://uenroll.identogo.com

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- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
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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
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