# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH LENT and EASTER SCHEDULE

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#### **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)

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#### Tuesday, April 15:

Confessions 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 7:30 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

My Dear Parishioners,

Lent isn't done until we have gone to Confession. It is as a part of Lent as Friday abstinence from meat. It is the final, and most important preparation for Easter. The Baltimore Catechism teaches us about the power of the Sacrament of Confession:

- Q. 382. What are effects of the sacrament of Penance, worthily received?
- A. The effects of the sacrament of Penance, worthily received are:
  - *first, the restoration or increase of sanctifying grace;*
  - second, the forgiveness of sins;
  - third, the remission of the eternal punishment, if necessary, and also of part, at least, of the temporal punishment, due to our sins;
  - fourth, the help to avoid sin in future;
  - fifth, the restoration of the merits of our good works if they have been lost by mortal sin.
- \*When we receive the sacrament of Penance worthily, the merits of Christ's redemption are applied to us. Sanctifying grace is either restored or, if we are already in the state of grace, increased. The worthy reception of the sacrament of Penance also gives us a right to receive those actual graces which we will need in atoning for our past sins and avoiding sins in the future.
- \*Q. 383. What else does the sacrament of Penance do for us?
- A. The sacrament of Penance also gives us the opportunity to receive spiritual advice and instruction from our confessor.

A good Confession begins with an honest Examination of Conscience. Here is an Examination of Conscience Based on the Virtues. These questions allow us to look at our lives with sincerity and honesty and humility. They will motivate us on the road to conversion from sin to love of God. They will also give us the "material" for a good Confession.

**MERCY**: God is slow to anger and quick to mercy and forgiveness. Are you slow to anger and quick to mercy or quick to anger and slow to mercy?

**TEMPERANCE:** Do you eat what you like or do you eat what is healthy for your body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit and tabernacle of the living God? Do you eat to live or live to eat? Do you use alcohol with moderation, or do you abuse it? Do you avoid marijuana and other narcotics that may lead to a life of addiction? Do you control your use of social media, or does it control you?

**DILIGENCE:** As soon as the alarm-clock rings do you bolt from the bed and start your morning offering or do you hit the "Snooze-button" and take a few extra winks? The Founder of Opus Dei terms this moment the "Heroic moment!" Are you disposed to the Deadly Sin of Sloth?

**PURITY:** Do you entertain bad thoughts or do they entertain you? Since the eyes are the windows of the soul, do you protect your eyes from impure images? Are you inclined to the Deadly Sin of Lust? Do you use pornography? If you have used pornography, do you seek remedies to avoid it? Do you encourage purity in your family and among your friends? Do you treat members of the opposite sex as children of God to be loved or objects to be used? Do you engage in inappropriate language or conversation? Do you dress modestly? Is your marriage a valid marriage? Do you encourage families and friends to seek only valid marriages?

**CHARITY:** Are you looking to be served by others or are you on the outlook to serve others? Are you generous with the Church and with the poor? Do you steal, time or money? Do you gossip? Are you disposed to the Deadly Sins of Greed and Envy? Do you treat others with proper respect?

**JOY:** Do you rejoice at all times in the Lord Jesus and His Holy Spirit or always have reasons and manners to complain about the problems of life? Do you count your blessings?

**PATIENCE:** Are you inclined to the Deadly Sin of Anger? Are you the epitome of patience or want things your time, your manner, your schedule? Is this your prayer: Lord I beg you to give me patience, and right now?!

**OBEDIENCE:** Are you ready to obey God's will through rightful authority, the Church, and circumstances or always on the defensive to defend your "precious and inviolable rights"? Do you abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent? Do you observe Holy Days of Obligation?

**MORTIFICATION:** Are you ready and willing to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow the Lord Jesus or are you always looking for the easy way out? Do you observe fasting and abstaining from meat when the Church asks us, especially during Lent?

MEEKNESS: Do you try to imitate the Master who said that He was meek and humble of heart or are you brusque, cutting, demanding, and sharp towards others? Do you ever pray: Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine? FAITH: Are you a man or woman of faith (the faith that could move the mountains) or a person whose faith totters, vacillates and changes like the weather and wind? Do you give in to superstitions? Is the practice of the Faith, Holy Mass, and daily prayer at the center of your life?

TRUST: Do you trust the Lord as your rock and fortress or follow the voluble and sentimental path of your feelings and emotions? Do place your trust in money or politics, or worldly possessions instead of in Jesus? (Continued on page 3)

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

**HOPE:** Is your hope in God at all times and places, or do you give in to despair when confronted with the trials and setbacks of life? Do you encourage others to hope in God?

**FORTITUDE:** Are the crosses and sufferings of life too much for your shoulders or do you willingly carry the cross with Jesus to Calvary that ends in the glory of the Resurrection?

**HEAVEN:** Do you look constantly to the earth and worldly values or is your mind, heart and soul raised up to your eternal destiny—Heaven? Do you seek the guidance and intercession of the Saints?

**PRAYER:** Is prayer the very breath of your soul, the lifeblood of your inner being or is your prayer life mediocre and declining like the sinking sun? Do you pray with and to the Saints?

**KNOWLEDGE:** Is your life a constant yearning to grow in the knowledge and love of God or has your knowledge of God become stagnant, insipid and dormant?

#### PRINCIPLES AND FOUNDATIONS AND PRIORITIES: Is

God the Principle and Foundation of your existence? Is God always the first in your hierarchy of values and the first of your priorities? Is Holy Mass the first priority of your week? Is prayer the first priority of your day? Is pleasing God the first priority of your life?

**FORGIVENESS:** Have you forgiven in all times and places in your life or are there still remnants and residual traces of persons that you still hold on to resentments and grudges? Maybe it is for this reason that your soul is not at peace.

**HUNGER**: Jesus said that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. What do you hunger for? The five P's? Power? Pleasure? Prestige? Personal Vanity? Put me first? Or do you hunger for God? "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be given beside!"

**SUFFERING:** Is suffering a source of complaint, anger and bitterness on your part? Or do you unite your suffering to the Passion of Jesus and allow suffering to sanctify you? In other words, "Does the cross make you better or bitter?"

JESUS: Is Jesus your beginning and end, alpha and omega, your Way, Truth, and Life, your Light, Sustenance, and meaning in life? Or do you have false gods and idols on the altar of your life? Money? Pleasure? Porn? Drink? Drugs? Vanity? Prestige? Gambling? T.V./INTERNET and electronic media as sovereign to God Himself? Why not make a serious examination of conscience.

**MARY:** Is Mary absent from your life like that of a spiritual orphan? Or is Mary your life, your sweetness and your hope? Is Mary the Mother in whom you can entrust your whole life: your joys and sorrows, successes and failures, temptations even falls?

Despite our many failures God's mercy always far transcends our guilt. As the Apostle Saint Paul highlights: "Where sin abounds the mercy of God abounds all the more." Jesus pointed out to Saint Faustina constantly that His greatest attribute or virtue was that of His Divine Mercy. The greatest sinners of the entire world can be the greatest saints under one simple condition: TRUST, TRUST, and TRUST and with those beautiful words of a priest, I absolve you of your sins!!! Trust in the Infinite Mercy of our all-loving God and get to Confession! JESUS I TRUST IN YOU! (Continued on page 4)

Masses	For	The	Weel	K
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THUSSES I OF THE WEEK				
Saturday	<b>Mar. 29</b>			
	5:00 p.m.	Loretta Costanzo		
Sunday	<b>Mar. 30</b>			
	7:30 a.m.	Michael P. Maddock		
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	11:30 a.m.	Loretta Costanzo		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of		
		Michael Pham		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Larry Quillen		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Hugh Lynagh		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	David Dziedzic		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Dale Cain		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Susan & Alfred Denofa		
	<b>Apr. 5</b>			
	5:00 p.m.	Josephine & Joseph		
		Lombardi		
Sunday	<b>Apr. 6</b>			
	7:30 a.m.	Linda Generale		
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	11:30 a.m.	Paul McDermott		

#### Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Ellen Hart, 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 31

\* $Adoration - 8:30 \ am - 7:30 \ pm$ 

\*Mass @ Christ Home – 2:30 pm

\*Rosary - 7:30 pm

#### Wednesday, April 2

\*Rosary/Communion Service @ Luther Woods 1:30 pm Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm \*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

#### Thursday, April 3

\*Parish Council Meeting – Rectory – 7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:00 pm – Church Hall

#### Friday, April 4

\*Stations of the Cross & Benediction - 7:30 pm

#### **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:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-

54

**Tues:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Jn 5:1-

16

**Wed:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 **Thurs:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

*Fri:* Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2,

10, 25-30

**Sat:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sun:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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

Courtesy of Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, with some modifications.

We have Confessions available Saturday mornings from after morning Mass until about 9:00 and Saturday afternoons from 3:30 until 4:30.

Also, we will have Confessions available on Tuesday, April 15 from 4:00-5:00 and again from 7:00-7:30. These will be the last Confessions available before Easter.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, and our Patron, pray for us! Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

#### Friends and Family CPR Class

Offered at St. Joseph Church presented by the Health and Help Ministry

The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.

Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life.

#### April 23, 2025-7:00 pm Church Hall

All are welcome. Does not include certification card.

DONATIONS accepted ... proceeds will be used towards Replacement AED and first aid supplies.



#### **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, Visit: <a href="https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xp3t36">https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xp3t36</a> 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.



	2025	2024
	March 16	March 17
Envelopes	\$ 6.056.00	\$ 5,951.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,058.59	\$ 2,028.13
Total	\$ 8,114.59	\$ 7,979.13





#### **Monthly Food Drive**



Next weekend, April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting items for the Food Bank. Nonperishables only. No expired food please. Foods currently requested at this time include: Cereal (critically low!), Saltines, Spaghetti, Ketchup, Pasta Sauce, Baked Beans, Taco Shells, Jelly, Pancake

Mix, Ramen Noodles, Canned Pasta. 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 <u>887 pounds</u> collected in March.

#### **Hospitality Sunday**

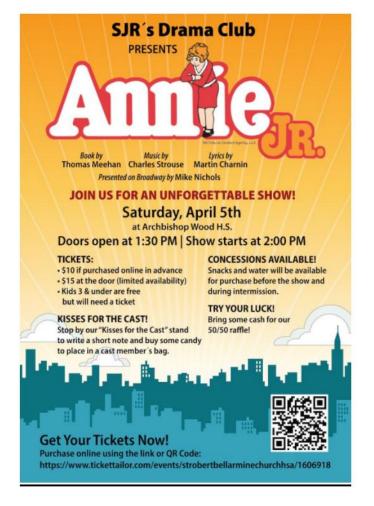
Next Sunday, <u>April 6</u> is Hospitality Sunday. (*Hosted by The Health and Help Ministry*.) Stop by room 18, after all Masses, for coffee and donuts and blood

donuts and bloopressure checks.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font be a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days? —James Field



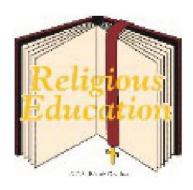
#### **CYO Football & Cheerleading**

Registration for the Saints CYO Football and Cheerleading is open. You must register online. Football: Grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> are JV. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>. 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, April 1

All grades in session. Final class for Confirmation students (Level 7)

#### Tuesday, April 8

All grades in session.

#### Tuesday, April 15

All grades in session.

#### 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.





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

At SJR, we're always looking for ways to grow and improve, and we're excited to share some great news! Our Pre-K and CARES programs recently earned their Department of Human Services (DHS) certification and their first star in the Keystone STARS program. This recognition reflects the hard work of our staff and our commitment to providing quality early childhood education and care.

We're also just completing the Terra Nova testing, which will give us important insights into student learning. This data helps our teachers tailor instruction to better meet the needs of every child, ensuring they continue to grow and succeed.

Our Home and School Association is continuing to do the work that builds community and raises funds. I'm so looking forward to our R.A.C.E Night! It's a 5K, fun run for the kids, and walk on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you and your family will consider joining in the fun!

In addition, our Drama Club is putting the final touches on its performance of Annie, Jr. It will be performed on the stage of Archbishop Wood on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. You are welcome!

Please see our website at <u>www.stjstr.org</u> to purchase tickets.

We appreciate the prayers of our supporting parishes!

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 sic18976@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

## **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.

#### 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
- 2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
- 3. Click on the Donate button
- 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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