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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,

As I am writing this, I am sitting next to a picture of my own mother. Mom passed away in the summer of 2006. While we never completely get over the passing of a loved one, we do move on with life. Yet, even as we move on in life, we do hold fast to the memories of a loved one, and we honor their memory by copying their virtues and keeping them in prayer.

My mother, by the way, was Italian and of the “second generation” to be born here in America of the Capirose and Caranci families. She was one of four and grew up in Mater Dolorosa Parish in Philadelphia. Her family would later move to the Bensalem area and then to Bristol. She was baptized Carmela but preferred to be called “Kitty.” She was a private person with very strong opinions. Mom was a stay-at-home mom in her younger years and then worked as a nurse’s aide in her later years before retiring.

Mom loved TV, especially her cop shows. Her other loves were Sinatra, house cleaning, doing laundry, black coffee, burnt toast, hot dogs grilled to a crisp, and she especially loved her cigarettes. She hated cooking, and it showed. She loved the Blessed Mother, the Rosary, and the Miraculous Medal, and she of course loved her family. Sadly, her love of cigarettes did cut short her life. She was only 75 when she passed away. If she was still alive, Mom would have been 95 on March 2.

As we remember our biological mothers, we also have the opportunity to remember our “spiritual mothers.” St. John Paul II teaches that all women are called to be spiritual mothers:

Here’s a wonderful attribute of your feminine genius: All women are called to spiritual motherhood. By virtue of being created feminine, the genius behind God’s design of you, body and soul, inherently equips you for motherhood. All women have the gift of maternity, and it is lived in two ways: physical motherhood and spiritual motherhood. Physical mothers come to mind most obviously. They birth and raise their own biological children, or raise children as adoptive mothers, stepmothers, or foster mothers. Spiritual motherhood means nurturing the spiritual, moral, emotional, and cultural life in others. Not all women give birth to children, yet all women are called to exercise a spiritual maternity in the world — giving care and nurture to others through their own maternal gift. (And, of course, spiritual mothering should be part of every physical mother’s care!)... St. John Paul II describes the universal vocation of all women, not just women who bear children. God entrusts all women, by reason of their femininity — their design — to care for humanity. Maternal care, in a spiritual way, is not limited to childcare, but should be active in all phases of a woman’s life. Spiritual mothering doesn’t smother or infantilize teens or adults but loves and serves them according to the needs of the person one is caring for. It brings a motherly touch to our human relationships, and to our work — especially the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. (Pat Gohen, Catholic Digest, Spiritual Mothers—Like You, September 21, 2013)

At the altar this weekend, I will be remembering all of our mothers, living and deceased, as well I will be remembering both our biological mothers and our spiritual mothers, as I remember my own mother. May God continue to richly reward all mothers for their sacrifices on our behalf. And we wish all of our mothers, a very Happy Mothers’ Day.

This weekend we see the Blessed Apostles, Saints Peter and John, administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.*

The sacredtextsguide.com website explains the significance of this event: **What does Acts 8:14–17 mean?** *Acts 8:14–17 describes Peter and John traveling to Samaria to pray for and lay hands on newly baptized believers so they could receive the Holy Spirit. The passage establishes that while baptism is genuine and necessary, the fullness of the Spirit’s indwelling comes through apostolic laying on of hands as a distinct sacramental act completing Christian initiation. **Key Insight:** Confirmation is not the end of religious education—it is apostolic commissioning, the moment the Church breathes the Spirit into you for mission.*

Acts 8:15 — Prayer Preceding the Gift *On arriving, Peter and John do not immediately impose hands. They first pray. This order — prayer, then sacramental gesture — is theologically significant. It signals that the Holy Spirit is not commanded by human will but implored from the Father, consistent with Jesus’s promise that “the Father in heaven [will] give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (Luke 11:13). The prayer is not private but liturgical and communal, performed in the presence of the assembled Samaritan believers. The object of the prayer is explicitly stated: *hina labōsin Pneuma Hagion* — “that they might receive the Holy Spirit.” This phrase presupposes that the Spirit is a distinct, identifiable gift, a person who “comes upon” believers in a perceptible and transformative way.*

Acts 8:16 — The Distinction Between Baptism and the Spirit’s Conferral *This verse is exegetically pivotal: “for as yet he had fallen on none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of Christ Jesus.” Luke’s explanatory *gar* (for) introduces a careful distinction. These believers were genuinely, validly baptized — Luke does not question the baptisms Philip performed. Yet something specific remained outstanding: the Spirit had not yet “fallen” (*epipeptōkos*) upon them. The verb *epiptō* is the same Luke uses at Pentecost (Acts 11:15) and in the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:44), carrying the sense of a dramatic, decisive descending. This verse definitively rules out collapsing Confirmation into Baptism as if the two were identical in every respect. Baptism regenerates; the laying on of hands in confirmation bestows the fullness of the Spirit for witness and mission — a pneumatological “completion” of initiation. The phrase “in the name of Christ Jesus” recalls the Petrine formula of Acts 2:38, affirming that the Samaritan baptisms were doctrinally orthodox — the deficiency is not in their baptism’s validity but in their initiation’s completeness.*

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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.

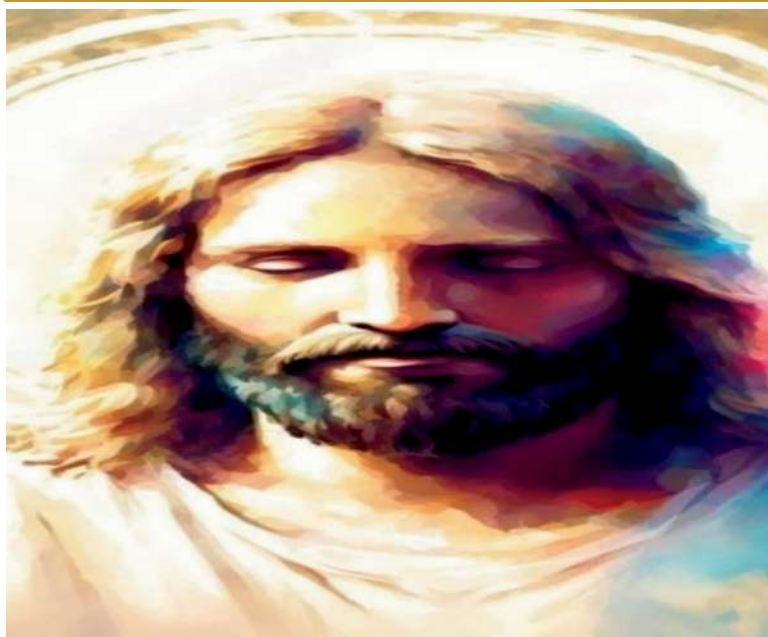
Names remain on the list while individuals are actively serving and are removed at the family's request. Submit names only with the service member's consent.

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



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members here at St. Joseph Church who have completed their OCIA sessions and have received their Sacrament of Confirmation during this Easter season.

- God's blessings to**
- Joshua & Hanna Benson
 - David Connor
 - Jessica Doris
 - Bridget Curtis
 - Kimberly Hackmaster



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)**

ADORATION OF OUR LORD

Monday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be suspended for the summer from
May 25 - September 7.

The Church will remain open from Daily Mass until 3:30 PM on weekdays for everyone wishing to make a visit

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko(continued)

Acts 8:17 — The Laying on of Hands and the Reception of the Spirit "Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." The Greek *epetithoun* is an imperfect, suggesting the gesture was performed individually, person by person — a personal, deliberate act. The result is immediate and real: *elambanon Pneuma Hagion* — they received the Holy Spirit. This is not metaphor. Simon Magus, witnessing it from outside, could observe something taking place (v. 18), implying a perceptible manifestation, likely similar to what had occurred at Pentecost and in Cornelius's house. The laying on of hands (*cheirotonia* in its broader sense, *epithesis tōn cheirōn* here) is one of the most ancient gestures of blessing and commissioning in Scripture, rooted in the Hebrew *semikah* — the transfer of authority, blessing, or identity by physical touch (cf. Num 27:18–23; Deut 34:9). Here it becomes the specific sacramental instrument through which apostolic authority mediates the gift of the Spirit.

I hope that you enjoyed this explanation, and we thank the scholars at "sacredtextsguide" for their work and their insights.

Thursday, May 14 is Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. As we come together on this **Holy Day of Obligation**, we recall the historical fact that forty days after the Resurrection, Our Blessed Savior Ascended into Heaven. As the Preface prayer for this Liturgy teaches us: *He ascended, not to distance Himself from our lowly state, but that we, His members, might be confident of following where He, our Head and Founders, has gone before.* Thus, the Feast of the Ascension is really a celebration of the gift of our Catholic Faith that alone keeps us in the Communion of Saints and on the path of Heaven.

This year, all Masses will be on the Feast Day itself at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.

As we lift up our mothers in prayer, let us continue to thank God, through His Son, Our Redeemer Jesus Christ, for all of the good gifts He continues to bestow on us, especially the gift of Confirmation and the gift of His Holy Spirit.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary and our Patron, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor



Rosary News

For the summer months of June, July and August, the Rosary will only be held First Mondays (June 1, July 6, & August 3) at 7:30 PM. Will resume back after Labor Day.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 09	
	4:00 pm	Jack Ford
Sunday	May 10	
	7:30 am	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	Jerry & Angela Santangini
	11:30 am	Margaret Pergolin
Monday	8:00 am	John F. Hayes & Family
Tuesday	8:00 am	Anita Macrone – 6 th Anniv.
Wednesday	8:00 am	Patricia Picciocchi
Thursday	8:00 am	Melvin Soria, Jr..
	10:00 am	The People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	Patricia Picciocchi
Friday	8:00 am	Mary Regina Kane
Saturday	8:00 am	John Kelly
Saturday	May 16	
	4:00 pm	William J. Holman
Sunday	May 17	
	7:30 am	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	Maureen Hogan & Joseph Vizza
	11:30 am	Gloria Farrell

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	Moiria 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	



Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Msgr. Joseph Tracey

May Social

You are warmly invited to join women from the Parish for a Social and Fellowship. This Social is supported by the Women's Group.

MAY
THURS. 28 AT 7:00 PM

Church Hall Room 18

For more information:
 Kathy Pacitti ~ (267) 797-0525



Hope Committee

THANK YOU to all who donated diapers and wipes for our April Drive. A Baby's Breath on Street Rd will get them and they are VERY grateful for your kindness to the Moms and babies!

OUR NEXT DIAPER & WIPES COLLECTION

May 18 & 19

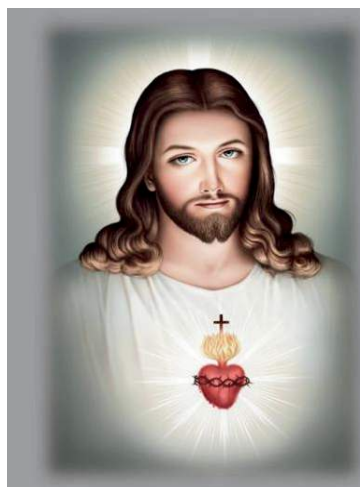
Back of Father Grant Hall Table (Church)

Tying little shoe
 dirty faces Are just a
 a mother will do Mending a
 part Of the care and the love
 Kool-aid smile And a sparkle in your eyes I wrap you in my arms
 And whisper this advice Be strong, be kind Be patient and in time
 You'll find out, my son What true love is all about Be faithful and
 be true Show love in all you do Then you'll know, just how You make
 your mother proud Now, little boy days have passed And you've
 grown up so fast But in my heart That little boy will never be far
 So on this blessed day There's so much I want to say But above
 all, I thank God For the man that you are With a tender smile
 And a twinkle in your eyes I wrap you in my arms And
 whisper this advice Be strong, be kind Be patient and in
 time You'll find out, my son What true love is all
 about Be faithful and be true Show love in
 all you do Then you'll know, just
 how You make your mother
 proud You've made
 your mother so
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A Mother's Song





Traditional Latin Mass

Friday | June 12 at 7:00 PM

On the Feast Day of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Solemn Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
6301 Woodbine Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151

All Are Welcome!



St. Joseph Church Parish Religious Education Program News/Updates

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



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal
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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
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what's happening

Monday, May 11:

- Adoration ~ 8:30 am -7:30 pm
- Pathways Communion Service ~ 2:00 pm
- Christ Home Communion Service ~ 2:30 pm
- Rosary ~ 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 13:

- Luther Woods Communion Service ~ 1:30 pm
- Children Choir Practice ~ 5:30 pm
- Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 pm
- Adult Choir Practice ~ 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 16:

- Monthly Baby Diaper & Wipes Collection

Sunday, May 17:

- Monthly Baby Diaper & Wipes Collection
- Baptisms ~ 12:30 pm
- SJR CYO Sports ~ 2 pm (Church Parking Lot)

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>		
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	<u>May 03</u>	<u>May 04</u>
Envelopes	\$ 7,165.00	\$ 7,723.00
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Total	\$ 9,028.00	\$11,231.36

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thank you

Fr. Pawelko, Fr. Emmons, Msgr. Bolger, and Msgr. Beach for last Saturday, May 2nd Healing Mass at St Joseph Church.

Also, thank you to the Lector, Soloist, Organist, Men's Group, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for your assistance. Mass was beautiful and comforting for all who attended.

~ From The Health and Help Ministry



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