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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.)	8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday Masses	7:30 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	& 11:30 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses:**

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 that 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, OCIA, Catholic in Recovery, Women's Group, Charismatic Prayer Group, Hospitality, Hope Committee, Health & Help Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary.

## *From the Desk of Father Pawelko*



My Dear Parishioners,

Our readings for the first few weeks of Lent call us to continual conversion and to a spirit of compunction.

We are reminded this First Week of Lent why continual conversion is necessary, and also why it is often a challenge. The Fall of Adam and Eve allowed Original Sin to enter into the world and through Original Sin, suffering and death entered into the world: *through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, in as much all men have sinned (Romans 5).*

Original Sin is a sin inherited from our first parents. It has since been passed down through the generations.

Original Sin has weakened us. It has darkened our intellects and weakened our free wills. It has disrupted our bond with God and our bonds with each other. It has given us irrational fear, especially the fear of suffering and death. Original Sin has also left us with an inclination to sin that we call concupiscence. Original Sin, we can say, has left us targets for the devil.

Thankfully, however, Jesus refused to allow the devil to have the last word: *Indeed, one man's sin, that of Adam, had the power to bring death to the world. If by the transgression of one man, death reigned over the world, why should not life more fittingly reign by the righteousness of one man [Jesus]? If they were cast out of paradise because of the tree and the eating thereof, shall not the believers now enter more easily into paradise because of the tree of Jesus [the Cross]? If that man first formed out of the earth ushered in universal death, shall not he that formed him out of the earth bring in eternal life, since he himself is life? [John 10:10, 14:6] (Catechetical Lectures of St. Cyril of Jerusalem)*

Which then brings us to continual conversion. Conversion is not a moment in time but a continual journey. Continual conversion strengthens us similar to the regular training that strengthens athletes. As regular athletic training helps develop skills and muscle memory, so continual conversion helps us see the temptations of the devil for what they are and how to seek the Grace to overcome those temptations.

Continual conversion helps to clear our minds and strengthen our free wills. Continual conversion helps to rebuild our relationships with God and neighbor. Continual conversion helps us to become warriors for the good and enemies of evil. As St. Paul writes: *Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus, I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified (I Cor: 9: 24-27).*

Continual conversion leads us then to a spirit of compunction. Compunction is a Christian virtue. It is a constant desire to do good and avoid evil, and it causes remorse and a desire for reconciliation when one does fall into sin. It leads to a greater love and respect and appreciation and devotion for Jesus and a greater desire to please Him at all times.

Compunction has as its root the word "puncture." It is a puncturing of our often-cold hearts: *It is said that after his conversion, Saint Ignatius could not stop weeping. He shed tears all the time. This is so much the case that only through the gift of tears do we really understand the spiritual exercises that he proposed. Saint Teresa of Ávila also recommends this way of tears. In them is found a mysterious consolation that only God's presence can give.*

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

For great mystics like Saint Teresa of Avila or Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the heart-piercing awareness of the Lord’s presence that they sought by faith often caused them to weep — both exteriorly and interiorly. Prayer rooted in conversatio morum [ongoing dialogue with God that takes up our whole existence, our judgments, dreams and behaviors] is always open to these tears. In their case, this holy sorrow helped them pray and to grow in virtue because it is a sorrow informed by love and gratitude.

Pondering Christ’s Incarnation and work of redemption against her own indifference, Saint Teresa would wash her memory with hope. As she learned to invoke the Holy Spirit in the midst of difficult spiritual struggles, her heart was pierced by love, and she was freed from attachments that held her back. At the end of each day, she would spend an hour weeping with Jesus in the Agony of the Garden before falling asleep (Compunction: Tears and Prayer by Charlies McKinney, April 2017, catholicexchange.com).

So, compunction, we can say, is a puncturing of our consciences and a deflation of any sinful pride and false ideas that we may hold. The “puncture” then allows the Holy Spirit and God’s Grace to enter more deeply into our hearts, filling us with many good gifts from Heaven. It is compunction that allows us to overcome habitual sins, if we suffer from any, and allows us to grow more and more into the Image and Likeness of Jesus Christ.

What is key here is allowing in the Holy Spirit and God’s Grace. For our Catholic Christian Religion, and the continual conversion to which we are called, **is not a self-improvement program**. It is not! In fact, if we try to take on the devil on our own, we are guaranteed to fail. Let me repeat that, if we try to take on the devil on our own, we are guaranteed to fail. This is why compunction is essential to continual conversion, because it allows ourselves to rely less and less on ourselves and more and more on the Holy Spirit, God’s Grace, the power of His Sacraments, and the intercession of His Holy Angels and Saints.

May this Lent, and our continual conversion, fill us with a spirit of compunction and make us ever stronger warriors for Jesus Christ.

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor



**Mon:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

**Tues:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wed:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thurs:** Est C 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

**Fri:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**Sat:** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**Sun:** Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill**

Paula Bielecki, Lillian Cannon, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Robert Fisher, Jim Gordon, Paul Han, Dee Hottinger, Emery Kutney, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Dominic Lightcap, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Joseph McNamara, Moira Merritt, Suzi Molz, Laura Masorli Nardone, Gertrude Nelson, Lilla Palfy, Michael K. Pham, 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.



Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>Feb. 21</u></b> 4:00 pm	John Ford
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Feb. 22</u></b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Alice Molly Jerry A. Shields, Jr. People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 am	Benjamin R. Klinger
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Michael Christopher Mattera
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	The Chrupcala Family
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 am	John Dudas
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 am	John Ford
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Ken Farrell
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>Feb. 28</u></b> 4:00 pm	Jack Ford
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Mar. 01</u></b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Catherine Dudas Ciso Muser

**Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead  
Father Philip C. Ricci, John Merritt,  
and Christine Davis**



**The Health & Help  
Ministry News**

24 persons donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive held at St. Joseph in January. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. The next Blood Drive will be in April.





**St. Joseph Church  
Parish Religious Education  
Program News/Updates**



**St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update**

Mrs. Danielle Stafferi, Coordinator  
[Stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com](mailto:Stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com)  
 Tuesdays ~ 6:00 – 7:15 PM

**Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal**  
**850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA**  
**(215) 343-5100 | [www.sjstr.org](http://www.sjstr.org)**

**TUESDAY, February 24** All grades in session.  
**TUESDAY, March 3** All grades in session.  
**TUESDAY, March 10** Stations of the Cross for All Students. This is mandatory. All families are welcome to join. Students will report to the Church and be dismissed from the Church.  
**TUESDAY, March 17** All grades in session.  
**TUESDAY, March 24** All grades in session. Lenten Penance Service for All Students (family Catechesis and in-person). All families are welcome to participate in Penance. Drop off and pick up from the school building. Family Catechesis and SJR students please report directly to the Church at 6:15 PM.

Last week our school joyfully celebrated our 100th Day of School! Math classes marked the milestone with special activities, and the fun extended beyond numbers — some students dressed as if they were 100 years old, while others wrote about what they would do with \$100. We were also blessed to welcome Brian Sheehan of NBC10, who spoke with our older students about his work and how his dream of becoming a television reporter first began when he was a student here at SJR. During Catholic Schools Week, another alumnus, Bob Long, shared with students about his career in sports broadcasting. We are always proud to see our graduates making a difference, and we warmly invite other alumni to reach out to the school — we would love to welcome you back and share your stories with our students.

Meanwhile, the Philadelphia Phillies have begun spring training in Clearwater — a sure sign that spring is just around the corner. This season of growth and renewal is a beautiful one for our Church as well, as our 7th graders prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and our 3rd graders look forward to receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this special time of preparation.

Enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year is in full swing, and we are grateful for the strong commitment of our current families. If you or someone you know is considering a Catholic education for a new student, we welcome inquiries and would be happy to share more about all that SJR has to offer. You can contact our Director of Enrollment, Mrs. Williamson, at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) to set up a visit.

God bless you, and have a wonderful week!  
 Mrs. Durkin

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

**Archbishop Wood High School Honors**

Archbishop Wood High School is pleased to announce that the following St. Joseph Parish students have achieved Academic Honors for the 2nd Quarter of the 2025-26 school year:

<b>Nathan Bargerhuff</b>	Class of 2029	First Honors
<b>Madeline Mooney</b>	Class of 2029	First Honors
<b>Jacob Bargerhuff</b>	Class of 2026	Second Honors
<b>John Coughlin</b>	Class of 2026	Second Honors
<b>Avalon Waltrich</b>	Class of 2027	Second Honors
<b>Joseph Potts</b>	Class of 2028	Second Honors
<b>Jaiden Jaskowiak</b>	Class of 2029	Second Honors



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.

# what's happening

**Monday, February 23:**

- Adoration ~ 8:30 am -7:30 pm
- Mass @ Luther Woods @ 2:30 pm
- Communion Service/Rosary @ Christ Home ~ 2:30 pm
- Men's Group (Room 18) ~ 7:30 pm
- Rosary ~ 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 24:**

- PREP ~ 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 25:**

- Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 pm
- Adult Choir Practice ~ 7:00 pm

**Thursday, February 26:**

- Children's Choir Practice ~ 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm
- OCIA ~ 7:00 pm (Room 18)
- Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm

**Friday, February 27:**

- Stations of the Cross + Benediction ~ 7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 1:**

- Hospitality Sunday (Room 18)



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Questions, please contact Sarah Jaskowiak [Sarah.g4@hotmail.com](mailto:Sarah.g4@hotmail.com)

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	2026	2025
	<b>February 08</b>	<b>February 09</b>
Envelopes	\$ 6,672.00	\$ 5,630.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,416.08	\$ 4,271.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,088.08</b>	<b>\$ 9,901.55</b>

## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026



*Fridays*

**Stations of  
the Cross  
&**

**Benediction**

Time: 7:30 PM

FEB. 20 ~  
APR. 3



*Saturdays*

**Morning  
Confessions**

Times:

8:30-9:00 AM

FEB. 21 ~  
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*Saturdays*

**Afternoon  
Confessions**

Times:

3:00-3:45 PM

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