STARTING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

4:00PM VIGIL MASS

NEW SATURDAY SCHEDULE STARTING SEPTEMBER 6:

8:00AM DAILY MASS CONFESSIONS 8:30-9:00AM

CONFESSIONS 3:00-3:45 4:00 VIGIL MASS

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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 requested date. Baptism is usually celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 pm (following 11:30 am Mass). Please contact Rev. Michael J. Pawelko for Pre-Jordan preparations. 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, Rosary, Respect Life 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.

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

Wow, Labor Day Weekend is here. Hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends and to get some rest for your labors. Hopefully everyone will also be able to take a few moments and reflect on the true significance of human labor.

I come from a long line of union members. They would include IBEW, Teamsters, Steelworkers, Drywall Finishers, Carpenters. I myself was a member of the Machinists Union for many years. So, Labor Day Weekend has had special significance for me and my family.

Which brings us to the importance of work. The ability to work, the ability to use our minds and our hands to make something new, is a gift from God. God gave us this gift so that we could share in His work of Creation.

Think of this truth the next time you mow the lawn, clean the house, do your schoolwork, log onto your computer, take out your tools, punch the time clock, pick up a pencil, start your car, start your day at work: God gave us the power to work in order to give us a share in His work of Creation!

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth (Genesis 1: 26-28).... The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it (Genesis 2:15).

Scripture further encourages us to approach work with the right attitude: Do not hate hard work; work was assigned by God (Sirach 7:15). Plans are made in human hearts, but from the LORD comes the tongue's response. All one's ways are pure in one's own eyes, but the measurer of motives is the LORD. Entrust your works to the LORD, and your plans will succeed..... The human heart plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps (Proverbs 16: 1-3, 9). Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways. What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper (Psalm 128: 1-2).

Our Baptism, furthermore, gives us a share in God's work of recreating the world. By this, I mean that God has given us a role in sanctifying the world, in making the world a Holier place. Thus, in all we do, we should do it for the Glory of God and the good of souls. As Jesus instructs us: Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal (John 6: 27). St. Paul further adds: And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him....Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance; be slaves of the Lord Christ (Colossians 3: 17, 23-24).

So, by sending us off to work, God is really sending us off to sanctify the places where we work. Which means, of course, always taking the high road in our dealing with others. It means always watching our language, making sure that we are

only saying the good things that others need to hear. I also believe that it means that we should be praying for our co-workers and their needs and intentions. With just these simple few steps, we really do fulfill our obligation to work for the Kingdom, and we really do make the world just a little Holier.

It also means that we should entrust all of our work to God. We should seek God's help to start our work and then bring it to completion in a good way. A good prayer for this could be: Direct, we beg you, O Lord, our actions by your holy inspirations, and grant that we may carry them out with your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always with you, and through you be happily ended. Amen. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	Aug.30	
	5:00pm	William McGowan
Sunday	Aug. 31	Deceased. members of the
	7:30am	Pat McFadden Family
	9:30am	The People of the Parish
	11:30am	Hugh Mullan
Monday	8:00am	St Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday	8:00am	Rev Francis X. McGinty,
		49 th Anniversary
Wednesday	8:00am	David Dziedzic
Thursday	8:00am	Al Krueger
Friday	8:00am	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00am	Linda Generale
	Sept. 6	
	4:00pm	George J. Snyder
Sunday	Sept.7	
	7:30am	The People of the Parish
	9:30am	Louis Wilms
	11:30am	Natividad Soria

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Emery Kutney, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Dominic Lightcap, Patricia McCloskey, Jack McErlean, 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, Edward White, John Zerbe.

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead Frank Olson

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, September 1

*Labor Day - Office Closed

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

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

Readings for The Week

Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tues: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wed: Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thurs: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 **Fri:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39 **Sat:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-

10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

We can also always invoke St. Joseph the Worker as we begin any task and ask for his aid: God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On behalf of our Deacon Frank and our staff, I wish all a very happy Labor Day Weekend. May God's Holy Angels and Saints always watch over you and your families and protect you.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us! St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us! Fr. Michael J Pawelko, pastor

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, September 8, the Feast of the Birth of our Blessed Mother, we resume our regular Wednesday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins immediately after morning Mass and concludes with the Rosary at 7:30

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen called his time before the Eucharistic "my favorite hour." Here are some of his words as to why it should be our favorite hour also:

The thought struck me – why not make a Holy Hour of adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? The next day I began, and the practice is now well over sixty years old. Briefly, here are some reasons why I have kept up this practice, and why I have encouraged it in others:

First, the Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption. Our Blessed Lord used the words "hour" and "day" in two totally different connotations in the Gospel of John. "Day" belongs to God; the "hour" belongs to evil. Seven times in the Gospel of John, the word "hour" is used, and in each instance it refers to the demonic, and to the moments when Christ is no longer in the Father's Hands, but in the hands of men. In the Garden, our Lord contrasted two "hours" – one was the evil hour "this is your hour" – with which Judas could turn out the lights of the world. In contrast, our Lord asked: "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" In other words, he asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil; an hour of victimal union with the Cross to overcome the anti-love of sin.

Secondly, the only time Our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night he went into his agony. Then he did not ask all of them ... perhaps because he knew he could not count on their fidelity. But at least he expected three to be faithful to him: Peter, James and John. As often in the history of the Church since that time, evil was awake, but the disciples were asleep. That is why

there came out of His anguished and lonely Heart the sigh: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" Not for an hour of activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship.

The third reason I keep up the Holy Hour is to grow more and more into his likeness. As Paul puts it: "We are transfigured into his likeness, from splendor to splendor." We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain. Something happens to us similar to that which happened to the disciples at Emmaus. On Easter Sunday afternoon when the Lord met them, he asked why they were so gloomy. After spending some time in his presence, and hearing again the secret of spirituality—"The Son of Man must suffer to enter into his Glory"—their time with him ended and their "hearts were on fire."

The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him.

Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with him. When Moses saw the burning bush in the desert, it did not feed on any fuel. The flame, unfed by anything visible, continued to exist without destroying the wood. So personal dedication to Christ does not deform any of our natural gifts, disposition, or character; it just renews without killing. As the wood becomes fire and the fire endures, so we become Christ and Christ endures.

Save the Date

Parish Picnic – Rain or Shine! Sunday, October 5th - 2:00pm Grassy area next to the parking lot (indoors if it rains!) Bring your

lawn chair and your favorite covered

dish (potluck style). We'll provide some **drinks**, and you bring your appetite and your game face! Enjoy **live music** from *Bill Monaghan & the Contemporary Group*, plus games like **corn hole** and more! Let's eat, laugh, and make memories together as a parish family.

Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss it!

Adoration Coverage Needed



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar on Monday's beginning **September 8, 2025.** We are



looking for coverage each hour from 8:30 am - 6:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the back

table. You can determine which time works for you. The sheet will be for the upcoming Monday only. A new sheet will be available each week after Monday night Rosary. Thank you for spending time with Jesus. Please let us know if you need additional details.



Choir News

St. Augustine is credited as saying: "To sing is to pray twice."

Our Music Ministry is looking for new members!

Children's Choir

Grades 2 through 12- practice Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Practices start on Wednesday, September 3rd. They will be singing for the 11:30 Mass on September 7th for the start of the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph School. New members are welcome any time throughout the year!

Adult Choir

Vocalists and instrumentalists- practice Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30. Practices start Sept. 3rd. New members welcome any time! HELP!! We need male voices!!!

Cantors

Those who have nice singing voices who lead the assembly in song from the altar- individual rehearsals will be based on convenience of you & the Music Director.

<u>Guitarist, pianists, organists, flutist, violinists, clarinets, trumpet players etc.</u>

We can find a spot for you! No prior experience is necessary and attendance at masses and practices is flexible. It is not necessary to commit for the entire year! Only the instrumentalists need to be able to read music! Please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon at 215-896-9484 or email at mariaalennon@gmail.com



FRIDAY SEPT 12, 2025

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Monthly Food Drive



Next weekend, **September 6th & 7th**, we will collect items for the Food Bank. Nonperishables only. **No expired food please.** Foods currently requested at this time include: Egg Noodles, Mac and Cheese,

Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Fruit, Jelly, Salsa. 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 **858 pounds** collected in August!



It is not too late to enroll for Fall 2025! St. Joseph/St. Robert School has 2 seats available for Pre-K 4. SJR is open and welcomes your family to tour the school. You will learn more about the strength of our Early Childhood Programs, enrichment

activities, and our faith-filled campus life. Scholarships and grants are available for qualified families.

Schedule a summer tour today! Call 215.343.5100 or email Kathy Williamson at kwilliamson@stjstr.org

A BABY'S BREATH RUN FOR LIFE

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or At Pretzel City Sports – A Baby's Breath Run for Life ADULTS - \$25, CHILDREN UNDER 18 & STUDENT 21 & UNDER - \$15

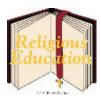
The Run for Life will be a fun and healthy day serving a great cause. All proceeds benefit A Baby's Breath of Warminster.

Can't make it? Let us run for you!

We have runners who will run the race in memory of a loved one! They will wear a wrist band with the memorial name during the race! And the names will be announced throughout the event. **Remember a life and save a life!**

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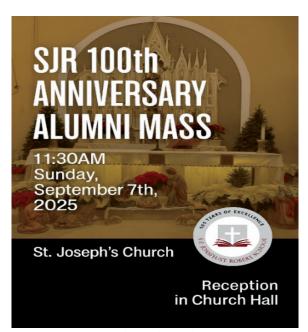


We have great news to share! Saint Joseph PREP program is moving to a fully automated online PREP registration with the ability to pay online.

Registration is 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.



Registration Link
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There's a joyful energy in the air this week as we officially welcomed back most of our faculty and staff in preparation for the new school year. As of this moment, we are still seeking a qualified 7th/8th grade Science and Math teacher to join our dedicated team. Please help us spread the word to anyone who might be a great fit for our school community.

We're counting down the days until our students return! I can't wait for our hallways to be filled with the sound of laughter, learning, and the warm sense of community that makes our school so special.

To close out the summer, we invited our youngest learners to "Popsicles with the Principal." Our Pre-K through 1st-grade students enjoyed a fun and refreshing time reconnecting with familiar faces. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of being together and ease into the school year.

We will strive each day of this new school year to live out our mission:

The St. Joseph/St. Robert School Community, with Jesus as our foundation, inspires us to live fully His message of love, courage, and compassion. Our academic rigor and relevance empower us to be contributing members of the Church and the global community.

I'm so looking forward to the year ahead. May God bless our students, families, faculty, and staff as we embark on another wonderful year together! Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

God bless you and have a wonderful week. 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.



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