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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.



The Spirituality of Being Pro-Life

Presented by Marie Joseph, Guest Speaker



We will begin in the Church with our Main Presentation and end with Benediction followed by refreshments and fellowship in Room 18.

All are welcome!



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Call 215-672-3021 with any questions!

About Marie Joseph

Marie is the Founder and CEO of the LOLF and the Women's Centers. Marie is also a dynamic speaker and inspiring author. She has appeared on EWTN The Journey Home Show and many other TV and radio, conferences and retreats.

About LOLF

The Legacy of Life Foundation (LOLF) funds and operates three crisis pregnancy centers in Bucks County & Philadelpha. We provide free life-saving services to abortion-minded women and an aftercare program which provides support for the first 3 years of a baby's life.



See You At The Event!

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

Only Jesus could turn a symbol of complete defeat into a symbol of overwhelming victory. Jesus turned what should have been a dead end into a new beginning. Only Jesus could do this!

This is why we celebrate this Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. What should have been a locked door has become a key that has unlocked Heaven. What should have been an end to life has become a stairway to Eternal Life.

So we carry our crosses as we would carry our keys in our pockets. We carry our crosses more readily than we ascent any stairs.

In this life, we will never fully understand what Jesus did for us when he mounted His Holy Cross. We will never fully understand the depths of His love for us in this life. However, we will understand in the next life.

Here is an excerpt of an ancient Holy Saturday homily on the Holy Cross. It is a call to Adam and an explanation of reflection of what Jesus accomplished on His Holy Cross for all of us:

"What is happening? Today [Holy Saturday] there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: 'My Lord be with you all.' And Christ in reply says to Adam: 'And with your spirit. And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise.

'I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person.

'For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth; for you, man, I became as a man without help, free among the dead; for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden.

'Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you, in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation. See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to refashion your distorted form to my own image. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Sept. 13		
	4:00pm	Elsie DiTore	
Sunday	Sept. 14		
	7:30am	Raymond Generale	
	9:30am	The People of the Parish	
	11:30am	Donald W. Trost	
Monday	8:00am	Bob & Dorothy Smith	
Tuesday	8:00am	Rodger Lee Jones	
Wednesday	8:00am	Custodio Consal Fernandes	
Thursday	8:00am	Robert F. Jones	
Friday	8:00am	Deceased members of the	
		Jones Family	
Saturday	8:00am	Sister Mary Eugenia	
		(Aunt Rosie)	
	Sept. 20		
	4:00pm	David A. Bartynski	
Sunday	<u>Sept. 21</u>		
	7:30am	The People of the Parish	
	9:30am	Bob Weychert,	
		15 th Anniversary	
	11:30am	Robin Farias	

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.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, September 15

*Adoration – 8:30am – 7:30pm *Mass @ Christ Home – 2:30pm

*Rosary - Church - 7:30pm

Tuesday, September 16

*PREP Parent Meeting Church Hall – 6:00pm

Thursday, September 18

*Charismatic Prayer Grou $\overline{p-7}$:00pm – Church Hall

Readings for The Week

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tues: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35 **Thurs:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins which was laid upon your back. See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side, for you, who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side healed the pain of your side; my sleep will release you from your sleep in Hades; my sword has checked the sword which was turned against you.

'But arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven. I denied you the tree of life, which was a figure, but now I myself am united to you, I who am life. I posted the cherubim to guard you as they would slaves; now I make the cherubim worship you as they would God.

"The cherubim throne has been prepared, the bearers are ready and waiting, the bridal chamber is in order, the food is provided, the everlasting houses and rooms are in readiness; the treasures of good things have been opened; the kingdom of heaven has been prepared before the ages."

Jesus asks us to embrace His Cross. He does not ask us to suffer as He did—no-- only He and He alone had that power. No. He asks us to embrace His Holy Cross so that we will have the key to Heaven with us always. He asks us to embrace His Holy Cross so that we will always be on the stairway to Heaven. He asks us to embrace His Holy Cross so that we too may be worshiped by the cherubim. Jesus asks us to embrace His Holy Cross so that we can be with Him forever.

How good is Jesus? We will never know in this life, but we will know in the life to come. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

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

Fr Michael J Pawelko, Pastor.

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on Saturday, October 4 at 10:30am here at St Joseph Church. Reception with light refreshments to follow.



In a Healing Mass prayers are said for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. During Mass, Father may offer prayers, blessings and anointing with Holy Oil. Healing Masses are a way for individuals to seek spiritual healing and

comfort, in addition to any medical care they are receiving.

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.



	2025	2024
	August 31	September 1
Envelopes	\$ 6,543.00	\$ 5,781.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,797.26	\$ 1,732.69
Total	\$ 8,340.26	\$ 7,513.69



La Salle College High School

Open House – Sunday, September 28 – 10:00am – Noon. Mass at 9:00am.

Scholarship and Entrance Exam for 8th Grade Boys Saturday, October 4 and October 25 at the school. Admissions Office 215 402 4800 admissions@lschs.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

—James Field

A Baby's Breath Run for Life

Come Run, Walk or Wheel at Tyler State Park Rt. 332 (Richboro-Newtown Road) at No. 1 Lane Trail Richboro, PA 18954 (Earth Center for the Arts Entrance)

Saturday October 4th, 2025

Check-in/Day of Registration — 8:00 a.m.

1-Mile Fun Run / Walk — 9:00 a.m.

5K Run — 9:30 a.m.

Awards Ceremony — 10:30 a.m.

Registration http://www.ababysbreath.org

\$25 — Adults (\$30 for Day of Registration)

\$15 — Children 17 & Under and Students 21 & Under

2025 Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9am-4:00pm

10th Anniversary, "Women on Mission: The Feminine Genius in the New Apostolic Age"

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. At this year's conference, we will explore the beauty of our feminine genius and the unique position of Catholic women, transformed by Christ, to bring the light of the Gospel to a society that no longer knows it needs Him.

Speakers: Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig, Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV, Bishop Joseph Perry, Fr. Sean Loomis, Fr. Thomas Viviano, Dr. Delia Larrauri and Elizabeth Leon.

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Full details and registration at:

http://www.catholicwomensconference.org/

Archbiship Ryan Reunions

2025 Reunion – '00, '05, '10, & '15 Saturday, October 18, 2025 (7PM to 10PM) Archbishop Ryan High School, http://www.arhs.me/2025reunion30s40s Email caitlin.casey@arhs.org for questions

2025 Reunion – '80, '85, '90, & '95 Saturday, October 25, 2025 (7PM to 10PM) Archbishop Ryan High School http://www.arhs.me/2025reunion10s20s Email caitlin.casey@arhs.org for questions

The Habit of Padre Pio:

Never Before Seen in the United States National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road - Barto, PA www.padrepio.org 610-845-3000

You are invited to join us on this momentous occasion to view and venerate an extraordinary relic – a full size, authentic habit worn by Saint Pio himself. This historic event provides a potentially once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for devotees of Saint Pio who may never travel to San Giovanni Rotondo to experience a profound connection with him and to draw closer to the very heart of Padre Pio's sanctity – to his mission of prayer, sacrifice, and love for all people. The habit is far more than a simple garment; it is a sacred symbol of his vocation, his humility, and his total dedication to Christ. In addition, the National Centre for Padre Pio has been designated as a Jubilee site within the Diocese of Allentown. There is no better time to journey as a "Pilgrim of Hope" to Barto, PA! Italian food and cold beverages available for purchase every day of the event.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Mass - 10:30 AM with the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy and the *Saint Agnes Schola*

Procession of the Statue of Padre Pio following the 10:30 AM Mass. Sunday Anticipated Mass - 4:00 PM with the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

Sunday, October 12, 2025 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Mass - 12:30 PM with the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. Procession of the Statue of Padre Pio - Following Mass

Monday, October 13, 2025 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Mass in English - 10:30 AM with Bishop Ronald

Gainer and the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. Mass in Italian - 2:00 PM with the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Mass in English - 10:30 AM with Bishop Alfred Schlert and the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. Mass in Italian - 2:00 PM with the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

St. Joseph Church
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215-672-3020
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE (PREP) 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

TO CONFIRM THE LATEST SCHEDULE, PLEASE 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.

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.

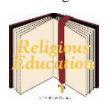
TUESDAY, September 23 -- First night of in-person, all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm. Welcome back!

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

TUESDAY, October 7 all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm

SUNDAY, October 12 9:30 am Mass. Blessing of candidate for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All students receiving either of these sacraments must attend.

TUESDAY, October 14 all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm TUESDAY, October 21 all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm TUESDAY, October 21 Sacramental Tuesday. Mandatory for all parents of students making First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Meet in the Church at 6pm TUESDAY, October 28 all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm





ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

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

What a joyful start to the school year! It was exciting to welcome our students and faculty back to campus, and a true pleasure to greet the new families joining our school community alongside our returning families. There's nothing quite like the energy of a new school year—especially one as momentous as our 100th!

We were especially blessed to begin this centennial year in the most meaningful way last Sunday: gathered in prayer at Mass at St. Joseph's, the very place where our school was founded in 1925. We're grateful to both of our pastors, Father Pawelko and Monsignor Beisel, for the beautiful liturgy. We were also honored by the presence of Dr. Michael Diorka from the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors, who presented a special proclamation to commemorate this historic milestone.

Following Mass, the reception in the parish hall was delightful. It was wonderful to catch up with alumni—both students and faculty—from years past, and equally heartwarming to see so many of our current families and staff together. The room buzzed with conversation, laughter, and a deep sense of community.

If you weren't able to attend, don't worry—there are more opportunities ahead! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 29, when we'll host a Beef & Beer event to bring alumni, faculty, staff, and school families together once again. More details to come—we hope to see you there!



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:**

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

https://epatch.pa.gov/home

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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

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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
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Stay Informed at St. Joseph Parish



We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. Evangelus is communication system for our parish.

Visit eva.us/carpenter to sign-up. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app.



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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