

September 7, 2025

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 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.
& 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 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.

FAMILY

FOOD

BINGO



FUN

DOOR PRIZES



NIGHT

FRIDAY SEPT 12, 2025

\$10 per person for 10 Games

(price does not include food)

DOORS OPEN 6PM

GAMES START 7PM

Bring your friends and family for a night of fun and laughter

Cash winners and door prizes!



From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

I am so happy that I am beginning my second autumn with you. I am also looking forward to the many happy events scheduled for this fall. Please share the handout from last week's bulletin with your family and friends and neighbors, so that they too can be part of the wonderful things happening here in our parish.

Please also keep in your prayers our children and grandchildren who are returning to St. Joseph/St. Roberts School and our CCD program along with their teachers and catechists. May they have a blessed and richly rewarding year.

Just a little update on some of the maintenance and improvement projects that we have planned.

- After some negotiations with the township, it seems that our new digital sign is going to be approved and will be moving forward. The sign will replace the current one on the corner of 611 and County Line Roads. The total cost of the project is around \$45,000. I do think that this is money well spent. The new sign will increase our visibility in our community. It will also help those new to the community to find us. I don't know exactly when it will be installed, but it would be nice if it is in by Christmas. We will see.
- We do have some very rough plans for a new rear (parking lot) entrance to our church. As we know, because of the layout of the property, most people use the rear entrance. The new plans include a wheelchair lift. The new rear entrance will be both more attractive and also more accessible. Hopefully, we will have more detailed plans available soon for all to see.
- We have completed the resurfacing of the parking lot around the new school. The project was an expensive one of around \$58,000 but needed for both safety and aesthetic concerns. We will probably be looking at some roof work in the new school building. FYI, our tenant, Merakey, just renewed their lease for another 2 years—they are very happy with us and want to continue their relationship with us.
- The roof of the rectory is now 30, yes, 30 years old. We have gotten more than our money's worth out of it, but it will have to be replaced this fall. Also, the rectory has some plumbing issues which we will also be addressing this fall.
- Interestingly, we have been paying property taxes on our parking lots. Yes, we have been paying property taxes on church parking lots. Through a parishioner, we do have an attorney looking into this and appealing the property taxes. We will let you know how it goes.
- As other maintenance and improvement projects come up, we will do our best to keep everyone up to date.

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Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Sept. 6</u>	4:00pm George J. Snyder
Sunday	<u>Sept. 7</u>	7:30am The People of the Parish
		9:30am Louis Wilms
		11:30am Natividad Soria
Monday		8:00am John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday		8:00am Robert D. Jones, Jr.
Wednesday		8:00am Judy Hagan
Thursday		8:00am Evelyn Casas
Friday		8:00am For a Fallen Away Loved One
Saturday		8:00am Julie Anderson
	<u>Sept. 13</u>	4:00pm Elsie DiTore
Sunday	<u>Sept. 14</u>	7:30am Raymond Generale
		9:30am The People of the Parish
		11:30am Donald W. Trost

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, Rob Skalski, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, Edward White, John Zerbe.

***Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead
Michael Matlack***

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, September 8

*Adoration – 8:30am – 7:30pm
 *Communion Service @ Pathways – 2:00pm
 *Rosary/Communion Service @ Christ Home – 2:30pm
 *Rosary & Benediction – Church - 7:30pm
 *Men's Group – Room 18 – 7:30pm



Wednesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

*Family Bingo-Church Hall 7:00pm (Doors open at 6pm)

Readings for The Week

Mon: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tues: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wed: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thurs: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sun: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

This weekend we hear from St. Paul's Letter to Philemon. It is the shortest and the most personal of St. Paul's Epistles. Because of its brevity and personal nature, it is a wonder that it ever made it into the New Testament. I believe it did because this Epistle is a masterpiece of persuasion: the art of convincing someone to do something specific or to believe in something specific without trying to *force* them to do or believe in that something.

The Epistle to Philemon involved a Christian slave named Onesimus and a Christian slave owner named Philemon. It seems that Onesimus was a runaway slave who was with St. Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome. This dates the letter from between 60-62AD. It is obvious from the tone of the letter that St. Paul was also familiar with Philemon.

For whatever reason, St. Paul chose to send Onesimus back to his master. Before doing so, St. Paul sent this letter to him. St. Paul used the art of persuasion to convince Philemon to not only treat Onesimus as a brother in Christ but also alludes to the suggestion that he should consider freeing Onesimus. *Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man* and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me..... With trust in your compliance I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say (Philemon 1: 15-17, 21)*

Was Onesimus set free? We don't know for certain. Some later traditions do hold that Onesimus was freed and then became a priest and a bishop and a Martyr.

What a blessing we have in this short and personal Epistle! St. Paul teaches us to use honey instead of vinegar to get others to do the right thing.

The Epistle to Philemon then gives us the way to bring others to our one True Religion and to bring others back. Simple, loving, caring, inviting persuasion can do so much more than wielding a hammer. Yes, it takes patience, and a lot of prayer, but it works!

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for our families, our neighbors, our nation, and our world, and for the beautiful gift of persuasion.

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

Parish Picnic



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.

Adoration Coverage

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.

Health and Help Ministry News

We are Health Care Professionals who meet to address needs and identify resources that promote health and wellness in our parish community.

Our activities include but are not limited to Blood Pressure checks, coordinating Blood Drives with the Red Cross, and promoting the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Our first meeting of the season is **Thursday, Sept 11 at 7 PM**. We invite new members.

For more information call Dee 215-674-3894 or Elaine 215-675-8756

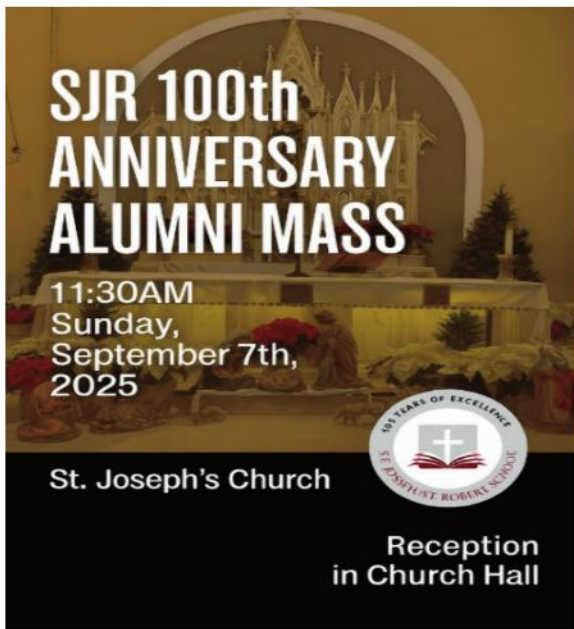


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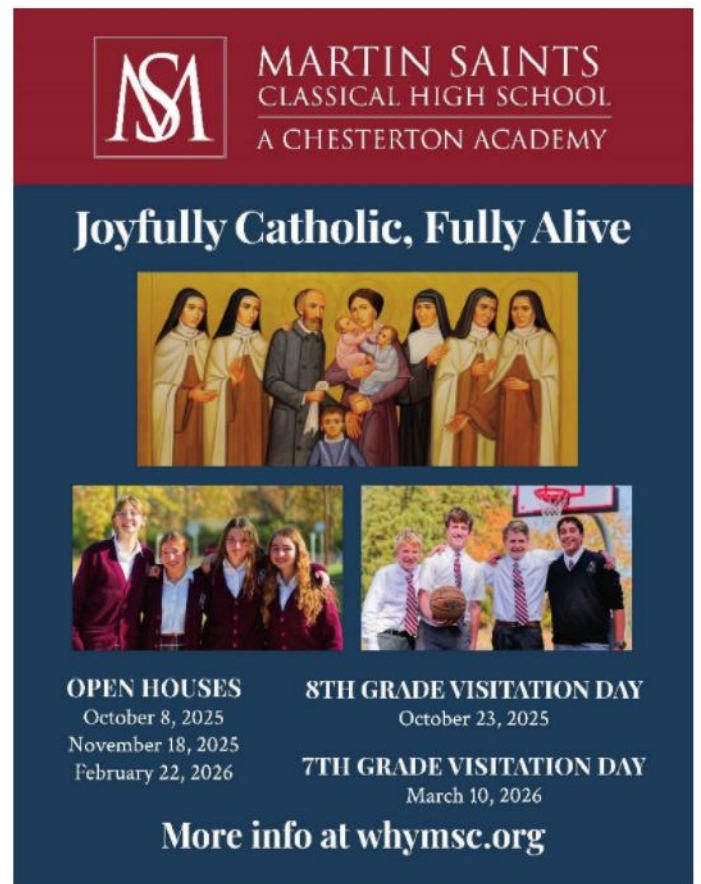


**SJR 100th
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11:30AM
Sunday,
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2025

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March 10, 2026

More info at whymsc.org

PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

St. Bede the Venerable Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 15478 present our tenth annual Padre Pio Festival. Saturday, and Sunday, **September 13 & 14, 2025.**

Display and Veneration of Holy Relics of Padre Pio all weekend

Sunday Sept. 14 Festival Mass at 11:30am
(Celebrant/Homilist Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM, Cap.)
12:30pm Street Procession followed by 1:30pm Healing Service and Blessing with Relics
padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.

A BABY'S BREATH RUN FOR LIFE



5K & FUN RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 AT TYLER STATE PARK. REGISTER ONLINE AT www.ababysbreath.org events for Warminster

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.
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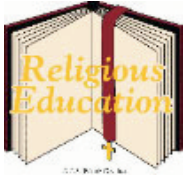
Send updated contact information to: dak8589@gmail.com

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 REFER TO THE PREP PAGE ON SAINT JOSEPH'S
 WEBSITE.**

<https://www.saintjosephchurch.us/prep/>

Reminder: If public schools are closed due to inclement weather, CCD will also be cancelled. If you have provided us with your Email address, we will notify you via Email.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, September 16 – 6:00 PM, in-person and family catechesis parents' meeting for all grades in the church hall. At least one parent must be present. Parents will meet the teachers and pick up their handbooks and family home schooling material for the upcoming sessions.

SUNDAY, September 21 -- catechetical Sunday, 9:30 mass. Theme: *"Always be ready to give an explanation for a reason for your hope" (1 pet 3:15).* Please give all of our volunteers a special "thank you" and keep them in your prayers.

TUESDAY, September 23 -- First night of in-person, all grades in session 6pm – 7:15pm. Welcome back!

TUESDAY, September 30 -- all grades in session 6pm – 7:15pm

O God, we give You thanks for our children whom You have welcomed into our families. Bless our families. Confirm a lively sense of Your presence with us, and grant us patience and wisdom, that our lives may show forth the love of Christ, as we raise our children to love all that is good. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Last Wednesday, our faculty came together for meetings and training sessions to prepare for the new school year. Then on Thursday, we were truly blessed to join Archbishop Nelson Pérez, Bishop Joseph Espallat of New York, and fellow Catholic educators from across the Archdiocese for a powerful day of prayer, worship, and reflection.

The day offered us a meaningful opportunity for spiritual reflection, including the chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and celebrate Mass together. It reminded us of the sacred mission we share in Catholic education—and it was the perfect way to begin the school year with our hearts centered on Christ and a deepened commitment to help one another and our students grow in faith.

We carry that energy and purpose with us as we mark a very special milestone in our school's history. Today, the wider St. Joseph/St. Robert School community was invited to the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's to celebrate the beginning of our 100th year of providing excellence in Catholic education with alumni, family, and friends. We are deeply grateful for our current families and are excited to reconnect with our alumni throughout this landmark year.

We'll be hosting special events during the coming months and would love to include our alumni. If you are an alum—or know someone who is—please reach out to our Director of Advancement, Mr. James Williams, at jwilliams@stjstr.org to share your contact information and stay connected.

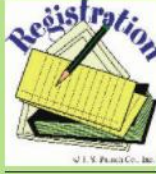
As we begin this exciting new year, we are still looking to welcome a dedicated middle school math and science teacher to our team. While our 7th-grade class is off to a strong start with the support of a substitute, we are eager to find the right person to join our vibrant school community in this important role. If you—or someone you know—are interested in interviewing for the position, please reach out to me at jdurkin@stjstr.org.



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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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>

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck.

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us>

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

<https://uenroll.identogo.com>

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Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

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- 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

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