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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,

This weekend we welcome Fr. Ron Kelso for the Annual Missionary Appeal. Our support for the Missions is a way of “paying back” and “paying it forward.” We support the Missions in gratitude for those who handed down the Faith to us. We also support the Missions so that others may share in our joy of having Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I am including a nice article from the Columban Fathers on their approach to the Missions. It is worth a read.

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven for more Missionary priests, for the conversion of hearts to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the protection of our military personnel in harm’s way, for a successful harvest for our farmers, for gainful employment for all, for the sanctity of life, for the sanctity of marriage, for the return to traditional family values, and for the Souls in Purgatory.

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

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor

Mission Methods and Strategies

by Columban Missionaries

Columban Missionary Magazine | June/July, 2026

The mission of the Church flows directly from the heart of Christ. Before ascending to the Father, Jesus entrusted His disciples with a sacred task: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19) From that moment forward, the Church has lived as a missionary community, seeking ways in every generation to proclaim the Gospel with wisdom, humility, and love. Mission methods and strategies are not merely practical tools; they are expressions of faith in action, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Throughout history, missionaries have adapted their approach to meet the needs of the people they serve. The early apostles traveled widely, preaching boldly in marketplaces, homes, and synagogues. Later missionaries entered unfamiliar cultures and languages, striving to share the Good News while respecting the traditions and dignity of local communities. Columban missionaries learned that successful mission work requires both fidelity to the Gospel and sensitivity to the human context in which it is proclaimed.

One essential mission strategy is presence. Living with a community, sharing in its joys and struggles, and listening with compassion creates trust and mutual respect. In this way, the Gospel is not presented as an outside message imposed upon others but as a living invitation encountered through genuine relationship. Another vital method is witness through service. Columban missionaries have long recognized that proclaiming Christ involves caring for the whole person. Schools, hospitals, and charitable works have become powerful expressions of God’s love. When missionaries teach children, care for the sick, or defend the dignity of the poor, they reveal the compassionate face of Christ. These acts of mercy prepare hearts to receive the message of faith.

Inculturation also plays a crucial role in missionary strategy. Columban missionaries strive to learn local languages, appreciate customs, and recognize the seeds of truth already present in each society. Rather than replacing culture, the Gospel elevates and purifies it, allowing faith to flourish in ways that are authentic to the people who embrace it. Yet perhaps the most important missionary method is humble accompaniment. Modern mission work increasingly emphasizes walking alongside others rather than simply instructing them. Columban missionaries today listen carefully, encourage local leadership, and help communities grow in their own faith and responsibility. In doing so, they reflect Christ the Good Shepherd, who journeys with His people.

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From Columban Missionaries (continued)

All mission strategies must remain rooted in prayer. Without prayer, mission risks becoming merely a human project. With prayer, it becomes participation in God's own work of salvation. Columban missionaries rely on the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions, open hearts, and sustain hope in times of difficulty.

Ultimately, the success of Columban mission does not depend solely on methods or strategies. It depends on love—love for Christ and love for the people He calls us to serve. When missionaries act with faith, humility, and compassion, their efforts become instruments through which God's grace reaches the world. In this way, the Church continues her sacred mission, carrying the light of the Gospel to every nation and generation.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Paula Bielecki	Dominic Lightcap	Michael Tashjian
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Anne Gabbamonte	Laura Nardone	
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Emery Kutney	Sarah Rank	
Irene Lennon	Joseph Ranweiler	



Please Pray for Our Troops

Capt. Daniel Carroll - U.S. Army
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 Sgt. Maj. Tim Snyder - U.S. Army
 Ensign. Conor J. Poli - U.S. Navy
 Sr. Chief Gregory Thompson - U.S. Navy
 LCpl Hunter Madison - U.S. Marines

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	<u>Aug 1</u>	
	4:00 pm	Rita Carsley
Sunday	<u>Aug 2</u>	
	7:30 am	Rosemarie Generale
	9:30 am	The People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Iside Maieron
Monday	8:00 am	St. Joseph Mem. Society
Tuesday	8:00 am	Alice Spencer
Wednesday	8:00 am	James Martin, Jr.
Thursday	8:00 am	Thomas J. Ambolino ~ 3 rd Anniv.
Friday	8:00 am	Dale Cain
Saturday	8:00 am	Patricia Rigney
Saturday	<u>Aug 8</u>	
	4:00 pm	William T. McGowan
Sunday	<u>Aug 9</u>	
	7:30 am	Raymond Generale
	9:30 am	Matthew Mackenzie
	11:30 am	The People of the Parish

Prayer for our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN



Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

Why does Jesus matter?

How can I begin a better life?

TIRED OF JUST FISHING FOR ANSWERS?

CHRIST LIFE SERIES DISCOVERING CHRIST

Join us as St. Joseph Parish is partnering with St. Jude Church & Shrine (Chalfont) for this exciting new 7-session series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching, and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose in life.

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www.saintjosephchurch.us

and click on Parish Giving for more information.



Hope Committee

THANK YOU to all who donated diapers and wipes for our July Drive. Legacy of Life in Warminster will get them and they are VERY grateful for your kindness to the Moms and babies!

OUR NEXT DIAPER & WIPES COLLECTION

AUGUST 15 & 16

Back of Father Grant Hall Table (Church)



Monday, August 3:

- Communion Service @ Christ Home ~ 2:30 pm
- Rosary ~ 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 5:

- Communion Service @ Luther Woods ~ 1:30 pm
- Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 6:

- Rosary @ Pathways ~ 1:30 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm

ADORATION OF OUR LORD

Monday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be suspended for the summer to September 7. The Church will remain open from Daily Mass until 3:30 PM on weekdays for everyone wishing to make a visit

Rosary News

For the summer month of August, the Rosary will only be held First Mondays (August 3) at 7:30 PM. Will resume back after Labor Day.



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A Journey of Faith
Come and Meet Us

Interest in learning more about the Catholic Church and becoming a Catholic?

OCIA is a welcoming community for those who are seeking to become disciples of Jesus Christ within the Catholic Church. Whether you're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or simply seeking a deeper connection with the Catholic faith, we invite you to take this step with us.

If you or someone you know desires full communion with the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are here to walk with you on this meaningful journey of faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in more information about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office at (215) 672-3020 or Email sjc18976@verizon.net



2026-2027 Registration

PREP Registration for the 2026-2027 Program year is Open. Returning families received a Welcome email from Parish Giving with login information to access their family data.

All children entering 1st grade in the fall of 2026 and any new parishioners should also register at this time. 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 provide a Copy of your child's(ren) Baptismal Certificate(s) to the PREP Office.

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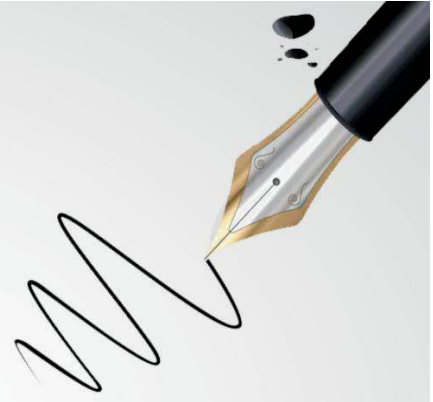
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CONTACT HEAD COACH LUCAS DUNN WITH QUESTIONS
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Scan to register





Thank You 

Dear Father Pawelko and Parishioners,

Am I still looking good? This is the question I would like to check on myself after two months here. But I think I also have the same answer to yours: Yes, isn't it? I can claim this because I am loved by everyone here. Gratitude is also what I would like to express now. From my perspective, the word "gratitude" is a combination of "great" and "attitude." That is a great attitude I should and must have, especially during my vocation journey. Indeed, I owe a great debt of my gratitude to you all.

First and foremost, I want to give thanks to God for his providence and priority to put me in a great parish with really nice people here. I would like to extend my gratitude to Father Michael Pawelko for his understanding, patience and instructions. He always showed me the genuine spirit of a priest who is completely offering his life to God and people. He, for sure, is a great example for me to follow in search of true happiness in God. Last but not least, I really thank you, Saint Joseph's parishioners and those who I met here or there. Filled by your support, prayers and encouragement, I have articulated helpful and invaluable lessons for my priesthood vocation. Here, I feel at home, rather than a foreign shelter. Here, you all gave me the sense of love that is one of my motivations, aiming I also learn how to spread that love to those I will encounter in my missions.

My "vacation" is over, but my religious vocation is still. I strongly believe that your prayers are so powerful to that journey. Please continue praying for me and wishing you peace in Christ.

Yours Sincerely,

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