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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,

We are entering the beautiful month of May. Trees continue to fill out and plants continue to flower. Days are getting longer, and hopefully warmer. Frost warnings are thankfully giving way to planting season. New life is everywhere. It is such a joyful time of year.

This joyful time of year is a fitting time to celebrate the beautiful gifts that God bestows upon us. In a special way in May, we focus on the beautiful gift of life. It is fitting then that we honor our mothers in May, who carried us in our wombs. It is fitting that we honor the Holy Mother of God, Mary, who carried Jesus in her womb. It is fitting that we honor all human life as a precious gift of God.

We will be honoring our moms next weekend with a special blessing at each Mass and a little gift for Mom to take home. We also have that opportunity to lift up our mothers in prayer, whether living or dead, and ask for God's continued blessings on them.

Next weekend we will also honor the Holy Mother of God with a May Crowning at our 4:00 Vigil Mass and our 11:30 Sunday Mass. At those masses, we will all have the opportunity to consecrate ourselves to Blessed Mother and to ask for her continued intercession for ourselves and our families.

We will also be praying for life throughout the month of May. We are saddened by the recent Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court (*Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services*) decision allowing for the use of taxpayer funds for abortions. This court decision is a reminder that we can never become complacent, but must always be vigilant. As St. Peter warns, the devil is like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

The devil seems to especially love abortion. The devil loves abortion because it is a direct violation of God's Fifth Commandment. The devil loves abortion because abortion is a direct rejection of one of God's most beautiful gifts to us, the gift of life. The devil loves abortion because it is a sin that causes only sadness and never joy.

So, the devil seduces and tempts with words like "choice." The devil seduces with lies, such as telling women that they must take "ownership" of their bodies instead of entrusting their bodies to God and His Divine Plan. The devil seduces society into thinking that abortion is an acceptable "remedy" for a mistake. The devil seduces by convincing society babies are an obstacle to happiness instead of a source of happiness.

Yet, there is always hope and the devil never has the last word. As we celebrate mothers in general, the Mother of God in particular, and the beautiful gift of life, let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for mothers, for families, for right religion, and for the dignity of life from conception to natural death.

I am including a Litany of Life that you may want to join me in praying this month of May.

Most Holy Mother of God, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus and Spouse of Mary, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor





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

Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator
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Tuesdays ~ 6:00 – 7:15 PM



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal
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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 Forms are 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
at (215) 672-3020 or
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**NEW
FAMILY
FORM**

Archbishop Wood High School Honors

Archbishop Wood High School is pleased to announce that the following St. Joseph Parish students have achieved Academic Honors for the 3rd Quarter of the 2025-26 school year:

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| Nathan Bargerhuff | Class of 2029 | First Honors |
| Jaiden Jaskowiak | Class of 2029 | First Honors |
| Madeline Mooney | Class of 2029 | First Honors |
| Avalon Waltrich | Class of 2027 | Second Honors |



Our school community recently came together for one of our favorite springtime traditions—our Phillies Ballpark Lunch! The day brought students, faculty, staff, and volunteers outside to enjoy a festive, ballpark-style lunch filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of school spirit.

While the Phils are off to a rocky start this season, our students more than made up for it by bringing some serious championship energy to the day—especially during our faculty vs. 8th grade kickball game! There were big kicks, close plays, lots of laughs, and just enough friendly “debate” over calls to make it feel like a true ballpark experience.

From hot dogs and snacks to soaking up the sunshine, it was one of those days that reminds us how wonderful it is simply to be together. It was great fun for students to connect across grade levels.

We are especially grateful to our wonderful Home and School Association for making this day possible and for coordinating with local businesses who helped make it extra special. Thank you to Giant Food Stores (Warrington), Rita’s Water Ice (Bristol Rd./Route 611), and Herr’s! It truly was a fantastic day at SJR.

Let’s go Phils!
God bless you and have a wonderful week,
Mrs. Durkin



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Pro-Life Litany

Fr. Joseph Esper

Catholic Journal | October 02, 2014

A Pro-Life Litany - Catholic Journal

Lord, have mercy, *Lord, have mercy.*
 Christ, have mercy, *Christ, have mercy.*
 Lord, have mercy, *Lord, have mercy.*
 Christ, hear us, *Christ, graciously hear us.*
 God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
 God the Son, redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
 God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*
 Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Response to the following: We turn to You, O Lord.

On behalf of unborn children everywhere...On behalf of abused or neglected infants and children...On behalf of children who've been made to feel unloved or unwanted...On behalf of children who are trapped in poverty...On behalf of children whose lives are scarred by violence...On behalf of children who suffer from poor health or disease...On behalf of parents who have no one to help them...On behalf of parents who have lost a child to violence...On behalf of parents who feel overwhelmed by their responsibilities...On behalf of parents without faith or right religion...On behalf of unwed mothers trying to do the right thing...On behalf of women who feel pressured into having an abortion...On behalf of fathers who are given no say in whether their unborn children live or die...On behalf of women who now regret having had an abortion...On behalf of men who now regret having arranged an abortion for their wives, girlfriends, or daughters...On behalf of medical personnel who now regret their involvement in any form of abortion...On behalf of all survivors of abortion...On behalf of politicians who've opposed abortion at the risk of their own political careers...On behalf of those leaders in our society who are trying to respect the gift of life...On behalf of our governor and our president, that they may lead our state and our nation with wisdom and integrity...On behalf of the unsung heroes of the pro-life movement...On behalf of our pro-life comrades who've gone before us into the new life of Your Kingdom...On behalf of all Americans who seek to cherish and defend Your gift of life...

Response to the following: Forgive us, O Lord.

For the times we've not appreciated Your gift of life... For the times we've been lazy or complacent in opposing euthanasia and abortion...For the ways we've relied only on ourselves, and not on Your Grace...For the times we've been silent instead of speaking out in defense of life...For our society and its efforts to devalue human life and dignity...For our nation and its failures to extend legal protection to the unborn...For our nation and its movement away from You and Your Divine Law...

Response to the following: Deliver us, O Lord.

From population planners who seek to control others in their greed or lust for power...From politicians who claim to be personally opposed to abortion but who do nothing to restrict it...From those who argue for choice but refuse to give all children the choice of whether or not to be born...From those who claim to favor equal rights but who would deny these rights to the unborn...From legislators and judges who place their rulings and opinions above Your eternal Law... From a spirit of indifference and apathy that afflicts so many of our fellow citizens...

Response to the following: We praise you, O Lord.

For the millions of Americans who are willing to march, demonstrate, and pray on behalf of the unborn...For our brothers and sisters willing to gather peacefully and pray and give witness outside abortion clinics...For dedicated volunteers serving in right-to-life offices and crisis pregnancy centers, and on community agencies, church committees, and national organizations...For doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel who remain true to their consciences by serving human life rather than assaulting it...For elected leaders, politicians, judges, and other officials who have the courage and integrity to act upon their pro-life beliefs...For media consultants, authors, lawyers, businesspeople, and other professionals who donate their time and expertise to the pro-life cause...For religious leaders willing to speak out and provide moral guidance to their people...For reporters and members of the media who try to report the news honestly and fairly...For all who support the right-to-life movement with their money, time, or prayers...For those citizens of our country who are willing to hear the truth and act upon it...For our faith in Jesus and our unity with one another...For gathering us in prayer and thanksgiving in the name of Jesus...For calling us to proclaim the Gospel of Life in the grace and power of Your Holy Spirit...And for offering us the gift of eternal life in Your Kingdom...

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Show our nation the way to peace—a peace which can only come by proclaiming Your truth and by cherishing Your gift of life. May Your Kingdom come, and may Your Name be praised forever and ever. Amen.





A Holy Day of Obligation

**ASCENSION
THURSDAY**

MAY 14, 2026

Mass Schedule

8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 7:00 PM

**There is NO
Vigil Mass (May 13)**

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

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| 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 | |



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | <u>May 02</u> | |
| | 4:00 pm | Jack McErlean |
| Sunday | <u>May 03</u> | |
| | 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. |
| Monday | 8:00 am | St. Joseph Mem. Society |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Leo McInerney |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | James Cunningham |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Norma Mulluck. |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Joseph D. McNamara |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Patricia Picciocchi |
| Saturday | <u>May 09</u> | |
| | 4:00 pm | Jack Ford |
| Sunday | <u>May 10</u> | |
| | 7:30 am | The People of the Parish |
| | 9:30 am | Jerry & Angela Santangini |
| | 11:30 am | Margaret Pergolin |



***Let us Remember and
Pray for Our Dead***

**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

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.



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

2027 Mass Intentions
 The 2027 Mass Book is now open. The
 donation for Announced and Unannounced
 Masses is \$10.00.



Monday, May 4:

- Adoration ~ 8:30 am -7:30 pm
- Christ Home Community Service ~ 2:30 pm
- Rosary + Benediction ~ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5:

- PREP Teachers Meeting ~ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6:

- Luther Woods Community Service ~ 1:30 pm
- NO Children Choir Practice
- Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 pm
- Adult Choir Practice ~ 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 30:

- Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm



MAY CROWNING
MAY 9
4:00 PM
MAY 10
11:30 AM MASS
WITH
CONSECRATION
TO MARY

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 April Drive. A Baby's Breath on Street Rd will get them and
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 babies!
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 Back of Father Grant Hall Table (Church)

Weekly Offerings

	2026 April 26	2025 April 27
Envelopes	\$ 6,406.00	\$ 5,671.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,633.00	\$ 2,131.69
Total	\$ 8,039.00	\$ 7,800.69



2026 SAINTS CYO FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING FALL REGISTRATION

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.

Register at www.saintscyo.com

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