



From the Desk of Father Pawelko...

My Dear Parishioners,

This week our responsorial psalm is the beloved Psalm 23. Psalm 23 is a “Psalm of David” and is believed to have been composed by King David early in his reign, around 1000BC.

The image of the shepherd was a very familiar one in the ancient world, and King David himself shepherded sheep as recorded in the First Book of Samuel. This means that he had first hand knowledge of caring for sheep. He would later become the King of Israel, and yet he did not claim to be the true shepherd of Israel. No, he very clearly stated that God was the true shepherd of Israel.

This could be an act of humility because King David had received many blessings from the Lord. God called him to be the new King of Israel and then delivered him from the persecution of King Saul. God also forgave him for his sins of adultery. God also provided wise counsels-the prophets Samuel, Nathan, and Gad.

In the Psalm, King David celebrates just how close God was to him and the care God provided for him. For us Catholics, the Psalm is a celebration of Jesus, who is the True Shepherd. The Psalm also is a celebration of the Divine Gifts that we receive through Jesus, through His Church, and through the Sacraments that He instituted. Let us look at these hidden meanings of the Psalm:

- ***The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*** Jesus is the good shepherd who already knows the longing of our hearts: *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me (John 10:14), and For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes (Rev. 7: 17).*
- ***In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.*** Jesus releases our souls from bondage of sin through the Sacrament of Baptism and then allows us to receive many helps from Heaven: *For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, deluded, slaves to various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful ourselves and hating one another. But when the kindness and generous love of God Our Savior appeared, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy; He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ Our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. (Titus 3: 3-7).*
- ***He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.*** Jesus has promised to be always with us, and He fulfills that promise through His Catholic Church and through the Sacraments: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^l the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matt 28: 19-20).* Jesus moreover sends us His own Blessed Mother to help us journey through this sometimes dark and scary world: *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.*
- ***With your rod and your staff that give me courage.*** We can say that the rod and the staff are the Commandments and the Beatitudes, that help keep us on the right path. Similarly, we can say that the rod and staff are whole of the Sacred Scriptures and the teachings of the Saints on how to live the Scriptures. The rod and staff can also represent the good Catholics that God has placed in our own lives that help keeps us on the path to Heaven. *You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5: 14-16)*
- ***You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*** Along with Baptism, the Psalm foreshadows the other Sacraments of Initiation: the Most Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Most Holy Eucharist most especially is called the “Sacrament of Sacraments,” and we are most thankful that Jesus continues to make the Most Holy Eucharist available for us weekly, or even daily, in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the Most Holy Eucharist, He very concretely makes Himself present to us: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. In the Most Holy Eucharist, He makes our cups overflow with this beautiful promise: *Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. (John 6: 47-51).*
- ***Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.*** While not promising us a worry free or a pain free life, Jesus offers us a broader perspective, that the sufferings and the sacrifices in this life are nothing compared to the rewards to come: *Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,* and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light. (Matthew 11: 28-30).*

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I hope that you find inspiration in this little reflection on Psalm 23.

In the Easter Season, many pray a beautiful little prayer to our Blessed Mother Mary called the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven prayer). It is a request to Mary to help us in experiencing the full joy of the Resurrection. The prayer in English and in Latin goes like this:

Queen of Heaven

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
- R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli

- V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
- R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
- V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
- R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
- V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
- R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus. Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Whether we pray this in English or Latin, may the intercession of the Most Holy Mother of God help us to experience the joys of the Resurrection in this life and to see Jesus face to face in the beautiful life to come.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Church and our Patron, pray for us!
St. Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles, pray for us!

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 CROWNING



MAY 9

4:00 PM



MAY 10

11:30 AM MASS

**WITH
CONSECRATION
TO MARY**



**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
- Sr. Chief Gregory Thompson - U.S. Navy

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**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.



Mass Intentions

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
Monday	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Glenna Soria
Tuesday	8:00 am	Leslie Meekins
Wednesday	8:00 am	Jamie Cunningham
Thursday	8:00 am	Dr. David Groh, Sr.
Friday	8:00 am	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00 am	Marion Bauer
Saturday	May 02	
	4:00 pm	Jack McErlean
Sunday	May 03	
	7:30 am	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	Elmer & Marie Grossman and Louise Snyder
	11:30 am	Paul Babcock – 9 th Anniv.

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	
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	



2027 Mass Intentions

The 2027 Mass Book will be Open on Friday, May 1st. The donation for Announced and Unannounced Masses is \$10.00.



Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Gerald J. Dieckhous, Sr.

John Zerbe

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

Monthly Food Drive

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**.

The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for your generous donation of **1,050 pounds** collected in April!

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MAY 2 & 3

NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE



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



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

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

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal
850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA
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TUESDAY, April 28 All grades in session. Final Class of the school year. Final Progress Reports sent home.
SUNDAY, May 10 May Crowning at 4:00 PM Mass (Saturday, May 9) and 11:30 AM Mass. All children requested to attend and participate.



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 OR scan the QR code below to fill-out the inquiry form. 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
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*NEW
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FORM*

As we continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season, we are reminded that new life and renewed hope are all around us—both in the beauty of spring and in the small moments of our daily lives. I’m especially excited about our third graders receiving their First Communion beginning this weekend. This is such a beautiful milestone in their faith journey, and we pray that their hearts are filled with joy as they encounter Christ in a special way. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they celebrate this sacred moment together.

I am so grateful to The Knights of Columbus for sponsoring transportation for our 8th grade class to visit the Shrine of Carlo Acutis at Malvern Retreat House. It was a truly meaningful day, as students spent time in prayer at the shrine, led one another through the outdoor Stations of the Cross reflections, and began planning their upcoming graduation liturgy. We were blessed with beautiful weather and had the chance to really enjoy the campus. We are thankful for this special opportunity that allowed our students to grow in faith together.

Congratulations again to our Drama Club on their wonderful production of *Mary Poppins!* What a magical performance! I’d also like to thank our generous business sponsors: Giuseppe’s Pizza, Smithprints, Inc., Milton and Hector Delgado, Alliance Holdings, Penn Cinema, and Soprano’s Pizza. A theatrical production is a big undertaking and we couldn’t have done it without all of you!

I will continue to keep you in prayer this Easter season! God bless you and have a wonderful week!
 Mrs. Durkin



2026 8th Grade Retreat @ Malvern Retreat House

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.





Monday, April 27:

- Adoration ~ 8:30 am -7:30 pm
- Mass @ Luther Woods ~ 2:00 pm
- Rosary ~ 7:30 pm
- Men's Group ~ 7:30 pm (Room 18)

Tuesday, April 28:

- PREP ~ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 29:

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

Thursday, April 30:

- Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 2:

- Healing Mass ~ 10:00 am
- Monthly Food Drive

Sunday, May 3:

- Hospitality Sunday ~ Room 18
- Monthly Food Drive

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	2026 April 19	2025 April 20
Envelopes	\$ 6,249.00	\$ 5,105.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 3,947.04
Total	\$ 7,557.00	\$ 9,052.04



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Registration must be done online. Football is: 4th, 5th, & 6th grades are JV and 7th & 8th grades are Varsity, the grades are per Sept., 2026. There is no weight limit. Cheerleading is grades K-8 grades in Sept., 2026. The registration fee for football is \$200 and for cheerleading the fee is \$75. Late fees will apply starting May 15th and increase monthly. You must be enrolled in the parish, and, either attend catholic school or be registered in your respective Parish PREP program. For more info please contact us at saintscyo@gmail.com or call Dave Armstrong @ (215) 783-3587. For cheerleading email saintscyocheerleading@gmail.com or call Catie Messina @ (267) 575-4151.

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