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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.



FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2025

\$10 per person for 10 Games (price does not include food)

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

Our annual celebration of Easter always brings back fond memories of Easters past. I always remember mom taking us for some new clothes before Easter (my sister going willingly, my brother and I less willingly). I also remember mom doing her cooking and baking before Easter and filling the refrigerator and freezer with the goodies for Easter dinner. I remember the Good Friday church visits, and the warning not to dare to eat anything or turn on the TV during the hours that Our Blessed Savior hung upon the Cross.

I remember the beautiful Easter Liturgies in our childhood parish of St. Philip Neri in Pennsburg. The church was bursting at the seams with parishioners in their Easter finest. The altar was covered in Easter flowers, and the choir pulled out all the stops.

After Mass, there was of course the big breakfast followed by some time to play outside. Then relatives and friends arrived for Easter dinner. Of course, the Easter meal began with my father saying the grace. Then, at the end of the meal, there were all the desserts that mom made and everyone else brought with them. After coffee and dessert, we kids would then go play in the basement while the adults got out the cards. So many fond memories.

Of course, many of those who were part of those Easter celebrations are no longer with us. My parents, my grandparents, the priests and nuns of my childhood, many of my aunts and uncles, some of my cousins and so many friends of the family from my childhood have passed away. As we remember those who have gone on before us this Easter, we do so with fondness and also with confidence. Our confidence comes from a collective memory that we have as Catholic Christians. That collective memory we have is of an *empty tomb*.

That empty tomb was discovered almost 2000 years ago, and I would dare say that its discovery is the most important discovery in the history of the world. Its discovery is far more important than the discovery of the wheel or fire or how to harness electricity. It is far more important than the discovery of microscopic organisms or far-off galaxies. It is far more important than any advances in medicine or biology or physics or even the splitting of the atom.

"Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin: Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein; Invisible and visible, Their notes let all things blend, For Christ the Lord is risen Our joy that hath no end." - Saint John of Damascus

That discovery of almost 2000 years ago is far more important because it gives us hope: hope for eternal life. So, this Easter, as with Easter's past, we celebrate the empty tomb. Let us remember those who have gone on before us with prayer and confidence. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Apr. 19			
	7:30 p.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
Sunday	Apr. 20			
	7:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
	11:30 a.m.	Celebrant's Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Domenica T. Gallo		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Schena Family		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Michael Gilger		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	John Cupp		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Tony Bowes		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Elwert		
	Apr. 26			
	5:00 p.m.	James Burke		
Sunday	<u>Apr. 27</u>			
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	9:30 a.m.	Andy Landmesser		
	11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Glena		
		Soria & Paul Fernandez		

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Deborah Ciavola, 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, William Sparke, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead Louise Lapp, Rita Simononis, & Irene Wilms

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, April 21

*Easter Monday - Office CLOSED

*Mass @ Christ Home - 2:30 pm

Tuesday, April 22

*St. Vincent de Paul Society Information Meeting 7:00pm - Room 18

Wednesday, April 23

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

*Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Thursday, April 24

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

Friday, April 25

*Family Bingo - 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: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tues: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18 **Wed:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 118:24; Lk 24:13-35

Thurs: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48 **Fri:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14 **Sat:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk

16:9-15

Sun: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-

13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

Let us remember them with prayer and confidence that they now share in the Glory of Our Crucified and Resurrected Savior.

Let us also celebrate with confidence that our fidelity to Him who died and rose for us will allow us to also share in His Glory.

"The Church is alive, as her Divine Founder is alive! The Church advances with the very virtue of life, as Jesus, after having submitted to the debt of mortal nature, proceeds victoriously beyond the stone barrier, which his enemies have placed to guard the tomb! Over the centuries, too, there have been other enemies for the Church, who have tried to close it as if in a sepulcher, celebrating its agony and death from time to time. But she, who has within her the invincible strength of her Founder, is always reborn with him, forgiving everyone and assuring serenity and peace to the humble, the poor, the suffering, to men of goodwill." — St. John XXIII

I thank all of those who in any way have helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. So many have been inspired by our hard work and dedication.

My dear parishioners, please be assured of my continued prayers for you and your families and loved ones, both living and dead, and on behalf of Monsignor Bolger, Father Lyons, Deacon Frank Cavaliere and our staff, I wish you and your families a very Blessed Easter.

St. Joseph, Patron of our Church and patron of our Church, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor

Padre Pio Relics

Joseph Santoro, External Program Coordinator of the National Centre for Padre Pio is traveling the country with relics from the National Shrine in Barto. The Veneration of Padre Pio's Holy Relics will be at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on the following dates.

April 26 11:00 am – 6:00 pm April 27 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

All are welcome.

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.

Saint Vincent de Paul is coming to a church near

you. Ever had the thought that we should be helping our neighbors who are facing tough times? St. Joseph's is starting a SVDP conference to help with this need. We will be holding an information session to discuss this organization -- April 22 @ 7 pm (room 18). Questions...call Tom Molz @ (215) 801-9158.

Treasures from our Tradition

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."





	2025	2024
	April 6	April 7
Envelopes	\$ 6,914.00	\$11,614.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,174.24	\$ 3,925.29
Total	\$11,088.24	\$15,539.29



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 @267-250-3492. Meehan For cheerleading email saintscyocheerleading@gmail.com or call Catie Messina @267-575-4151.





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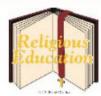
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St. Joseph Church
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Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.



We have great news to share! Saint Joseph PREP program is moving to a fully automated online PREP registration with the ability to pay online.

Registration is now open.

New families can complete the New Family Form found on our website. Once you complete this form, the Religious Education office will be notified and will review your application. If approved, you will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your Parish Giving Account to make a payment and select sessions for your children.

If you are a **returning family**, please <u>do not</u> fill out a form. You will receive an email from Parish Giving. This email will contain login credentials for a Parish Giving account that was created for you. There is no need for you to create a Parish Giving account.

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

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On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff at SJR School, I wish all of you a very Blessed Easter! The joy of the Resurrection fills our hearts with hope, and we rejoice in the promise of new life through our Risen Lord!

As we celebrate, I want to take a moment to thank you—our parish community—for your continued prayers and support. Your generosity and encouragement sustain our mission and help us nurture the faith of our students each day.

In the days leading up to Holy Week, our school community entered deeply into the spirit of the season. Together, we prayed a school-wide Rosary. Our third through eighth graders also gathered for a moving Seder Reflection, during which our students dramatized the Last Supper and shared elements of a traditional family Seder. These prayerful experiences helped our children more fully understand the roots of our faith and the profound love Jesus showed us in His Passion and Resurrection.

You are in our prayers at this joyous time. Happy Easter! Mrs. Durkin





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."



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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Reminder

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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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