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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:

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,

As we observe this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we also prepare to celebrate St. Joseph's Day.

St. Joseph's Day is always a big day for bakeries, especially South Philly Italian bakeries. That is because St. Joseph's Day is a major Feast, and so it is a day to enjoy, if one wishes, those things that one has given up for Lent. So, for those who have given up sweets for Lent, it is a day that one is allowed to make a trip to the bakery—without any guilt!

St. Joseph has many titles and roles in the Church. He is the Righteous Man who is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, the Patron Saint of Fathers, the Patron Saint of Husbands, the Patron Saint of the Unborn, the Patron Saint of Carpenters, the Patron Saint of a Happy Death, the Patron Saint of our humble parish in Warrington.

I always found “the Patron Saint of a Happy Death” to be very interesting. He received this title and this role because it has always been assumed that our Blessed Mother and Our Blessed Savior were at his bedside and that he passed away knowing that the salvation of Israel and the world was at hand. Thus, he had a very happy and peaceful death, and now intercedes on our behalf that we too will be in God's Good Graces at the moment of death, and so enjoy a happy death.

His most important title is the Foster Father of Our Blessed Savior. As the Sacred Scriptures relate, he was a righteous man. In other words, he was a true believer in the God of Israel and who then lived his life as a true believer. I have also always pictured St. Joseph as a young, strong, vigorous, dignified, and intelligent man. So together, his righteousness, along with his youth, intelligence, and vigor, would have made him the perfect choice for a chaste husband for the Holy Virgin and also the perfect choice for a foster father for Jesus. St. Joseph not only protected the Holy Family and provided for the Holy Family but was good role model and provided good example to the Child Jesus.

The saints themselves testify to the power of devotion to St. Joseph. Among the long list of saints who had a special devotion to him is the great mystic St. Teresa of Avila. I have included some quotes St. Teresa and from other saints on St. Joseph in this letter.

Through the Intercession of St. Joseph, may our families always be open to where God wishes to lead us, and may we also live, and die, in God's Good Graces.

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor





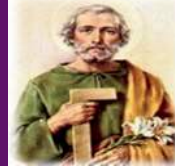
On St. Teresa of Avila's Devotion
to St. Joseph
By Sr. Joseph Mary f.t.i. | Oct. 15, 2012
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"I took for my advocate and lord the glorious Saint Joseph and commended myself earnestly to him; and I found that this my father and lord delivered me both from this trouble and also from other and greater troubles concerning my honor and the loss of my soul, and that he gave me greater blessings than I could ask of him. I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant.

I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which He has freed me, both in body and in soul. To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succor us in some of our necessities but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succors us in them all and that the Lord wishes to teach us that as He was Himself subject to him on earth (for, being His guardian and being called His father, he could command Him) just so in Heaven He still does all that he asks. This has also been the experience of other persons whom I have advised to commend themselves to him; and even to-day there are many who have great devotion to him through having newly experienced this truth."

"I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to this glorious saint, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I have never known anyone to be truly devoted to him and render him particular services who did not notably advance in virtue, for he gives very real help to souls who commend themselves to him. For some years now, I think, I have made some request of him every year on his festival and I have always had it granted. If my petition is in any way ill directed, he directs it aright for my greater good."

"I only beg, for the love of God, that anyone who does not believe me will put what I say to the test, and he will see by experience what great advantages come from his commending himself to this glorious patriarch and having devotion to him. Those who practice prayer should have a special affection for him always. I do not know how anyone can think of the Queen of the Angels, during the time that she suffered so much with the Child Jesus, without giving thanks to Saint Joseph for the way he helped them. If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious saint as his master and he will not go astray."



Additional Quotes by the Saints
on St. Joseph
Courtesy the Diocese of
Kansas City-St. Joseph

"St. Joseph was an ordinary sort of man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, in each and every event that went to make up his life. That is why Scripture praises Joseph as 'a just man'. And in Hebrew a just man means a good and faithful servant of God, someone who fulfills the divine will, or who is honorable and charitable toward his neighbor." ~ St. Josemaria Escriva

"What could Jesus Christ refuse St. Joseph, who never refused him anything during his mortal life on earth?" ~ St. Augustine

"He [St. Joseph] is head of the Holy Family, father of the trinity on earth which resembles so closely the Holy Trinity on high." ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

"Joseph carried Jesus Christ first to Egypt, then to Judea, and so traced for us the path of the apostles who preached his name to the Jews and to the Gentiles." ~ St. Hilary of Poitiers

"The dignity and glory of St. Joseph is such that the Eternal Father conferred upon him with greatest liberality, a likeness to his own supremacy over his incarnate Son." ~ St. Bernadine of Siena

"What many kings and prophets desired to see, and saw not; desired to hear, and heard not; he [St. Joseph] was allowed not merely to hear and see, but also to carry, lead, embrace, kiss, nourish, and protect." ~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"Jesus wished to become indebted to St. Joseph for the necessities of life, and of this holy patriarch alone it may be said that he saved the life of his Savior." ~ St. Madaleine Sophie Barat

"Saint Joseph is most powerful against the demons which fight against us at the end of our lives." ~ St. Alphonsus de Liguori

"According to [St.] Jerome and Origen, Joseph had no suspicion of adultery because he knew the modesty and chastity of Mary. Moreover, he had read in Scripture that the virgin would conceive and that 'a shoot shall sprout from the stock of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom'. He knew also that Mary was descended from the line of David. Thus it was easier for him to believe that Isaiah's prophecy had been accomplished in her than to think that she could have let herself descend into debauchery. This is why, considering himself unworthy to live with a person of such great sanctity, he wanted to send her away secretly—like when Peter says to Jesus, 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'" ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

"I know not how anyone can ponder on the sufferings, trials, and tribulations the Queen of Angels endured whilst caring for Jesus in his childhood, without at the same time thanking St. Joseph for the services he rendered the Divine Child and his Blessed Mother." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

"Saint Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of the ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all other saints." ~ St. Joseph Marello



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

Monday, March 16:

- Adoration ~ 8:30 am -7:30 pm
- Mass @ Christ Home ~ 2:00 pm
- Rosary ~ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 17:

- PREP ~ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18:

- Children Choir Practice ~ 5:30 pm
- Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 pm
- Adult Choir Practice ~ 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 19:

- OCIA ~ 7:00 pm (Room 18)
- Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm

Friday, March 20:

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



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

Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator
Stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com
 Tuesdays ~ 6:00 – 7:15 PM

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.

WEDNESDAY, March 25 All students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend the Confirmation Practice in the Church from 6:00 – 7:15 PM. Students will be dropped off and picked up at the Church.

THURSDAY, March 26 Most Reverend Christopher R. Cooke will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 5:00 PM. All students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation must report to the Church Hall by 4:15 PM.

TUESDAY, March 31 NO Regularly scheduled CCD classes. Students are encouraged to attend one of the many wonderful Masses held during Holy Week.

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal
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The Next Step Program is an innovative organization aimed at empowering young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They recently acquired land for their *Adams Way* dream—an integrated housing initiative and commercial marketplace in the heart of Doylestown where people with and without disabilities can live, work, and pursue their dreams. This exciting project represents a meaningful step toward ensuring that young adults with disabilities feel welcomed, valued, and fully included in our community.

During Catholic Schools Week, our students and families collected items and gift cards to support the program's social opportunities and ongoing projects. Last Thursday, SJR had the pleasure of welcoming a group from The Next Step Program to our school to pick up these generous donations. While they were here, the visitors from The Next Step Program also spent time with our 8th grade students playing board games. It was a joyful and relaxed opportunity for our students to get to know our community partners a little better. We are grateful for the important work The Next Step Program is doing and for the chance to support their mission to build a more welcoming and inclusive community.

For more information about The Next Step Program please visit <https://www.facebook.com/TheNextStepPrograms/>

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Durkin

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thurs: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a; or Lk 2:41-51a
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



	2026	2025
	March 01	March 02
Envelopes	\$ 9,080.00	\$ 9,998.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,461.59	\$ 2,293.94
Total	\$ 11,541.59	\$12,291.94

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill

Paula Bielecki, Lillian Cannon, Deborah Ciavola, Josh Craft, Baby Duval Dougherty III, Joseph Farina, Robert Fisher, Anne Gabbamonte, 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 Charles Neary,, Gertrude Nelson, Lilla Palfy, Mariann Perez, Michael K. Pham, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Michael Tashjian, Gino, Dean & Rick Romaniello, William Sparke, Rob Skalski, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, Edward White, John Zerbe.

HOPE COMMITTEE

THANK YOU to all who donated diapers and wipes for our February Drive. A Baby's Breath on Street Rd will get them and they are VERY grateful for your kindness to the Moms and babies!

OUR NEXT DIAPER & WIPES COLLECTION

March 21 & 22

Back of Father Grant Hall Table (Church)



Mass Intentions

Saturday Mar. 14
 4:00 pm Louise & George Snyder

Sunday Mar. 15
 7:30 am Raymond Generale
 9:30 am Philip DeHennis
 11:30 am People of the Parish

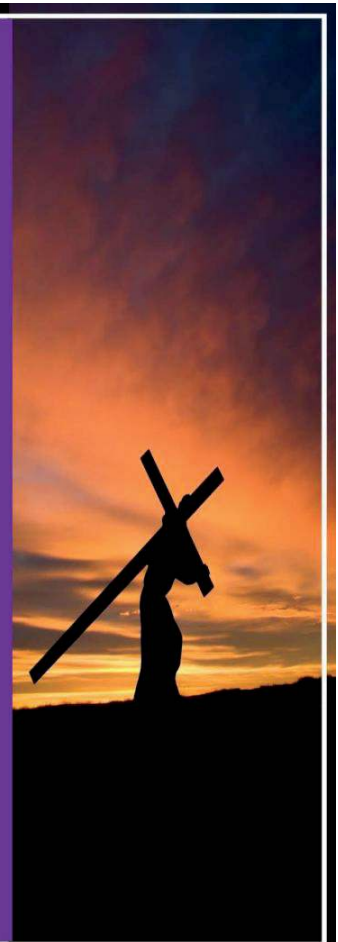
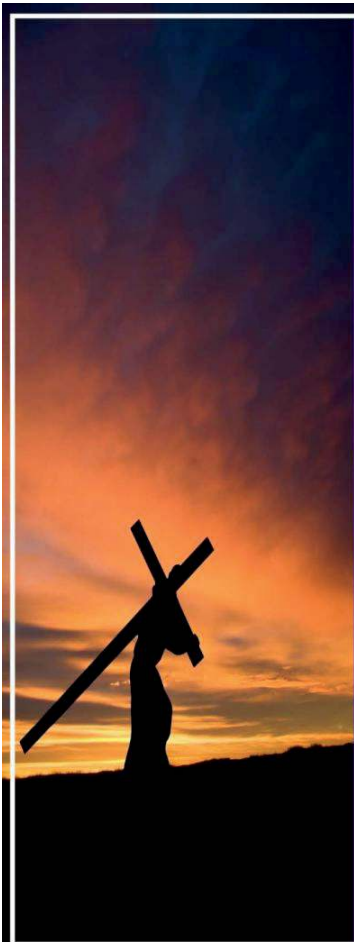
Monday 8:00 am Charlie Kirk
Tuesday 8:00 am Ann Marie Dasch
Wednesday 8:00 am Jack Kenney
Thursday 8:00 am Frank Olson
Friday 8:00 am Pasquale Macrone – 6th Anniv.
Saturday 8:00 am James G. & Mary Ferguson

Saturday Mar. 21
 4:00 pm Jack Ford

Sunday Mar. 22
 7:30 am Gino Greatti
 9:30 am Jack McErlean
 11:30 am People of the Parish



Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead



The Youth of Saint Joseph Parish
presents:

The Living Stations of the Cross

Friday | March 27, 2026

7:30 PM

St. Joseph Church

All are welcome to attend this beautifully spiritual meditation of Our Lord's Passion

All St. Joseph Parish youth grades 4th – 7th are invited to be a part of this performance. We will meet on Friday, March 27th at 5:00 PM for pizza then practice with the performance being at 7:30 PM. For more information and to be a part of this performance, please contact either: Rita Roley rroleym2325@comcast.net, or Ann Tucci tucci89@verizon.net

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026



Fridays

**Stations of
the Cross
&
Benediction**

Time: 7:30 PM

FEB. 20 ~
APR. 3

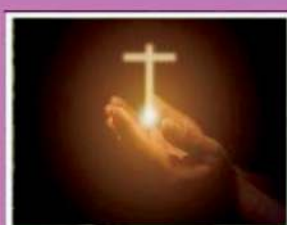


Saturdays

**Morning
Confessions**

Times:
8:30–9:00 AM

FEB. 21 ~
MAR. 21



Saturdays

**Afternoon
Confessions**

Times:
3:00–3:45 PM

FEB. 21 ~
MAR. 21



Saturday

**Last
Confessions**

Times:
8:30–9:30 AM
2:45–3:45 PM

MAR. 28



HOLY WEEK 2026

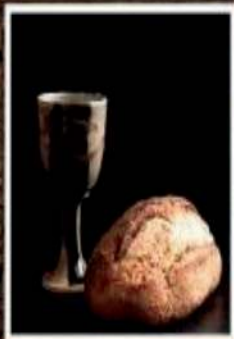


Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed & distributed at All Masses.

4:00 PM
Vigil (Sat),
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:30 AM

MAR. 29



Holy Thursday

NO Morning Mass

8:00 AM
Morning Prayer

Mass of the
Lord's Supper -
7:00 PM

APR. 02



Good Friday

NO Morning Mass

8:00 AM
Morning Prayer

Celebration of the
Lord's Passion -
3:00 PM

7:30 PM
Stations of the
Cross

APR. 03



Holy Saturday

NO Morning Mass

8:00 AM
Morning Prayer

NO 4:00 PM
Vigil Mass

The Easter Vigil
7:00 PM in
Church

APR. 04



Easter Sunday

Masses:

7:30 AM,
9:30 AM,
and 11:30 AM

APR. 05

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