

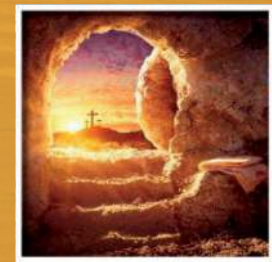
March 29, 2026

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1795 Columbia Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976

HOLLY WEEK 2026



Easter Sunday

Masses:

7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

“He is Risen.”



Holy Saturday

NO Morning Mass

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

NO 4:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass



Good Friday

NO Morning Mass

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross



Holy Thursday

NO Morning Mass

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper



Palm Sunday

“Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord; Hosanna in the
highest”

From the Desk of Father Pawelko



My Dear Parishioners,

My second Palm Sunday weekend with you. I am so happy, and I hope that you are also happy.

I continue to congratulate our children who were Confirmed on Thursday and their families. I also continue to thank everyone who helped to make our Confirmation such a beautiful and graced filled encounter with Jesus. Together, let us all continue to pray for our newly Confirmed that the graces of the Sacrament will draw them ever more deeply into the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This past weekend I received a man into Full Communion with us. He was the sixth, yes, the sixth adult that I have received into the Church so far this year. I will be Confirming all six of them at two different occasions during the Easter Season. This is the most adults received into the Church that we have had in a while and a continued sign of the health and strength of our parish. Praised be Jesus Christ and thank you St. Joseph!

As we enter into Holy Week, we will be making the final preparations for our celebration of Easter. We will be putting the final touches on our church. We will be putting the final touches on our homes. We will be gathering the food for our Easter Dinners. We will be helping the Easter Bunny prepare baskets for our children and our grandchildren.

Let us also make our final spiritual preparations for the celebration of Easter by recalling the most important event of our lives, and that is the event of our Baptism. It is Baptism that washes away the mark of Original Sin and allows the Holy Spirit to then fill our souls. At the moment of our Baptism, we are then truly called children of God through, with, and in, Christ Jesus. *Peter [said] to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)*

This most important event in our lives then gives us a connection to the most important event in the history of the world: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In calling the people of Rome to holiness, St. Paul writes: *Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection (Romans 6: 3-5).*

Our Baptism is also the gateway to the other Sacraments, and then allows us to fully participate in the Sacred Liturgy that we will celebrate for Palm Sunday. Our Liturgy begins with a beautiful reminder that all of our Lenten practices have been in preparation for this moment: *Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his resurrection and in his life.* Our Liturgy will then continue with the Proclamation of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, recalling the most important event in the history of the world.

As we participate in the Proclamation of the Passion, we are also reminded of the powerful influence of "the crowd" which can lead to a "mob mentality." At the beginning of Holy Week, we see the crowd welcoming Our Blessed Savior as their new King. By Friday of that very same Holy Week, we see **same crowd** demanding His death.

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From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko(continued)

The crowd was demanding His death because He wasn't the King *they* wanted. The crowd wanted an earthly king who would make them rich and powerful. Our Blessed Savior instead was a King who was offering them a way to holiness through a share in His Holy Cross. The crowd wasn't interested in holiness and definitely wasn't interested in a share in the Cross. Their disappointment then became hatred. I am certain that many otherwise good people got caught up in the crowd and the "mob mentality" that it cultivated. They then found themselves doing something that they afterwards deeply regretted.

It is just as easy today to get caught up in the wrong crowd and a "mob mentality." This is especially so in our world, where that last socially acceptable form of bigotry is "Catholic bashing." Which is why it is always important to make sure that we are part of the right crowd. The right mob for us is the Church and the Communion of Saints and those good people in our lives who desire holiness and who want to please God and not the godless. Otherwise, if we don't choose the right crowd, we too might find ourselves doing something that we too will deeply regret, such as walking away from the Church and so walking away from God. Too many of our own family and friends have done just that, and have walked away, and I believe that they have done so because they have fallen under the influence of the wrong crowd.

Yet, the Resurrection reminds us that even those who have walked away are always welcomed back, just as Our Blessed Savior welcomed back St. Peter and the other disciples who walked away the very first Good Friday. So, this Holy Week, in image of Our Blessed Savior, we have a beautiful opportunity to invite someone who has been away, to again become part of our "mob:" the parish family of St. Joseph's.

In advance, I would like to thank all who will contribute their time and talents to make our Holy Week a truly blessed experience. I would also like to assure all of my prayer for this week, that this Holy Week will be a time a love and renewal for our families and our parish.

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for our country, for our military, for our service personnel in harm's way, for peace, for our families, for our loved ones, for our priests, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, and for our parish of St. Joseph as we enter into Holy Week.

Mary, Our Mother of Sorrows, pray for us!

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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor



We are collecting the following items:

Non-perishables only:

Foods currently requested at this time include: Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments (Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard), Egg Noodles, Saltines, Crackers, Family Size Juice, and Canned Fruit other than Apple Sauce.

Non Food items:

Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (liquid or pods), Household Cleaning Supplies, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Oral Care, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and **gently used grocery size paper bags.**

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April 4 & 5

NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE



Monday, March 30:

- Adoration ~ 8:30 am -7:30 pm
- Rosary ~ 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 01:

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

Thursday, April 02: Holy Thursday

- Morning Prayer ~ 8:00 am
- Mass of Lord's Supper ~ 7:00 pm

Friday, April 03: Good Friday

- Morning Prayer ~ 8:00 am
- Veneration of the Cross ~ 3:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross ~ 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 04: Holy Saturday

- Morning Prayer ~ 8:00 am
- Monthly Food Drive
- Easter Vigil Mass ~ 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 05: Easter Sunday

- Monthly Food Drive



**Please Pray
for Our Troops**

Ch./Maj. Stephen McDermott - U.S. Army
Sgt. Maj. Tim Snyder - U.S. Army

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.



Baptism

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish community.

 *Keira Doherty*  *Sophia Josie Grundy*
 *Charlotte Melissa Silverthorn*  *Bennet James Spross*

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to all the families.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

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| Paula Bielecki, | Joseph McNamara | |
| Lillian Cannon, | Moira Merritt | Edward White |
| Deborah Ciavola | Suzi Molz | John Zerbe. |
| Josh Craft | Laura Masorli | |
| Baby Duval | Nardone | |
| Dougherty III | Charles Neary | |
| Joseph Farina | Gertrude Nelson | |
| Robert Fisher | Lilla Palfy | |
| Anne Gabbamonte | Mariann Perez | |
| Jim Gordon | Michael K. Pham | |
| Paul Han | Sarah Rank | |
| Dee Hottinger | Joseph Ranweiler | |
| Emery Kutney | Michael Tashjian | |
| Dolores | Gino, Dean & | |
| Krysztopowicz | Rick Romaniello, | |
| Irene Lennon | William Sparke, | |
| Dominic Lightcap | Stanley Travis, III | |
| Patricia | Patricia True | |
| McCloskey | Jack Wilhelm | |
| Dave McKay | Joan Winterborne | |



Mass Intentions

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
Monday	8:00 am	Harry Walls
Tuesday	8:00 am	Elizabeth Pileggi
Wednesday	8:00 am	James Martin, Jr.
Thursday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
Friday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday	Apr. 04	
	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Apr. 05	
	7:30 am	People of the Parish
	9:30 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	People of the Parish



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Wednesday | April 22nd
7:00 PM
Church Hall Room 18
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Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead
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St. Bede Youth Ministry Office
215-357-5113 or youthminister@st-bede.org

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Friends & Family CPR Class

Offered at St. Joseph Church presented by the Health and Help Ministry. 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. **April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall Room 18.** All are welcome. Does not include certification card. DONATIONS accepted ... proceeds will be used towards Replacement AED and first aid supplies.





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

TUESDAY, April 07 All grades in session.

TUESDAY, April 14 All grades in session.



2026-2027 Registration

PREP Registration for the 2026-2027 Program year will open online on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Returning families will receive a Welcome email from Parish Giving with login information to access their family data.

New family Registration Form is available on the PREP webpage of the Church’s website. You must be registered in the Parish before registering your child for PREP, and to hand-in a Copy of your child(ren) Baptismal Certificate(s) to the PREP Office.

Please contact us with any questions
at (215) 672-3020 or
Stjosephccd.warrington@yahoo.com



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal
850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA
(215) 343-5100 | www.sjstr.org

Last weekend was filled with faith and joy! Our seventh graders from St. Robert’s Parish were confirmed by Archbishop Green, receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit and embracing their call to be witnesses to Jesus. Meanwhile, our third graders who are members of St. Robert prepared their hearts for First Communion during a lively and prayerful retreat. What a blessing it is to see our students growing in faith and deepening their love for Christ! We are looking forward to celebrating with our third-grade students from both St. Joe’s and St. Robert’s as they make their First Communion this spring.

As we continue this journey of faith, we now enter Holy Week, the most sacred time in the life of the Church. It is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on Jesus’ love, sacrifice, and the promise of new life through His Resurrection.

I’m grateful for your prayers and support of SJR! Please know that you will be in our prayers this Holy Week.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin

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.





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Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon. – Sat.) 8:00 AM
 Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
 Sunday Masses 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 7:00 PM
(Christmas and New Year's have special schedule)

Confessions:

Saturdays 8:30 – 9:30 AM | 3:00 – 3:45 PM

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: On 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 (215) 672-3020 and we can help you.

Weekly Offerings

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 16</u>
Envelopes	\$ 5,828.00	\$ 6,056.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,769.21</u>	<u>\$ 2,058.59</u>
Total	\$ 7,597.21	\$ 8,114.59



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