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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 week the Blessed Apostle St. Paul gives us a very beautiful instruction: *Brothers and sisters: have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Thankfully, we have received so many Divine Helps and Heavenly Guidance to live out these beautiful words. In this month of October, we remember in a special way one of those Divine Helps, the Most Holy Rosary.

St. John Paul II wrote a beautiful letter on the Rosary. It was a letter that came from the heart. It was a letter of one who had received so much love and peace through the Rosary. He writes:

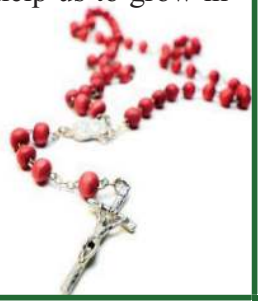
The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to "set out into the deep" (duc in altum!) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, "the way, and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), "the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn"…….

Contemplating the scenes of the Rosary in union with Mary is a means of learning from her to "read" Christ, to discover His secrets and to understand His message……This school of Mary is all the more effective if we consider that she teaches by obtaining for us in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit, even as she offers us the incomparable example of her own "pilgrimage of faith". As we contemplate each mystery of her Son's life, she invites us to do as she did at the Annunciation: to ask humbly the questions which open us to the light, in order to end with the obedience of faith: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38)…..

In this process of being conformed to Christ in the Rosary, we entrust ourselves in a special way to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin……The Rosary mystically transports us to Mary's side as she is busy watching over the human growth of Christ in the home of Nazareth. This enables her to train us and to mold us with the same care, until Christ is "fully formed" in us (cf. Gal 4:19)……Now, since Mary is of all creatures the one most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions that which most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, His Holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to her the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ". Never as in the Rosary do the life of Jesus and that of Mary appear so deeply joined. Mary lives only in Christ and for Christ!

One thing is clear: although the repeated Hail Mary is addressed directly to Mary, it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed, with her and through her. The repetition is nourished by the desire to be conformed ever more completely to Christ, the true program of the Christian life. Saint Paul expressed this project with words of fire: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil 1:21). And again: "It is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). The Rosary helps us to be conformed ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness.

My Dear Parishioners, let us follow that instruction from St. Paul and continue to lay siege to Heaven with our Rosaries, for ourselves, our loved ones, our parish, our priests, our nation, our military personnel, our first responders, the sick, the dying, and everyone else. Let us then allow Jesus, through Mary, help us to grow in love, hope, Faith, and trust.



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

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor.

Friends & Family CPR Class

Offered at St. Joseph Church presented by the Health and Help Ministry. The **Family & Friends CPR** Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life. **October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall Room 18.** All are welcome. Does not include certification card. DONATIONS accepted … proceeds will be used towards Replacement AED and first aid supplies.



St. Joseph Church
Blood Drive

Father Grant Hall (Church)

Tuesday | October 13
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

For more information OR to Sign-Up
Call Mary (215) 806-5693



Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday | October 4
1:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish
Parking Lot

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all God's creatures.

All are invited to bring their pets/ animals.

Please bring your pet on a leash or carrier.

In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancel.

what's happening

Monday, October 05:
- *Adoration ~ 8:30 AM*
- *Communion Service @ Christ Home ~ 2:30 pm*
- *Rosary & Benediction ~ 7:30 PM*

Tuesday, October 06:
- *PREP Classes ~ 6:00 pm*
- *Communion Minister Workshop ~ 6:00 pm*

Wednesday, October 07:
- *Children Choir Practice ~ 5:30 pm*
- *Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 pm*
- *Adult Choir Practice ~ 7:15 pm*

Thursday, October 08:
- *Rosary @ Pathways ~ 1:30 pm*
- *Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 pm*

Sunday, October 11:
- *Baptism ~ 12:30 pm*



Mass Intentions

Saturday	**Oct 03**	
	4:00 pm	*James Cunningham*
Sunday	**Oct 04**	
	7:30 am	*Raymond Generale*
	9:30 am	*People of the Parish*
	11:30 am	*Jack McErlean*
Monday	*8:00 am*	*St. Joseph Mem. Society*
Tuesday	*8:00 am*	*Rita M. Dowzicky*
Wednesday	*8:00 am*	*Patti N. Castro*
Thursday	*8:00 am*	*Intent. of Chris & Megan Mattera – 4th Wedd. Anniv*
Friday	*8:00 am*	*Robert J. Smith, Sr.*
Saturday	*8:00 am*	*Effie & Horace Hankinson*
Saturday	**Oct 10**	
	4:00 pm	*Linda Generale*
Sunday	**Oct 11**	
	7:30 am	*Joseph Whitehead*
	9:30 am	*Peg Pergolini – 1st Anniv*
	11:30 am	*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

Mary Ann Hatzenbeller

Please Pray for Our Troops

Capt. Daniel Carroll – U.S. Army
Ch./Maj. Stephen McDermott – U.S. Army
1st 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.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Paula Bielecki
Lillian Cannon
Deborah Ciavola
Josh Craft
Maria Figueroa
Robert Fisher
Anne Gabbamonte
Catherine Gaida
Paul Han
Ellen Hart
Dee Hottinger
Emery Kutney
Irene Lennon
Dominic Lightcap
Paul Malachowski
Dennis Matlack
Patricia McCloskey
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Moira Merritt
Suzi Molz
Laura Nardone
Charles Neary
Gertrude Nelson
Mariann Perez
Michael K. Pham
Sarah Rank
Joseph Ranweiler
Michael Tashjian
William Sparke
Stanley Travis, III
Patricia True
Jack Wilhelm
Joan Winterborne
Edward White





We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish community.

Jade Elizabeth Patton

Penelope Maria Blon

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to all the families.

PREP

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.

TUESDAY, October 06 -- All grades in session.
TUESDAY, October 13 -- All grades in session.





St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

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Can You Believe It's October?

It has been a wonderful start to the school year at SJR! We celebrated a summer of reading by tallying our students' reading minutes, and together our students read an amazing 85,171 minutes! Congratulations to our 4th grade class, our top-reading class with 17,389 minutes. They celebrated with a special treat from the Kona Ice Truck!

A special congratulations to our top individual readers, Val with 5,023 minutes and Kaeden with 6,060 minutes. Kaeden also earned top-reader honors in the Warminster Library's Summer Reading Program!
We are also grateful for the wonderful support of our parish families. Last weekend, an SJR family and some school children sold pretzels after Mass to support our program. Thank you to everyone who stopped by, enjoyed a pretzel, and supported SJR!

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Durkin





We wish to extend a sincere welcome to the people who have recently joined our St. Joseph Parish Community:

✞ David & Eleni Blon ✞ Maciej Blon
✞ John & Doris Ann Craig ✞ Megan DiGiuseppe
✞ Connor & Bernadette Irwin ✞ Sean McDonagh
✞ Evan & Kiran Moore ✞ Rachael Mueller
✞ Shannon Mueller ✞ Andrew & Nicolette Patton
✞ Joseph Pifani ✞ Cory & Jenna Radkins
✞ Daniella Repkoe ✞ Ryan & Lorraine Warrender





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- Go to https://signup.formed.org/
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976, then click on St. Joseph
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your App Store.

Hope Committee

THANK YOU to all who donated diapers and wipes for our September Drive, A 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

OCTOBER 17 & 18

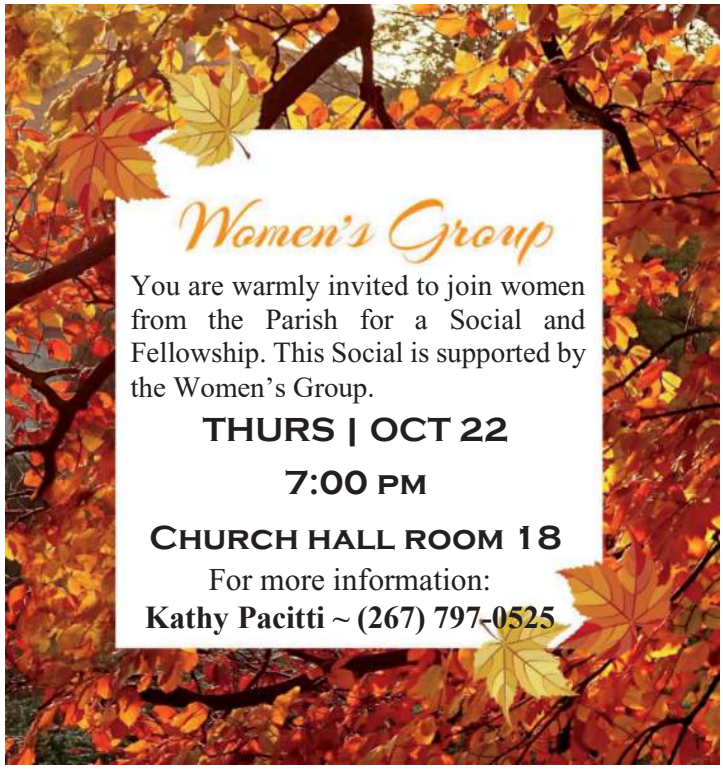
Back of Father Grant Hall Table (Church)

thank you

Fr. Pawelko, Msgr. Bolger, Msgr. Beach, and Msgr. Flanagan for last Saturday, September 26th Healing Mass at St Joseph Church.

Also, thank you to the Lector, and to the Choir and Men's Group for their assistance. Mass was beautiful and comforting for all who attended.

~ From The Health and Help Ministry



St. Joseph Parish

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Save the Date!

Sunday | December 06, 2026

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Calling All Crafters/Vendors

We are accepting crafters/vendors for our Christmas Bazaar. Book your tables now! Limited spaces available. 6' tables are $30 each.

To book, please contact Rita Roley
(215) 872-0499 OR rroley2325@comcast.net

Christmas Bazaar Donations Needed

We are in need of donations for the Raffle Baskets. If you have any NEW items or gift cards, we would happily accept those. Do you have some type of event tickets that you could donate to the Raffle Baskets? Think sporting, theater…these are usually very popular! Please consider donating any of these items.

And to help defray the cost of the Café, we are looking for **grocery store gift cards.** These help us purchase items for Pancake Breakfast and lunch.

Drop items at the Parish Office during the week days (Monday-Friday | 9:00 AM – 4 PM)

JOIN US FOR

FAMILY BINGO Night

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 23

FATHER GRANT HALL (CHURCH HALL)

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