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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,

It is so nice that the days are getting longer, that birds are returning, and that flowers and trees are showing signs of life. This is such a magical and beautiful time of year, as the Earth awakens from its own “tomb,” the tomb of winter, and comes back to life. Which is why it is also fitting that Spring is the time of year that we celebrate the most important event in the history of the World, and that is the event of the Resurrection.

Next weekend we will be observing Palm Sunday, and then the week after, we will celebrate Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, I am certain that many of you are making your final preparations for the celebration of Easter and making sure that our children and grandchildren will be overjoyed that the Easter Bunny has visited them, and then have that opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection here in our beautiful church.

We thank all of those who are preparing our beautiful Church and preparing for our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. We are so blessed to be part of St. Joseph’s.

Of course, as we are looking ahead towards Easter, we still are in Lent, and this weekend we are observing the Fifth Sunday of Lent and will be entering into a very busy Fifth Week of Lent.

Our first reading comes from one of my favorite chapters in all of the Old Testament: chapter 37 of the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel prophesied during a period when Israel had been humbled by the Babylonians. God, through Ezekiel, then promised that the nation’s humbling would lead to a great period of renewal.

Humility is the virtue by which we get *real* about ourselves. It is a virtue that allows us to shed any inflated opinion about ourselves that comes from the capital sin of pride. It is a virtue that reminds us of our continuous need for God, and His Grace, and the intercession of His Angels and Saints. It is a virtue that reminds us that God wants to give us all of the good gifts that we need, and that He does so because He loves us so much. It is the virtue by which our hearts are opened to receive His Love and all of the good gifts which He wishes to bestow on us. Thus, humility is not a virtue for the weak; no, pride is the vice of the weak. Humility is a virtue for the strong. We rejoice, moreover, that God gives us all of the graces that we need to be strong in Christ Jesus.

This coming Wednesday, we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. We will celebrate that Jesus actually entered the world nine months before Christmas as we recall when the Angel of the Lord declared onto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. We also remember the gift of freedom and that Our Blessed Mother Mary freely said yes to God, beginning the unwinding of Adam’s free act of saying no to God: *When our first parents were created, God gave them a conscience, a moral law, and an original justice. They were not compelled to follow Him as the director of the symphony of creation. Yet they chose to rebel, and that sour note of original revolution was passed on to humanity, through human generation. How could that original disorder be stopped?..... Now we come to the greatest act of freedom the world has ever known - the reversal of that free act which the Head of humanity performed in paradise when he chose non-God against God. It was the moment in which that unfortunate choice was reversed, when God in His Mercy willed to remake man and to give him a fresh start in a new birth of freedom under GOD..... Here, then, is freedom of religion; God respects human freedom by refusing to invade humanity and to establish a beachhead in time without the free consent of one of His creatures. Freedom of Conscience is also involved: before Mary could claim as her own the great gifts of God, she had to ratify those gifts by an act of will in the Annunciation. And there is the freedom of a total abandonment to God: our free will is the only thing that is really our own. Our health, our wealth, our power - all these God can take from us. But our freedom he leaves to us, even in hell. Because freedom is our own, it is the only perfect gift that we can*

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Mass Intentions

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
Monday	8:00 am	Aiden Kunder – 1 st Anniv.
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mr. Al Elwert
Wednesday	8:00 am	Alice Spencer
Thursday	8:00 am	Thomas Zatkowski
Friday	8:00 am	Florence Dunst
Saturday	8:00 am	Margaret Pergolen
Saturday	Mar. 28	
	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mar. 29	
	7:30 am	Linda Generale
	9:30 am	Vietnam Veterans
	11:30 am	Thomas H. Williams

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, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, Edward White, John Zerbe.

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead



We wish to extend a sincere welcome to the people who have recently joined our St. Joseph Parish Community:

- ✠ James Bradley ✠ Annmarie Cleghorn-Clayton
- ✠ Martin & Angela Egan ✠ James Gallagher
- ✠ Thomas & Patricia Karpinski ✠ Sean Martin
- ✠ Donald & Barbara Lake ✠ Edward Roberts, Jr.
- ✠ Dionis & Jacquelyn Kergides ✠ Jackie Ryan
- ✠ John & Lauren Messina



	2026	2025
	March 08	March 09
Envelopes	\$ 7,053.00	\$ 7,815.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,621.82	\$ 4,561.57
Total	\$ 12,674.82	\$12,376.57

Parish Giving

St. Joseph Church is **NOW** offering Parish Giving. Parish Giving offers a simple and secure way to support St. Joseph Church through online donations. Please visit our website at www.saintjosephchurch.us and click on Parish Giving for more information.

Please Note: As of March 31st, our previous Online Giving (Vanco) will be permanently closed. If you had an account with Vanco, you need to cancel before March 31st. If you need assistance with your Vanco account, please contact the Parish Office and we can assist you.

Please Pray for Our Troops

If you would like to add the name of someone currently on active duty, please notify the parish office at sjc18976@verizon.net:

Name of Person, Branch of Service, and the name/contact information for requesting individual.

Names remain on the list while individuals are actively serving and are removed at the family's request. Submit names only with the service member's consent.

Thank you for helping us support our brothers and sisters in uniform with the power of prayer.

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko(continued)

make to God. And yet here a creature totally, yet freely, surrendered her will, so that one might say that it was not a matter of Mary's will doing the will of her Son, but of Mary's will being lost in that of her Son, Later on in His life he would say: "If the Son of Man makes you free, you will be free indeed." If this be so, then no one has ever been more free than this belle of Liberty, the lady who sang the Magnificat (*The World's First Love* by Blessed Archbishop Fulton J Sheen).

Then Thursday, we will welcome the Most Reverend Christopher Cooke, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, who will Confirm our Children. We thank our Coordinator of Religious Education, Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, our SJR School Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Durkin, our catechists and our teachers who prepared our children for this day. We also thank those who are to be Confirmed and their families for placing a priority on their relationship with Jesus. We pray as a parish family that our Confirmandi will openly receive the Graces of the Sacrament and will be drawn ever closer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and will be good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Blessed Archbishop Fulton J Sheen writes of Confirmation: *Confirmation is the Sacrament of Combat. Every sacrament is related to the death of Christ, but Confirmation intensifies that resemblance. Baptism gives the Christian a treasure; Confirmation urges him to fight to preserve it against the three great enemies: the world, the flesh, and the devil.....The forehead is anointed with chrism in the sign of the cross. The cross, by its nature, evokes opposition. The more one crucifies his passions and rejects the false teachings of the world, the more he is slandered and attacked. Calvary united not only the friends of Our Lord; it also united His enemies. Those who were opposed to one another merged their lesser conflicts for the sake of the greater hate. Judas and the Sanhedrin, Pharisees and Publicans, religious courts and Roman overlords--though they despised one another, nevertheless they rained common blows of hammer and nails on the hands and feet of Christ..... So, in Confirmation, the Christian is marked with power and boldness on the forehead, so that neither fear nor false modesty will deter him from the public confession of Christ..... The combative character of Confirmation is further shown by the fact that its ordinary minister is the bishop, who is, as it were, a general in the military of the Church. Because Confirmation gives an increase of the Holy Spirit over Baptism, it is fittingly administered by the one who has the fullness of the priesthood. When the bishop extends his arms over those confirmed, as a successor of the Apostles, he imitates Peter*

and John who laid hands on new converts of Samaria, so that "they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:1). He also imitates Paul at Ephesus: "When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them" (Acts 19:6). The bishop is not a hoarder of his authority; he is a dispenser of it, as was Our Blessed Lord Who told His Apostles that they were to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 18:19-20). The bishop, as the authority in the Church, incorporates the one confirmed into adult responsibilities. From now on, the one confirmed does not lead an individual Christian life: he becomes commissioned in the army. Confirmation is, therefore, the first great manifestation of the relation established between the authority of the Church and Christian personality..... The person who is confirmed always has a personal and, in some instances, a canonical mission. He has a personal mission inasmuch as, through his own personal contact, he must help bring other souls to Christ--just as Andrew brought Peter, Philip brought Nathaniel, the Samaritan woman brought her townspeople, and Philip converted the eunuch of the Ethiopian court. But the mission given by Confirmation requires a wider outlook than the personal work of witnessing and converting. It is not only individual souls, but also the milieu, the environment--the whole social order in all its political, scientific, journalistic, medical, legal, recreational, and economic structures which also has to be Christianized (These are the Sacraments by Blessed Archbishop Fulton J Sheen).

This coming Saturday will be our last Confessions before Easter. Confessions will be heard Saturday morning after morning Mass and Saturday afternoon before our Vigil Mass.

Let us continue to encourage each other to faithfully finish Lent with eyes directed to the Resurrection. May this last full week of Lent be a time of great blessing for us all!

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor





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

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Sacrament of Confirmation: Most Reverend Christopher Cooke will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday, March 26th** at 5:00 PM Mass. Students and Sponsors need to be in Church Hall by 4:15 PM. Please be prompt. Seven of our young parishioners



Gianna Boyce

Carlina Cuiffitelli

Reagan O'Brien

Shay Sauder

Grady Wallace

James Webb

Payton Whalen

will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time. Please pray that they will remain faithful to God through the Sacraments.



It has been a busy week at SJR! Our Home and School Association sponsored a Mother-Son Bowling event to get the week started, and it was a wonderful gathering. It was great to see so many families enjoying time together, cheering one another on, and sharing plenty of laughs. Events like these really help strengthen the sense of community that makes our school so special. We are very grateful to our HSA volunteers for organizing such a fun afternoon for our families.

Our students in grades 2 through 7 spent a significant part of the week taking the Terra Nova standardized assessments. Testing days always feel a little different from our normal classroom routine, but the students approached the experience with focus, patience, and great attitudes. I was very proud of the effort they showed and the way they supported one another throughout the week.

We also celebrated the feast days of both St. Patrick and St. Joseph. St. Patrick's Day brought a little extra fun with a green dress down day, and later in the week we prayed a beautiful rosary in honor of our patron, St. Joseph. We kept the people of St. Joseph Parish in our prayers in a special way. Pre-K welcomed their fathers to school for a special prayer service in honor of St. Joseph and all fathers.

It was one of those weeks that really shows what makes our school community special — time together with our families, students working hard in their learning, and moments set aside for prayer. Thank you, as always, for the many ways our parishes support our school. Your prayers and encouragement mean a lot to our students and teachers.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Durkin



2026 Mother-Son Bowling

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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 rrolely2325@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

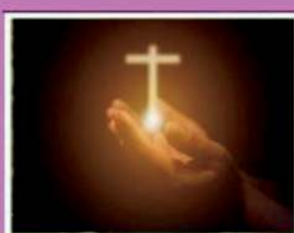


Saturdays

**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,
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APR. 05

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