1795 Columbia Avenue, Warrington, PA

September 28, 2025



#### MAKING CHRIST A REALITY IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

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# MASS SCHEDULE:

**Mass Schedule:** 

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 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!

# Sept. 30 7pm - 9pm St. Joseph Church

1795 Columbia Ave, Warrington, PA 18976

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,

Through our Catholic Faith and in the Sacraments, God has shared with us the very Treasures of Heaven. God only asks that we receive them with an open heart and share them with an open heart. That is all He asks.

The nice thing about the Treasures of Heaven is that we get to take them with us! Everything else is left behind but not those Heavenly gifts that God gives us.

Open hearts and closed hearts do not necessarily correspond to material wealth or poverty. Very successful people can have very open hearts. Very poor people can have very closed hearts. The reverse of each is equally true.

Lazarus merited Heaven and the Bosom of Abraham not because of mere physical poverty. No, Lazarus must have had an open heart.

The rich man was not condemned to Hell because of his material success. No, the rich man was condemned to Hell because his heart was closed to all but himself.

Thankfully, God loves us so much that He gives us an ocean of help from Heaven to keep our hearts open. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

This coming week we are celebrating the Feast of a Saint who had a wide-open heart, St. Therese of the Child Jesus. She is most fondly and simply known by many of us as "the Little Flower." She remains one of our most popular Saints and is always a powerful intercessor for us.

She lived a "Little Way" of doing even the smallest of duties with great love. She offered up even the smallest of sufferings and inconveniences for the good of souls. She is a great example to all of us on how to live out our Catholic Christian lives. Her "Little Way" teaches us how to live lives with wide open hearts. Following her Little Way, we do even the smallest of tasks with giving Glory to God and with love. Following her Little Way, even the smallest of our sufferings have a higher purpose of saving souls.

I have included St. Therese's Act of Oblation to Merciful Love for your reflection.

As we celebrate her Feast, I pray that she will rain down many roses from Heaven upon you and your families and upon myself and my family.

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

St Therese of the Child Jesus, shower roses from heaven on us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, pastor

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## **Masses For The Week**

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Saturday	<b>Sept. 27</b>			
	4:00pm	Fiore J. Schena & Family		
Sunday	<b>Sept. 28</b>			
	7:30am	The People of the Parish		
	9:30am	Louis Wilms		
	11:30am	Nils Nelson		
Monday	8:00am	Hazel Ellis		
Tuesday	8:00am	Maxim Soria,		
		14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		
Wednesday	8:00am	Deceased members of the		
		Jones Family		
Thursday	8:00am	Samuel Ellis		
Friday	8:00am	Dale Cain		
Saturday	8:00am	Linda Generale		
	Oct. 4			
	4:00pm	Marie Grossman		
Sunday	Oct. 5			
	7:30am	The People of the Parish		
	9:30am	Marianne Dowzicky		
	11:30am	Deceased members of the		
		Fernandez Family		

# Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Dee Hottinger, 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 29

\**Adoration* – 8:30am – 7:30pm

\*Rosary/Communion Service (a), Christ Home – 2:30pm

\*Rosary - Church - 7:30pm

# **Tuesday, September 30**

\*PREP - 6:00 - 7:15pm

\*Legacy of Life Night of Reflection & Benediction – 7:00pm – Church followed by refreshments in Room 18

#### Wednesday, October 1

\*Rosary/Communion Service @ Luther Woods – 1:30pm

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

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

# Thursday, October 2

\*OCIA -7:00pm - Room 18

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

# Saturday, October 4

\*Healing Mass – 10:30am

## **Readings for The Week**

**Mon:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-

5; Jn 1:47-51

**Tues:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56 **Wed:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Fri:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16 **Sat:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24 **Sun:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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

ACT OF OBLATION TO MERCIFUL LOVE J.M.J.T.

Offering of myself as a Victim of Holocaust to God's Merciful Love

O My God! Most Blessed Trinity, I desire to Love You and make you Loved, to work for the glory of Holy Church by saving souls on earth and liberating those suffering in purgatory. I desire to accomplish Your will perfectly and to reach the degree of glory You have prepared for me in Your Kingdom. I desire, in a word, to be saint, but I feel my helplessness and I beg You, O my God! to be Yourself my Sanctity!

Since You loved me so much as to give me Your only Son as my Savior and my Spouse, the infinite treasures of His merits are mine. I offer them to You with gladness, begging You to look upon me only in the Face of Jesus and in His heart burning with Love.

I offer You, too, all the merits of the saints (in heaven and on earth), their acts of Love, and those of the holy angels. Finally, I offer You, O Blessed Trinity! the Love and merits of the Blessed Virgin, my Dear Mother. It is to her I abandon my offering, begging her to present it to You. Her Divine Son, my Beloved Spouse, told us in the days of His mortal life: "Whatsoever you ask the Father in my name he will give it to you!" I am certain, then, that You will grant my desires; I know, O my God! that the more You want to give, the more You make us desire. I feel in my heart immense desires, and it is with confidence I ask You to come and take possession of my soul. Ah! I cannot receive Holy Communion as often as I desire, but, Lord, are You not all-powerful? Remain in me as in a tabernacle and never separate Yourself from Your little victim.

I want to console You for the ingratitude of the wicked, and I beg of you to take away my freedom to displease You. If through weakness I sometimes fall, may Your Divine Glance cleanse my soul immediately, consuming all my imperfections like the fire that transforms everything into itself.

I thank You, O my God! for all the graces You have granted me, especially the grace of making me pass through the crucible of suffering. It is with joy I shall contemplate You on the Last Day carrying the scepter of Your Cross. Since You deigned to give me a share in this very precious Cross, I hope in heaven to resemble You and to see shining in my glorified body the sacred stigmata of Your Passion.

After earth's Exile, I hope to go and enjoy You in the Fatherland, but I do not want to lay up merits for heaven. I want to work for Your Love Alone with the one purpose of pleasing You, consoling Your Sacred Heart, and saving souls who will love You eternally.

In the evening of this life, I shall appear before You with empty hands, for I do not ask You, Lord, to count my works. All our justice is stained in Your eyes. I wish, then, to be clothed in Your own Justice and to receive from Your Love the eternal possession of Yourself. I want no other Throne, no other Crown but You, my Beloved!

Time is nothing in Your eyes, and a single day is like a thousand years. You can, then, in one instant prepare me to appear before You.

In order to live in one single act of perfect Love, I OFFER MYSELF AS A VICTIM OF HOLOCAUST TO YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE, Asking You to consume me incessantly, allowing the waves of infinite tenderness shut up within You to overflow into my soul, and that thus I may become a martyr of Your Love, O my God!

May this martyrdom, after having prepared me to appear before You, finally cause me to die and may my soul take its flight without any delay into the eternal embrace of Your Merciful Love.

I want, O my Beloved, at each beat of my heart to renew this offering to You an infinite number of times, until the shadows having disappeared, I may be able to tell You of my Love in an Eternal Face to Face!

Marie, Françoise, Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, unworthy Carmelite religious.

This 9th day of June, Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, In the year of grace, 1895

### **OCIA**

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments with your spouse? Are you a Catholic who needs to complete your Sacraments, such as Confirmation? OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is beginning soon. Please contact Fr Pawelko to discuss the possibilities. sjc18976@verizon.net or frmichaelpawelko@gmail.com

# **Save the Date**

# St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar

Sunday December 7, 2025 9am-2pm

Food, vendors, crafters, music, pictures with Santa, raffle baskets & 50/50!!

Vendors and Crafters needed for the bazaar. Contact Rita Roley if interested. \$30 per 6' table. Spots are limited so act soon. rroley2325@comcast.net 215-872-0499

# **SJR-CYO**

SJR-CYO Basketball registration is open for boys and girls in 3rd-12th Grade. Registration closes on 10/20/25. Please note, the registration fee is non-refundable, and a \$50 late fee will be applied, if registering after registration closes. Contact Sarah Jaskowiak at **sarah.g4@hotmail.com** with any questions.

Register at:

https://stjosephstrobertcyo.sportngin.com/register/form/15888451 8.

### **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. Transportation to and from Church can be provided by the Men's Club, if needed. Call Dee (215-674-3894) or Elaine (215-675-8756)

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.

#### **Monthly Food Drive**



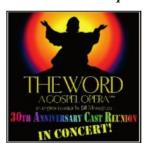
Next weekend, <u>October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup></u>, we will collect items for the Food Bank. Nonperishables only. <u>No expired food please</u>. Foods currently requested at this time include: Cereal, Instant Mashed Potatoes,

Oatmeal, Syrup, Broth, Chili, Beef Stew, Ready-to-Serve Soups, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Baked Beans, Stuffing Mix. 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>865 pounds</u> collected in September!

# **30th Anniversary Concert**

On Saturday, **October 4, 2025**, at 2:00 pm, the stage at Archbishop Wood High School will come alive with the spirit, energy, and heart of a homegrown musical that has inspired thousands:

The Word: A Gospel Opera.



Admission: General Seating — Suggested Donation: \$15 (at the door) All Ages Welcome. Proceeds benefit The Michael S. Monaghan Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit: www.monaghanmusic.com; www.thewordagospelopera.com;

ContactWillie.Monaghan@gmail.com

# **Hospitality Sunday**



Enjoy donuts and coffee with fellow parishioners after all Masses in Room #18 on **October 5** 

And get your blood pressure checked, too!

#### Parish Picnic

Parish Picnic – Rain or Shine!

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - 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
	September 14	September 15
Envelopes	\$ 7,306.00	\$ 6,812.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,404.90	\$ 1,890.32
Total	\$ 9,710.90	\$ 8,702.32



St. Joseph Church
Parish Religious Education Program
Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator
stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com
215-672-3020
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

#### **2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**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.

#### **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 candidates 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**

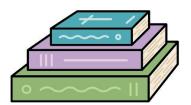
all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm

#### **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



TO CONFIRM THE LATEST SCHEDULE, PLEASE REFER TO THE PREP PAGE ON SAINT JOSEPH'S WEBSITE.

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



# ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL

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

We're excited to invite all alumni to our All-Year Reunion Beef and Beer on Friday, November 29th, as we continue celebrating 100 years of St. Joseph/St. Robert School! We hope this milestone year is filled with opportunities to reconnect with old friends. Mark your calendars, spread the word to your classmates, and stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

As we honor our rich history, we're also looking ahead with excitement. Believe it or not, preparations for the 2026–2027 school year are already underway! We're thrilled to welcome prospective families to our Fall Open House on Sunday, October 19th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Guests will enjoy guided tours, meet some of our outstanding faculty, and experience the warmth and spirit of our school community.

Know a family who might be interested in joining us? Please help us spread the word! Families can RSVP by calling the school office at 215-343-5100 or register online at www.stjstr.org.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our past—and build our future!

Gratefully,

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 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

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.

# 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.

#### **Bulletin Submittals**

Email requests to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability

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