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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.

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

This week we are faced with a question: But when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth? (Luke 18:8)

The best definition of Faith is that Faith is our relationship with God. Yes, we do believe in the "Deposit of Faith," which are the teachings of the Church, but Faith itself is our relationship with God.

Faith is a relationship initiated by a God who loves us because He is love (1John 4:8). So, this relationship begins in God and from God.

This relationship flows from God's loving desire that we become His children in this life and then live with Him forever in the life to come. Faith is then rightly understood as a Divine gift of a loving relationship with God. This is why Faith is listed among the Theological Virtues.

On our part, we are free to say yes or no to God's offer of a relationship. We have the freedom to accept or refuse that gift we call Faith. The mystery of our free will is tied to the mystery of love. True love depends on true freedom. True love comes from the power to say yes or no to love. To accept the offer of Faith is then to really say yes to love, Divine Love. "If we are steadfast in our faith in Christ and in our love for him, we win the victory he has won, we receive what he has promised." St. Leo the Great

When we accept the Virtue of Faith, we then allow God to open our hearts and minds to all of the good things which He wishes to give us, including and maybe most importantly the gift of eternal life. "It is by faith that God dwells in our hearts, in our memory, our intellect and penetrates even into our imagination." St. Bernard

Since the gift of Faith comes directly from God, Faith is not something that we naturally possess. No, Faith comes from another gift, the gift of Baptism. In Baptism, we are truly "born again" (John Chapter 3), Origin Sin is washed away, and we receive the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. At that moment, the Rite of Baptism says that we are *rightly called children of God, for so indeed we are*.

The Rite of Baptism then goes on and teaches that the gift of Faith must be safeguarded and nurtured and allowed to grow. This is at first the responsibility of parents and godparents, but then as we mature, it becomes our own responsibility. Faith then becomes a life-long journey and a beautiful adventure, as long as we continually say yes to love, to Divine Love. "By itself faith accomplishes nothing. For even the devils believe and shudder. No, faith must be joined to an active love of God which is expressed in good works." St. Maximus the Confessor,

Thankfully, God, in His great love for us, gives us so many helps to continually say yes to Him: the Deposit of Faith (the Sacred Scriptures and Teachings of the Church), the example and prayers of the Saints, the example and prayers of the good people that God has placed in our lives, and maybe most powerfully, the Holy Eucharist.

We remember that Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comes to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. He does so in order to fill us with Divine Life and Divine Love: *God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him (I John 4:9).* By doing so, He gives us the Graces and Blessings from Heaven needed to safeguard, nurture, and grow our relationship of Faith: *I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eats of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world (John 6: 51, 57).*

Let us continually give praise and thanksgiving to a God who loves us so much that He has given us the beautiful gift of Faith, the beautiful gift of Baptism, and the beautiful gift of the Holy Eucharist that feeds our Faith. With praise and thanksgiving, when the Son of Man comes, may He find Faith in our hearts, Faith in the hearts of our families and friends, and Faith at the hearts of all we know.

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

October is both the month of the Most Holy Rosary and Respect Life Month. I thank all who continue to pray the Rosary for end of abortion and that all will embrace the Gospel of Life. I also thank all who continue to support our monthly baby drive. This monthly baby drive helps mothers to make the only right choice, the choice for life. Let us reflect on this statement by our bishops on Respect Life Month:

With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama."

The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide.

Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection.

Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. It is of the utmost importance that we work to ensure that every life, in every stage and circumstance, is protected in law.

Earlier this year, history was made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. I thank Catholics across the country who have embraced a nationwide call to prayer for the end of all taxpayer funding of abortion centers, and I ask that we continue those prayers throughout the month of October.

This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone. Walking with Moms in Need and Project Rachel Ministry are just two examples of how the Church continuously reaches out with love, compassion, and mercy to those most in need of a message of hope.

As we begin Respect Life Month, together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."

Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT October 2025 Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Masses For The Week

Saturday	Oct. 18	
	4:00pm	Raymond Generale
Sunday	Oct. 19	
	7:30am	The People of the Parish
	9:30am	Marie Trotter Rickman
	11:30am	Debbie Whitehead
Monday	8:00am	Catherine & John Dudas
Tuesday	8:00am	Cecilia G. Chapman,
		40 th Anniversary
Wednesday	8:00am	Enoch Kroutch
Thursday	8:00am	Teresa McErlean
Friday	8:00am	Don & Eileen Trost
Saturday	8:00am	Sharon Pileggi
	Oct. 25	
	4:00pm	Adeline McNulty
Sunday	Oct. 26	
	7:30am	The People of the Parish
	9:30am	Enoch Kroutch
	11:30am	Maxim Soria

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Nicole and Baby Della Burkhardt, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Robert Fisher, Jim Gordon, Paul Han, Dee Hottinger, Emery Kutney, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Dominic Lightcap, Patricia McCloskey, 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 Margaret Pergolin

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, October 20

*Adoration - 8:30am - 7:30pm

*Mass @ Christ Home - 2:30pm

*Rosary - Church - 7:30pm

Tuesday, October 21

*PREP - 6:00 - 7:15pm

Wednesday, October 22

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

*Catholic in Recovery – 7:00pm – Church Hall

*CPR Class - 7:00pm - Room 18

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

Thursday, October 23

*Kathleen McCarthy & Benediction – 7:00 – Church

*OCIA -7:00pm - Room 18

Readings for The Week

Mon: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21 **Tues:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;

Lk 12:35-38

Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48 **Thurs:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sun: Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8,

16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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.

Choir Schedule



Children's choir
October 19 – 9:30
Contemporary Group
October 19 – 11:30
Adult Choir
October 26 – 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.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Members of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Robert Bellarmine Conference) and the Thrifty Irishman will have bins in St. Robert's Church parking lot from Thursday, **October 23 to Sunday, October 26**. Donating your gently used clothing and household items not only allows you to clean out closets, basements, attics, and garages, but also to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Electronic Receipts available through the St. Robert Church office. Note that there will also be a St. Joseph's SVDP winter clothing drive in a few months to support the SVDP "Feed the Homeless" (Kensington) ministry.

Need more information? Call Karen Markie, 267-614-0430 or email kmmarkie@verizon.net.

Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child

The box is filled with items -age related- according to the label on the pamphlet. They are returned to PREP on any Tuesday or to the church. Boxes can be put on the pew in the hall-sacristy side. The collection ends on November 4, 2025 and then the boxes will be delivered to the collection site for shipping.

Please join the PREP classes in making this a successful project where we can all help those who are less fortunate and in need. YOU can make them smile!

Any questions: Laura DeHennis - 215-442-1515



St. Joseph's Church Hall FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7, 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!



Kathleen McCarthy Thursday October 23



Mercy and Forgiveness In the Jubilee Year of Hope

7:00 PM Sharing by Kathleen **Followed by Benediction**

To find out more about Kathleen and her Radio Ministry, please go to In His Sign Catholic Radio

Network https://www.inhissign.com/

Support A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Centers by attending the annual Silent Auction and Dinner

A Baby's Breath is an all-volunteer organization providing free services to pregnant women and their families. Silent Auction: Saturday, November 8, 6:30 PM at The Alloy a DoubleTree by Hilton, King of Prussia Tickets are \$85 per person (includes dinner and drinks) To register and/or make a donation, visit:

https://ababysbreath.org/auctions/



	2025	2024
	October 5	October 6
Envelopes	\$ 8,817.00	\$ 8,066.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,770.24	\$ 3,591.32
Total	\$ 12,587.24	\$11,657.32



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure! _James Field



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish proudly presents



Saturday, October 25th in the Church Hall 6:00pm Doors Open 7:00pm Showtime!

Join us for our first-ever Dueling Pianos Night featuring "The Philly Keys"! A dueling pianos experience, "The Philly Keys" provides a family-friendly evening of fun, music, and laughter. Your ticket includes admission to the show and a buffet dinner with refreshments. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$50 for adults. Proceeds will benefit our Parish CYO and Youth Engagement programming.

For tickets, scan the code to the right, call the Parish Office (215-357-5905),or visit: saintvincents.net



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, 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

TUESDAY, November 4

all grades in session 6-7:15pm. Confirmation Class Retreat.

SUNDAY, November 9

40 Hours begins – 6:00pm

MONDAY November 10

40 Hours continues – 6:00pm

TUESDAY, November 11

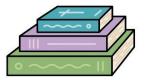
40 Hours closing service – Mandatory for all students/families. Arrive at church by 5:45pm and sit with your family. No regular classes.

TUESDAY, November 18

all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm

TUESDAY, November 25

Thanksgiving Break. No classes this week



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 <u>www.stjstr.org</u>

We're so looking forward to welcoming families who are interested in learning more about all that SJR has to offer! Our Open House this weekend is on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of our teachers, tour our classrooms, and find out more about our school.

I also wanted to share an update regarding our Alumni Event originally scheduled for November 29th. After some reflection, we've decided to postpone the gathering. While we were eager to reconnect, a few scheduling and planning challenges made it clear that a later date will allow us to host an event that includes more of our alumni community.

We're already looking ahead to planning a new alumni celebration, and I sincerely hope you'll join us when the time comes. I will be meeting with alumni to plan this. Should you like to be involved in the process, please email me at jdurkin@stjstr.org.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and for your continued support of SJR — your enthusiasm and generosity mean so much to our school community!

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

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:**

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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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