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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.

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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 our celebration of the discovery of the Empty Tomb continues, we hear from the Gospel of Luke and the encounter on the Road to Emmaus.

The Road to Emmaus is a journey from disillusionment to belief. It is also a description of the Mass that we celebrate today.

As the Mass we celebrate today begins with the opening of the Scriptures, so did that journey on that very first Easter Sunday. Moreover, as Jesus helped them to understand that the Old Testament prepared for the New Testament, so too we embrace the Old as a preparation for the New. St. John Paul II writes in *On the Eucharist*: “*He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself*” (Lk 24:27). *The account of the Risen Jesus appearing to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus helps us to focus on a primary aspect of the Eucharistic mystery, one which should always be present in the devotion of the People of God: The Eucharist is a mystery of light! What does this mean, and what are its implications for Christian life and spirituality? Jesus described himself as the “light of the world” (Jn 8:12), and this quality clearly appears at those moments in his life, like the Transfiguration and the Resurrection, in which his divine glory shines forth brightly. Yet in the Eucharist the glory of Christ remains veiled. The Eucharist is pre-eminently a mysterium fidei. Through the mystery of his complete hiddenness, Christ becomes a mystery of light, thanks to which believers are led into the depths of the divine life. By a happy intuition, Rublëv’s celebrated icon of the Trinity clearly places the Eucharist at the center of the life of the Trinity.*

The Eucharist is light above all because at every Mass the liturgy of the Word of God precedes the liturgy of the Eucharist in the unity of the two “tables”, the table of the Word and the table of the Bread. This continuity is expressed in the Eucharistic discourse of Saint John’s Gospel, where Jesus begins his teaching by speaking of the mystery of his person and then goes on to draw out its Eucharistic dimension: “My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (Jn 6:55). We know that this was troubling for most of his listeners, which led Peter to express the faith of the other Apostles and of the Church throughout history: “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68). In the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Christ himself intervenes to show, “beginning with Moses and all the prophets”, how “all the Scriptures” point to the mystery of his person (cf. Lk 24:27). His words make the hearts of the disciples “burn” within them, drawing them out of the darkness of sorrow and despair, and awakening in them a desire to remain with him: “Stay with us, Lord” (cf. v. 29).

As Jesus then broke the Bread for them, so too Bread is fractured for us today. In that broken bread, the Disciples saw the broken and Resurrected Body of Jesus. We too now receive that very same Crucified and Resurrected Body of Jesus in the Holy Communion that we receive. St. John Paul II continues: *It is significant that the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, duly prepared by our Lord’s words, recognized him at table through the simple gesture of the “breaking of bread”. When minds are enlightened and hearts are enkindled, signs begin to “speak”. The Eucharist unfolds in a dynamic context of signs containing a rich and luminous message. Through these signs the mystery in some way opens up before the eyes of the believer. As I emphasized in my Encyclical Ecclesia de Eucharistia, it is important that no dimension of this sacrament should be neglected. We are constantly tempted to reduce the Eucharist to our own dimensions, while in reality it is we who must open ourselves up to the dimensions of the Mystery. “The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and depreciation”.*

There is no doubt that the most evident dimension of the Eucharist is that it is a meal. The Eucharist was born, on the evening of Holy Thursday, in the setting of the Passover meal. Being a meal is part of its very structure. “Take, eat... Then he took a cup and... gave it to them, saying: Drink from it, all of you” (Mt 26:26, 27). As such, it expresses the fellowship which God wishes to establish with us and which we ourselves must build with one another. Yet it must not be forgotten that the Eucharistic meal also has a profoundly and primarily sacrificial meaning. In the Eucharist, Christ makes present to us anew the sacrifice offered once for all on Golgotha. Present in the Eucharist as the Risen Lord, he nonetheless bears the marks of his passion, of which every Mass is a “memorial”, as the Liturgy reminds us in the acclamation following the consecration: “We announce your death, Lord, we proclaim your resurrection...”. At the same time, while the Eucharist makes present what occurred in the past, it also impels us towards the future, when Christ will come again at the end of history. This “eschatological” aspect makes the Sacrament of the Eucharist an event which draws us into itself and fills our Christian journey with hope.

“I am with you always...” (Mt 28:20) All these dimensions of the Eucharist come together in one aspect which more than any other makes a demand on our faith: the mystery of the “real” presence. With the entire tradition of the Church, we believe that Jesus is truly present under the Eucharistic species. This presence—as Pope Paul VI rightly explained—is called “real” not in an exclusive way, as if to suggest that other forms of Christ’s presence are not real, but par excellence, because Christ thereby becomes substantially present, whole and entire, in the reality of his body and blood. (14) Faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ himself. It is precisely his presence which gives the other aspects of the Eucharist — as meal, as memorial of the Paschal Mystery, as eschatological anticipation — a significance which goes far beyond mere symbolism. The Eucharist is a mystery of presence, the perfect fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to remain with us until the end of the world.

I would add that the graces of the Sacraments, most especially the graces of the Most Holy Eucharist, are necessary to journey from disillusionment to belief. In other words, we need Jesus’s help to get to know Jesus better.

This is why we rejoice here in Church. Jesus is here with us in just as real a way as He was with those Disciples on the Road to Emmaus almost two thousand years ago. He is opening the Scriptures for us and Breaking the Bread for us so that we may know Him and love Him. He is giving us all of the help that we need to move from unbelief to belief. How good and how beautiful is Jesus!

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

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor



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

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 25th** at 10:00 AM. Students need to be in Church Hall Room 18 by 9:30 AM. Please be prompt. Nine of our young parishioners

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| Morgan Bargerhuff |  | Braxton Branca |
| Cassandra Boyce | | Luka Fryer |
| Nathan Mathews | | Jaiden Mathews |
| Francesco Visceglia | | Dolan Wallace |
| Gavin Whalen | | |

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



TUESDAY, April 21 All grades in session. Grade 3 First Communion Retreat in the Church Hall.

THURSDAY, April 23 First Communion Practice from 6:30 – 7:15 PM in the Church.

SUNDAY, April 26 Children celebrating their First Holy Communion are encouraged to attend the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph’s wearing their Communion dresses and suits so all our Church family can recognize and celebrate them.

TUESDAY, April 28 All grades in session. Final Class of the school year. Final Progress Reports sent home.

MONDAY, May 11 May Procession and Rosary at 7:20 PM. All children requested to attend and participate. First Holy Communion children are asked to attend wearing their Communion dresses and suits. Please consider bringing flowers from your garden to honor our Blessed Mother Mary.



2026-2027 Registration

PREP Registration for the 2026-2027 Program year is now Open.

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

 *Aubrey Marie Edwards*  *Cooper Matthew Price*

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



Easter Homily by St. Maximus of Turin
Father of the Church and
Patron Saint of Turin, Italy
www.crossroadsinitiative.com

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth.

Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Savior's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.

Christ is risen! His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: Rejoice and be glad, he cries, on this day which the Lord has made!

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: Night is almost over; day is at hand.

He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies.

In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it.

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?



Healing Mass

Saturday | May 2nd

10:00 AM

St. Joseph Church

If you find yourself in need of healing, whether physically, spiritually, emotionally, or in some other way, please come and experience the healing power of Jesus.

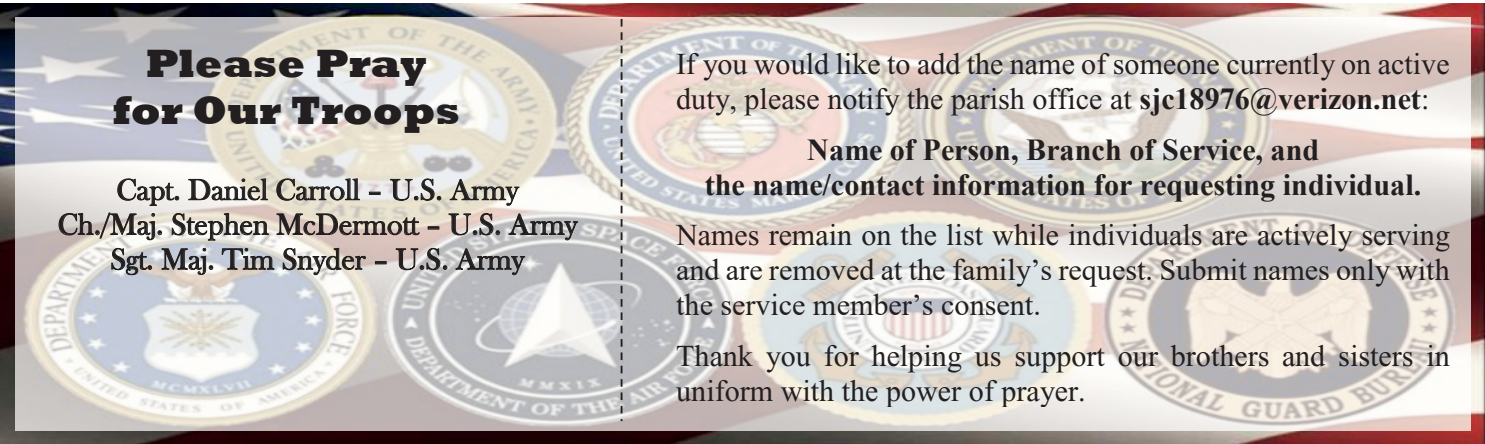
Reception with light refreshments
To follow.

MAY PROCESSION AND ROSARY



MAY 11

7:20 PM



Please Pray for Our Troops

Capt. Daniel Carroll - U.S. Army
 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.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

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



what's happening

Monday, April 20:

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

Tuesday, April 21:

- PREP ~ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 22:

- Children Choir Practice ~ 5:30 pm
- Spring Wreaths Making ~ 7:00 pm (Room 18)
- Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 pm
- Adult Choir Practice ~ 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 23:

- Wedding Rehearsal ~ 4:30 pm
- PREP 3rd Grade First Communion Practice ~ 6:30 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm

Friday, April 24:

- Wedding ~ 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 25:

- Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 10:00 am



Mass Intentions

Saturday	Apr. 18	
	4:00 pm	Dale Cain
Sunday	Apr. 19	
	7:30 am	Raymond Generale
	9:30 am	The People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Eileen Nelson
Monday	8:00 am	Dorothy Massaro
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mark Maguire
Wednesday	8:00 am	Jim Bacon
Thursday	8:00 am	Susan Gibbs – 1 st Anniv..
Friday	8:00 am	Anna & Louis Cerritelli
Saturday	8:00 am	Rufina Vilorise
Saturday	Apr. 25	
	4:00 pm	Linda Generale
Sunday	Apr. 26	
	7:30 am	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	Andy Landmesser
	11:30 am	Joan D. Mangold



Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Fr. David Fischer

Hospitality Sunday

MAY 3, 2026

Stop by Church Hall Room 18 for Treats and Fellowship.

If you'd like, get your Blood Pressure checked after All Sunday Masses

Join us for

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Wednesday | April 22

7:00 PM

Church Hall Room 18

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 Include family name & # attending

Bring the whole family and see why SJR CYO is more than just sports – it's community!



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

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

Our Drama Club brought a little magic to our community last weekend with their production of *Mary Poppins, Jr.* It was such a fun and uplifting show, and a great reminder of the many gifts our students have to offer!

From the music and dancing to the sets and costumes, everything came together beautifully. The students put in a lot of time and effort, and it really showed in their performance. Just as importantly, it was clear how much they supported and encouraged one another along the way.

The show was also a reflection of who we are as a Catholic school community—sharing our gifts, working together, and bringing joy to others. It was wonderful to see that spirit on stage.

Thank you to the cast and crew and to all the volunteers who helped make it possible for the students to have this opportunity to shine! Great job to all involved on a truly “supercalifragilisticexpialidocious” performance!

If you would like to view our online program, please see the QR code below.

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



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Register now online at www.sjstr.org
 or call 215-343-5100
 850 Euclid Ave. Warrington, PA 18976



Weekly Offerings

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	<u>April 05</u>	<u>April 06</u>
Envelopes	\$ 7,079.00	\$ 6,914.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 3,162.96</u>	\$ 4,174.24
Total	\$10,241.96	\$11,088.24
Easter		
Envelopes	\$17,520.00	
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,745.00</u>	
Total	\$19,265.00	
	<u>April 12</u>	<u>April 13</u>
Envelopes	\$ 7,045.00	\$ 8,043.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 2,328.00</u>	\$ 2,466.19
Total	\$ 9,373.00	\$10,509.19

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LUKE 15:31



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