

October 5, 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 BINGO



St. Joseph's Church Hall FRIDAY OCTOBER 10, 2025

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

It is a busy weekend at our parish with a Healing Mass and our Parish Picnic and a Hospitality Sunday. We wish to thank all who helped to make these events happen and also all who have helped to support these events and make them a great success.

We are happy to report that Warrington Township has approved our new digital sign. We will keep you updated as to when it might be finally installed. We will also be looking for someone with some computer savvy to help manage the sign. It will have a combination of regular messages and special event messages. This can be a nice way to serve our parish, and to do so from "behind the scenes." Please see me to help.

We are now in the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is one of the most cherished prayers in the Catholic tradition. More than a repetitive recitation, it is a meditative journey that draws believers closer to God. Praying the Rosary offers numerous spiritual benefits that nourish the soul, deepen faith, and foster a profound sense of peace and purpose.

Here are just some of the spiritual benefits we gain by praying the Holy Rosary:

1. Deepening Relationship with God

Praying the Rosary invites individuals into a closer relationship with God through reflection on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each mystery encourages a deeper understanding of Christ's love and sacrifice, fostering spiritual intimacy and trust in God's plan. With each Hail Mary we repeat those beautiful words of the Angel Gabriel: *Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you.* With each Hail Mary, we repeat those beautiful words of St. Elizabeth: *blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*

2. Fostering Inner Peace and Calm

The rhythmic repetition of prayers in the Rosary acts as a form of spiritual meditation. This calming practice helps quiet the mind, reduce anxiety, relieve stress, foster trust, and bring a sense of inner peace that can be felt throughout daily life.

3. Strengthening Faith and Hope

Contemplating the mysteries of the Rosary reinforces core Christian beliefs and offers hope in times of doubt or challenge. By meditating on the joys, sorrows, and glories of Christ and the Virgin Mary, believers find encouragement and renewed faith to face life's difficulties.

4. Gaining Spiritual Protection

Many Catholics believe that the Rosary serves as a spiritual shield, offering protection against temptation, evil, and spiritual harm. The intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary is sought for guidance, comfort, and safety.

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Masses For The Week

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| Saturday | 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 |
| Monday | 8:00am | St. Joseph Mem. Society |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | Thomas H. Williams |
| Wednesday | 8:00am | Christopher & Megan Mattera, 3 rd Wedding Anniversary |
| Thursday | 8:00am | Robert J. Smith, Sr. |
| Friday | 8:00am | Edward J. Kaminski |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Joseph Whitehead |
| | Oct. 11 | |
| | 4:00pm | William (Bill) Santarlaschi |
| Sunday | Oct. 12 | |
| | 7:30am | The People of the Parish |
| | 9:30am | Agnes P. Hampshire |
| | 11:30am | Domenica .T. Gallo |

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Nicole and Baby Della Burkhardt, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Robert Fisher, Paul Han, Dee Hottinger, Emery Kutney, Dolores Krystopowicz, 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, October 6

*Adoration – 8:30am – 7:30pm

*Rosary/Communion Service @ Christ Home – 2:30pm

*Rosary & Benediction – Church - 7:30pm

Tuesday, October 7

*PREP – 6:00 – 7:15pm

Wednesday, October 8

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

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

*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 – 9:30pm

Thursday, October 9

*OCIA - 7:00pm – Room 18

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

Friday, October 10

*Family Bingo – 7:00pm – Church Hall

Sunday, October 12

*Blessing of Animals – 1:00pm

Readings for The Week

Mon: Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tues: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thurs: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Sat: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sun: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

5. Cultivating Virtues

Each mystery of the Rosary is associated with particular virtues, such as humility, patience, charity, and perseverance. Regular prayer helps cultivate self-discipline and virtue in daily life, leading to spiritual growth and moral strength.

6. Encouraging Reflection and Gratitude

The Rosary encourages believers to pause and reflect on God's blessings and the lessons learned from the lives of Jesus and Mary. This practice nurtures a spirit of gratitude and a clearer sense of purpose.

7. Uniting with the Universal Church

Praying the Rosary connects individuals with millions of believers worldwide. This shared devotion fosters a sense of community, solidarity, and support, reminding believers that they are part of a larger spiritual family.

Incorporating the Rosary into daily spiritual practice offers a wealth of benefits, from deepening one's relationship with God to fostering virtues and inner peace. It is a powerful tool for entrusting our loved ones, our cares, our concerns, ourselves to Jesus through Mary. It is a net that helps to catch souls. It is a chain that binds us to Heaven.

As we pray the Rosary, we can offer the entire Rosary for a special need. We can also offer each decade of the Rosary for a Special need. We can even offer each Hail Mary for our Special needs.

As a parish, we pray the Rosary after our 8:00AM Daily Mass, on Monday evenings at 7:30PM, and on Saturdays at 3:30PM.

In this month of the Holy Rosary, let us lay siege to Heaven with our Rosaries for our families, for our parish family, for our fallen away loved ones, for the sick, for the dying, for the dead, for first responders, for an increase of vocations for the priesthood, for peace in our world, for peace in our cities, for an increased love for Jesus—through Mary.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

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/158884518>.

Catholic in Recovery

Join Catholic in Recovery at St. Joseph Church Hall.

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Starting **October 15**.

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Maureen G. at (215) 771-0022 or maureenmac03@gmail.com

Blessing of Animals

Deacon Frank will bless animals next Sunday, October 12 at 1:00pm



Care for Loved Ones at the End of Life

What Everyone Should Know About End-of-Life Decisions and Suffering **October 11, 2025 - 9:00am -12:00noon**
Nativity of Our Lord Parish.

Dr. Joseph Meaney from the National Catholic Bioethics Center will present on several topics relevant to the end of life including the value of human life, preparation for eternal life, ordinary and extraordinary means of care, palliative sedation, hospice care, medical proxy, and others. He will also discuss physician assisted suicide as this is becoming a more important topic for our nation.

Mrs. Susan Middleton from Thinkhope.org will talk about the value of suffering and the Red Rosary of Hope ministry.

Cost is free, but donations are appreciated. Register at buckscountyprolifecoalition.org – click on the Events Tab.



Choir Schedule



Children's choir

October 5 – 11:30

October 19 – 9:30

Adult Choir

October 12 – 9:30

October 26 – 11:30

Contemporary Group

October 19 – 11:30

Health and Help Ministry

**CPR classes offered at St. Joseph Church,
October 22, 2025- 7:00 p.m. Room 18**



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. All are welcome. ***Does not include certification card*** Donations accepted. Proceeds will be used towards replacement AED and first aid supplies. Call Jim's CPR and First Aid at 267-221-0088 to sign up or ask any questions.

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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, 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

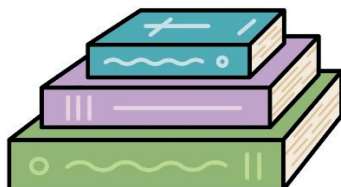
all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm

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



It's hard to believe the first month of school is already behind us! It's great to be settling into a routine. A successful school year strikes the right balance—enough structure to build confidence and comfort, and enough novelty to keep us engaged and excited. This past week, students in grades 1–8 enjoyed a special visit from the Mobile Fab Lab. The Fab Lab provided a dynamic, hands-on STEAM experience that brought Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math to life in fun and engaging ways. If you have children or grandchildren interested in STEAM, you may want to explore the Fab Lab's main location in Warminster, which offers after-school, weekend, and summer programs.

We're also excited—and grateful—to announce that the Foundation for Catholic Education has generously gifted SJR with five Marty Robots and two Cobot robotic arms to enhance our year-round STREAM program which all students engage in weekly. STREAM integrates Religion with STEAM subjects, encouraging students to grow as thinkers, collaborators, and faithful problem-solvers. The Marty Robots were delivered and the Cobots have been set up in our science lab this week, and the excitement to explore and get coding is contagious!

We are truly thankful for the Foundation's continued support—not only for our school, but for so many elementary schools across the archdiocese.

Here's to a wonderful October filled with curiosity, creativity, and community!

And speaking of community—if you're an SJR alum or friend to our school, we'd love for you to join us on November 29th at our Beef and Beer. All SJR friends and family are welcome.

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, we're making it a year of reconnection with our alumni. Help us spread the word to your classmates and fellow alumni—we're reaching out to as many as possible and would be thrilled to see lots of familiar faces in Monsignor Marley Hall.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Durkin

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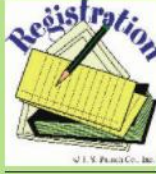
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Parish Registration

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:**

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- Enter your name and your email address

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