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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.



LENT and EASTER SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: 7:30 pm

SACRAMENT of PENANCE

St. Joseph Parish will make available the opportunity for **Confession...**

Saturday mornings in Lent after the 8:00 am Mass Saturday afternoon 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm (No confession on Holy Saturday 4/19)

Tuesday, April 15: Confessions 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Last Confessions before Easter)

PALM SUNDAY, April 13

Palm will be distributed at all Masses: Vigil 5:00 pm Saturday Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

8:00 am: Morning Prayer 7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

8:00 am: Morning Prayer
3:00 pm: Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion
7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

8:00 am: Morning Prayer 7:30 pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

Masses: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday, the children in our Religious Education Program and our SJR School children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We thank retired Archbishop Edward Adams for imposing hands on our children and giving them the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Archbishop Adams was ordained a priest by John Cardinal Krol for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1970. He was then sent to work in the Vatican's Diplomatic Corps. His last assignment before retirement was as Papal Nuncio to the Court of St. James. He presently resides at Regina Coeli Retirement Home for Priests on the grounds of Archbishop Wood High School. He is a good and holy man and a model priest and bishop. We are blessed to have him with us this Thursday.

We thank our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, our Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, our Catechists and our Teachers, for all they have done in preparing our children for Confirmation.

As our parish and our children and their families make our final preparation for Confirmation, it is good to review some key points about this beautiful and powerful sacrament from the Baltimore Catechism:

330. What is Confirmation?

- A. Confirmation is the sacrament through which the Holy Ghost comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our faith as strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.
- *The word "confirmation" means "a strengthening." We are not certain from Sacred Scripture of the exact time and circumstances of the institution of Confirmation. We do know, however, that Christ instituted the sacrament before He ascended into heaven, because it is clearly evident in the New Testament that the apostles administered this sacrament.
- *A confirmed person is called a soldier of Christ because, through Confirmation, he is especially deputed to profess the faith strongly and to fight for it.
- **> "'He who believes in me, as the Scripture says,' "from within him there shall flow rivers of living water.' "He said this, however, of the Spirit whom they who believed in him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified" (John 7:38-39).
- *> "But I speak the truth to you; it is expedient for you that I depart. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7).
- **> "And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak" (Acts 2:1-4).
- *> "Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter *> "On hearing this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus; and when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit

Jesus; and when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy" (Acts 19:5-6). (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Mar. 22			
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish		
Sunday	Mar. 23			
	7:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the		
		Higgins Family		
	9:30 a.m.	Richard McEwen,		
		Helen McEwen &		
		Helen Finnegan		
	11:30 a.m.	Giuditta & Pasquale Bonato		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Al Elwert		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	The Choi Family		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Fleck		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Bible		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Vietnam Veterans		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Harry Walls		
	Mar. 29			
	5:00 p.m.	Loretta Costanzo		
Sunday	Mar. 30			
	7:30 a.m.	Michael P. Maddock		
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	11:30 a.m.	Loretta Costanzo		

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, Michael Tashjian, 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 Mary Cataldi

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, March 24

**Adoration* – 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

*Mass @ Luther Woods – 2:00 pm

*Rosary - 7:30 pm

**Men's Group* – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

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

*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Thursday, March 27

*Confirmation – 5:00 pm

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

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: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tues: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk

1:26-38

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thurs: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk

12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sun: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk

15:1-3, 11-32

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

334. What is holy chrism?

- A. Holy chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balm, blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday.
- <u>*</u>Olive oil was formerly used to condition and strengthen the limbs of athletes. The olive oil in holy chrism signifies the strengthening grace of the Holy Spirit received in the sacrament.
- <u>*</u>Balm, sometimes used as a preservative, is a fragrant substance derived from the balsam tree. In holy chrism it signifies the sweetness of virtue and freedom from the corruption of sin.

335. What does the anointing of the forehead with chrism in the form of a cross signify?

A. The anointing of the forehead with chrism in the form of a cross signifies that the Catholic who is confirmed must always be ready to profess his faith openly and to practice it fearlessly.

337. What are the effects of Confirmation?

A. Confirmation increases sanctifying grace, gives its special sacramental grace, and imprints a lasting character on the soul.

338. What does the sacramental grace of Confirmation help us to do?

- A. The sacramental grace of Confirmation helps us to live our faith loyally and to profess it courageously.
- *The sacramental grace of Confirmation also gives us a right to the actual graces we need when tempted against faith.

339. What is the character of Confirmation?

- A. The character of Confirmation is a spiritual and indelible sign that marks the Christian as a soldier in the army of Christ.
- *The character of Confirmation is a quality impressed on the soul that enables us to fight spiritual battles against the enemies of the faith after the example of the apostles, who, upon receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, were not afraid to profess and preach the faith to the entire world.

342. Why should all Catholics be confirmed?

A. All Catholics should be confirmed in order to be strengthened against the dangers to salvation and to be prepared better to defend their Catholic faith.

We cannot value too highly the importance of Confirmation in the supernatural life. It is a great source of strength in the warfare we must wage against the three great enemies of our salvation, the world, the flesh and the devil. The character of Confirmation remains on the soul forever, marking one who has been confirmed as a soldier of Christ, with the right and the duty of proclaiming and defending the Christian faith before the world. Nowadays there is a great need of those who will explain and uphold the true religion of Christ, even though it demands personal sacrifice; and this task belongs not merely to the priests and bishops but also to the laity-of course, always with due subordination to their ecclesiastical rulers. And when a layperson, according to his capacities and position, defends and explains the faith of Christ, he is living up to the task committed to him through Confirmation and is contributing his share toward Catholic Action.

Let us lift up our "Confirmandi" and their parents in prayer this week. May their hearts be open. May they take seriously the call to be "soldiers of Christ." May they always make Holy Mass and the other Sacraments a priority. May they help make our world a brighter and holier place.

Let us also congratulate them on their hard work and commitment. We are proud of you all, and you are in our prayers.

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

Disciple Maker's Index

St. Joseph's is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS! The first step in helping us assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. Joseph's and better prepare us for the future! For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xp3t36

You may have helped with the DMI in the past. Please again fill out the survey and thank you for taking the time for this important aid.

Fr. Pawelko and our faithful staff.



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	March 9	March 10
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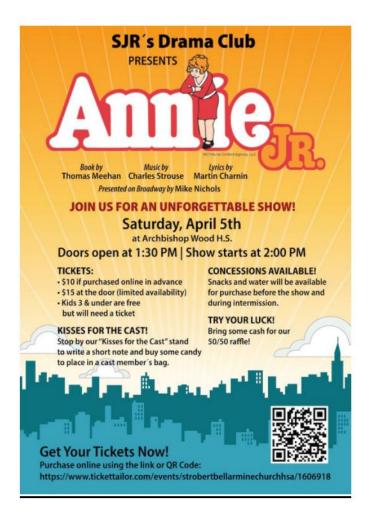
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross. —James Field

Hospitality Sunday

Our next Hospitality Sunday is <u>April 6</u>. Hosted by The Health and Help Ministry. Stop by room 18, after all Masses, for coffee and donuts and blood pressure checks.

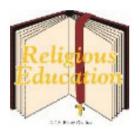
CYO Football & Cheerleading

Registration for the Saints CYO Football and Cheerleading is open. You must register online. Football: Grades 4th, 5th, and 6th are JV. 7th and 8th Grades are Varsity, there is no weight limit. Cheerleading is grades K thru 8. The registration fee for football is \$200 and for cheerleading the fee is \$75. Late fees will apply after June 1st, July 1st, August 1st, and August 15th. You must be enrolled in the parish and either attend catholic school or be registered in the Parish PREP. Register at saintscyo.com For more info please contact us at saintscyo@gmail.com or call Dave Armstrong @215-783-3587, Joe Barone@215-287-6006, or Joe Meehan @267-250-3492. For cheerleading email saintscyocheerleading@gmail.com or call Catie Messina @267-575-4151.





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.



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.

Tuesday, April 1

All grades in session.

Final class for Confirmation students (Level 7)

Tuesday, April 8

All grades in session.

Lenten Penance service for all students.

Tuesday, April 15

All grades in session.

Lenten Family gathering in the Church Hall.

Tuesday, April 22

All grades in session.

First communion retreat in the Church Hall.

Thursday, April 24

First Communion practice in Church 6:30 – 7:15 pm.

Saturday, April 26

Sacrament of First Holy Communion – 10:00 am Mass. Students report to Room 18 in Church no later than 9:30 am.



ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

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

This has been a joyful time for our school community, as we celebrate both the faith journeys of our seventh graders and the feast of one of our patrons, St. Joseph. Last week, the students from St. Robert's Parish were confirmed by Archbishop Adams in a beautiful ceremony, and this week, our students from St. Joseph's Parish will receive this important sacrament. Please keep these young men and women, along with their families, in your prayers, that they may be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and love as they live out their call to discipleship.

At the same time, our school came together to honor St. Joseph on his feast day. Our Pre-K students welcomed their fathers or another special grown-up for a meaningful celebration, while students in grades K-8 attended Mass and all enjoyed a special treat at snack time. We also held the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in our prayers, recognizing the deep connection between our school and the faith communities that support us.

One of my favorite new traditions this year has been the



institution of our Patron Award. Each month, we focus on a different virtue—such courage, honesty, faithfulness, hard work—that reflects the qualities of St. Joseph and St. Robert Bellarmine. Teachers nominate students who embody these virtues, and they are recognized after First Friday Mass.

While we set aside time in September and March to celebrate our patrons on their feast days, it is truly special to honor their example all year long by striving to live out these virtues in our daily lives.

Thank you for your continued prayers this Lent. Gratefully, 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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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.

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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:

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