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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,

Labor Day was and still is an important observance in the Pawelko household. I say observance because for us it was much more than a “holiday” weekend. Labor Day was an acknowledgement that work matters, and so it was also an acknowledgement that workers matter. In addition, Labor Day was an acknowledgement of the contributions of the Labor Movement to our society.

In my family history, we have had, and still have, many union members. My brother is a Teamster. My father was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 98. We also had members of the Steelworkers, Autoworkers, and the Drywall Finishers Unions in our family. I myself was a member of the Machinist Union while working for the US Gauge.

This Labor Day weekend, we remember that many of the benefits and the protections that we now enjoy as workers have come down to us through the Labor Movement. We owe the founders and the pioneers of the Labor Movement a great deal of gratitude for the sacrifices that they made. We also must honor their memory by cultivating a society where all work is appreciated, and all workers are valued.

In this newsletter I am including a summary of our Catholic Social Teaching on the value of work and the dignity of workers.

Most especially, let us remember this counsel from St. Teresa of Calcutta on work: *whether we are working for the rich or we are working for the poor, whether we are working with high-class people or low-class people, it makes no difference, but how much love we are putting into the work we do is what matters.*

On behalf of our staff, I do wish everyone a rest from their labors and a very happy Labor Day Weekend.

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

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor

The Dignity and Rights of Workers According to Catholic Social Teaching United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it. Genesis 2:15

Tradition and Teaching:

“It is clear from the very first pages of the Bible that work is an essential part of human dignity; there we read that ‘the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it’ (Gen 2:15). Man is presented as a laborer who works the earth, harnesses the forces of nature and produces ‘the bread of anxious toil’ (Ps 127:2), in addition to cultivating his own gifts and talents. Labor also makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability and fruitfulness of one’s family: ‘May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children’s children!’ (Ps 128:5-6).” (Pope Francis, The Joy of Love [Amoris Laetitia], nos. 23-24)

From The Dignity and Rights (*continued*)

"Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God. It follows that, in the reality of today's global society, it is essential that 'we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone,' no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning. We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work." (Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* [*Laudato Si'*], nos. 127-28)

"Growth in justice requires more than economic growth, while presupposing such growth: it requires decisions, programs, mechanisms and processes specifically geared to a better distribution of income, the creation of sources of employment and an integral promotion of the poor which goes beyond a simple welfare mentality. I am far from proposing an irresponsible populism, but the economy can no longer turn to remedies that are a new poison, such as attempting to increase profits by reducing the work force and thereby adding to the excluded." (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* [*Evangelii Gaudium*], no. 204)

"I would like to remind everyone, especially governments engaged in boosting the world's economic and social assets, that the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity: 'Man is the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life'." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth* [*Caritas in Veritate*], no. 25, quoting Second Vatican Council, *The Church in the Modern World* [*Gaudium et Spes*], no. 63)

"The economic sphere is neither ethically neutral, or inherently inhuman or opposed to society. It is part and parcel of human activity and precisely because it is human, it must be structured and governed in an ethical manner." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth* [*Caritas in Veritate*], no. 36)

"In many cases, poverty results from a violation of the dignity of human work, either because work opportunities are limited (through unemployment or under-employment), or 'because a low value is put on work and the rights that flow from it, especially the right to a just wage and to the personal security of the worker and his or her family'." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth* [*Caritas in Veritate*], no. 63)

"The obligation to earn one's bread by the sweat of one's brow also presumes the right to do so. A society in which this right is systematically denied, in which economic policies do not allow workers to reach satisfactory levels of employment, cannot be justified from an ethical point of view, nor can that society attain social peace." (St. John Paul II, *The Hundredth Year* [*Centesimus Annus*], no. 43)

"All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations." (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *A Catholic Framework for Economic Life*, no. 5)

"Work is, as has been said, an obligation, that is to say, a duty, on the part of man. . . Man must work, both because the Creator has commanded it and because of his own humanity, which requires work in order to be maintained and developed. Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him in the succession of history." (St. John Paul II, *On Human Work* [*Laborem Exercens*], no. 16)

"Work is a good thing for man—a good thing for his humanity—because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes 'more a human being'." (St. John Paul II, *On Human Work* [*Laborem Exercens*], no. 9)

"All these rights, together with the need for the workers themselves to secure them, give rise to yet another right: the right of association, that is to form associations for the purpose of defending the vital interests of those employed in the various professions. These associations are called labor or trade unions." (St. John Paul II, *On Human Work* [*Laborem Exercens*], no. 20)

"As the Church solemnly reaffirmed in the recent Council, 'the beginning, the subject and the goal of all social institutions is and must be the human person.' All people have the right to work, to a chance to develop their qualities and their personalities in the exercise of their professions, to equitable remuneration which will enable them and their families 'to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level' and to assistance in case of need arising from sickness or age." (St. Paul VI, *A Call to Action* [*Octogesima Adveniens*], no. 14)



RECTORY COOK NEEDED

St. Bede the Venerable Parish (Holland, PA) is looking for a cook for 3 Priests. We're looking for someone to shop, prepare lunch and dinner, Monday – Fridays, and cleanup after meals. For more details call (215) 357-5720.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC NEWS

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Northeast Catholic's opening in 1926 there will be an All Class Reunion and Homecoming on Saturday | October 3, 2026 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at Cannstatter (Academy Road, Phila.) This is a family event! For tickets and information, please call (215) 543-1051 or necathalum@aol.com

Welcome Back Hospitality Sunday September 13

**Stop by Church Hall Room 18
for Treats and Fellowship.
If you'd like, get your Blood
Pressure checked after All
Sunday Masses**

Hope Committee

THANK YOU to all who donated diapers and wipes for our August Drive, A Baby's Breath in Warminster will get them and they are VERY grateful for your kindness to the Moms and babies!

OUR NEXT DIAPER & WIPES COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

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Night

FRIDAY | Sept. 18

FATHER GRANT HALL (CHURCH HALL)

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Healing Mass

Saturday | Sept. 26

10:30 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.



Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Paula Bielecki	Paul Malachowski	William Sparke
Lillian Cannon	Dennis Matlack	Stanley Travis, III
Deborah Ciavola	Patricia McCloskey	Patricia True
Josh Craft	Joseph McNamara	Jack Wilhelm
Maria Figueroa	Moirra Merritt	Joan Winterborne
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Dee Hottinger	Michael K. Pham	
Emery Kutney	Sarah Rank	
Irene Lennon	Joseph Ranweiler	
Dominic Lightcap	Michael Tashjian	



Mass Intentions

Saturday	Sept 05	
	4:00 pm	Michael McGinn
Sunday	Sept 06	
	7:30 am	Raymond Generale
	9:30 am	Patricia Picciocchi
	11:30 am	The People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 am	St. Joseph Memorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 am	Patricia Rigney
Wednesday	8:00 am	Maria Caporizzo
Thursday	8:00 am	George Snyder
Friday	8:00 am	Jamie Cunningham
Saturday	8:00 am	Gilda Manna.
Saturday	Sept 12	
	4:00 pm	Mary Ann Broderick
Sunday	Sept 13	
	7:30 am	People of the Parish
	9:30 am	Julie Anderson
	11:30 am	Thomas H. Williams

Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Fr. James Locke

Fr. John Large



Rosary News

The Rosary will resume Monday, September 14 at 7:30 PM.



Please Pray for Our Troops

Capt. Daniel Carroll - U.S. Army
Ch./Maj. Stephen McDermott - U.S. Army
1* Lt. Irene S. Poli - U.S. Army
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.



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

Monday, September 7: Labor Day

- Communion Service @ Christ Home ~ 2:30 pm

Wednesday, September 9:

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

Thursday, September 10:

- Rosary @ Pathways ~ 1:30 pm
- PREP Parents Night ~ 6:00 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm

Friday, September 11:

- 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 12:

- 2:00 pm Wedding

Sunday, September 13:

- Hospitality Sunday ~ Room 18



2026-2027 School Year

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

Reminder: If public schools are closed due to inclement weather, CCD will also be cancelled. If you have provided us with your Email address, we will notify you via Email.

THURSDAY, September 10 – 6:00 PM parents' meeting for all grades in the Fr. Grant Hall (Church). At least one parent must be present. Parents will meet the teachers and pick up their handbooks and family home schooling material for the upcoming sessions.

TUESDAY, September 15 -- First night of in-person, all grades in session 6 – 7:15pm. Welcome back!

SUNDAY, September 20 -- Catechetical Sunday, 9:30 Mass. Please give all of our volunteers a special "thank you" and keep them in your prayers.

ADORATION OF OUR LORD

Monday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on September 14.

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal
 850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA
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The beginning of a new school year is such a special time! We are especially excited to welcome our new families to the SJR community. Last week, we gathered for our New Family Orientation, and it was a wonderful opportunity to welcome families, share information, and begin building connections. We were delighted to introduce our new families to members of our faculty and administration, as well as to our Home and School Board, who will be important partners throughout the year.

We are so grateful for the commitment of our HSA Board this year: Mrs. Megan Illg, President; Mrs. Melissa Thom, Vice President; Mrs. Christine McShane, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Becky Hartman, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Deanna Gordon, Treasurer. We look forward to all that they will do to support our students, families, and school community throughout the year.

A special thank-you also to our Enrollment Director, Mrs. Williamson, who worked with our HSA board to plan and organize the evening. Her thoughtful preparation helped our new families feel welcomed, informed, and ready to begin this new chapter with us.

As we look toward the first day of school, we are grateful for the many people who make SJR such a wonderful place to learn and grow—our dedicated teachers and staff, supportive parents, generous parish communities, and, most of all, our students. We are ready for another year filled with faith, learning, friendship, service, and joy!

Please keep us in your prayers as we begin this new year!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Durkin



2026-2027 HSA Board

Pancake Breakfast!

**September 12, 2026
8 AM to 11 AM**

Unlimited pancakes, sausage, and a beverage!

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	2026 August 23	2025 August 24
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