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HOURS Devotions

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Let us seek greater intimacy with Jesus as we prepare for the upcoming Holiday Season.

SCHEDULE:

November 08, 2026 ~ Sunday
12:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM Benediction

November 09, 2026 ~ Monday
8:00 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM Benediction

November 10, 2026 ~ Tuesday
8:00 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM Closing of Forty Hours with a Procession in Church and Benediction

All are Welcome to attend



Rev. Jason Stokes
Homilist

Bio:

Fr. Stokes entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, PA in 2004 and began his studies for the Diocese of Allentown. He was ordained a Deacon in 2010, and a Priest on June 4, 2011 by the Most Rev. John O. Barres, 4th Bishop of Allentown. Fr. Stokes received his First Assignment as Pastor of Most Blessed Trinity (Tremont, PA) in 2016. In June of 2019, the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, 5th Bishop of Allentown assigned Fr. Stokes as Pastor of St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish and St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Minersville, PA. Those Parishes were eventually consolidated to become Holy Family Parish of Minersville. Fr. Stokes was assigned as Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Nazareth effective June 17, 2025. Fr. Stokes enjoys going to Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Games, playing golfing, loves music and attends concerts & shows, especially the Celtic Classic in Bethlehem each fall, as well as spending time with his family, especially his 4 nieces and 1 nephew.

From the Desk of Father Pawelko. . .

My Dear Parishioners,

So much is going on this weekend. We have our monthly food drive supporting Warminster Food Bank. We have our coffee and donut Sunday. Most importantly, we begin our annual Forty Hours Devotions.

Forty Hours Devotions are Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, at 6:00. Also, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private Devotion from after the 11:30 AM Mass Sunday until 6:00 PM, and also on Monday and Tuesday from after the 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM.

This year, we welcome Fr. Jason Stokes, a priest of the Diocese of Allentown, as our homilist.

Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, will be in church waiting for you. So, if you haven't signed up for a specific time, it's not too late. Let us all remember, that the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended.

Which bring us to the Wise and Foolish Virgins from this weekend's Gospel. We can say that the Wise Virgins were one's who prioritized Devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Because they had the right priorities, they received an ocean of graces from Heaven that filled their "lamps," their hearts. Conversely, the Foolish Virgins were ones who failed to make time for Eucharistic Adoration, and so deprived themselves of those graces from Heaven.

This is a special time for our parish. I pray that all will follow the Wise Virgins and make time for Jesus and take advantage of this special time. May Jesus, through the Most Blessed Sacrament, continue to Bless us and our families.

Volunteer Opportunity. We have many big projects coming up in our parish. We are looking for a parishioner who is willing to volunteer as a "point person" for these projects. This would be someone who has some availability during the day and also some familiarity with construction and building renovation. Please contact me at the parish office if you think you can serve our parish in this very important way.

Next weekend we welcome seminarian William Cleary for the annual St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal.

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

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor

The Forty Hours Devotion: A Time of Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer



by Shaun McAfee | March 19, 2025
www.catholicexchange.com

The Forty Hours Devotion, or "Quarantore," is a beloved and profound Catholic tradition centered around Eucharistic adoration. It involves continuous prayer and reverence before the Blessed Sacrament, typically lasting forty hours, and finds its roots in the deep reverence Catholics have for the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Christ. The devotion is a response to the call for prayer, reflection, and gratitude, inviting the faithful to unite in an extended period of worship and spiritual renewal.

The number forty holds rich biblical significance, often associated with periods of trial, purification, and preparation. In the Old Testament, Moses spent forty days and nights on Mount Sinai, receiving the Ten Commandments (Ex. 34:28). Similarly, the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years before entering the Promised Land (Nm. 14:33-34). In the New Testament, Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days in the wilderness, preparing for His public ministry (Mt. 4:1-2).

Thus, the Forty Hours Devotion draws from this biblical symbolism, using the number forty as a means of inviting Catholics into a time of spiritual purification, reflection, and preparation for deeper communion with God.

Thus Forty Hours Devotion is a deep, transformative experience for those who participate. At its core, the devotion is an act of love and worship of Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist. As Catholics believe, the Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a reminder of Christ's body and blood but the actual, real presence of the Lord. Thus, the Forty Hours Devotion offers the faithful an opportunity to spend extended time in the presence of Christ, offering prayers of thanksgiving, petition, and adoration.

One of the central theological elements of the Forty Hours Devotion is the emphasis on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. In this time of focused adoration, Catholics are called to deepen their relationship with Jesus in the sacrament, growing in love for Him who gave His life for the salvation of the world. The devotion also provides an opportunity for personal reflection on the central mystery of the faith—the Passion, death, and resurrection of Christ—and invites participants to offer their lives in union with His sacrifice.

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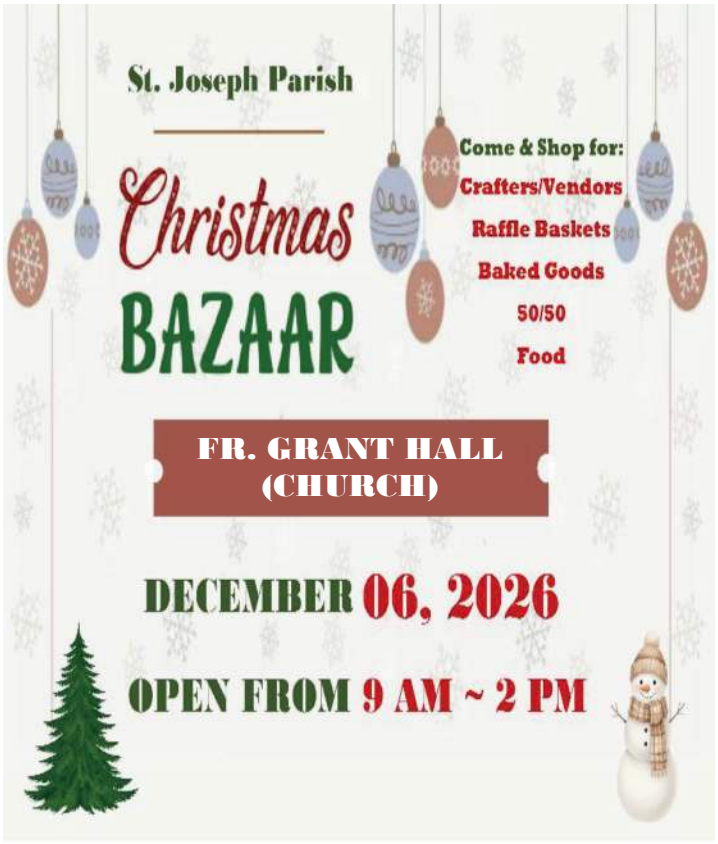





Fritz's Est. 1974 Sticky Buns Sale

They're back!! Fritz's Sticky Buns will be on Sale after All Sunday Masses on November 22. Stock up for Thanksgiving – they freeze beautifully.

Baptism

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

✞ *William Paul Edger*

✞ *Christian Joshua Hayes*

✞ *Eli Moore*

✞ *Lincoln Moore*

✞ *Koah Keith Perkett*

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

Hope Committee

THANK YOU to all who donated diapers and wipes for our October 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

NOVEMBER 21 & 22

Back of Father Grant Hall Table (Church)

Honoring Our Veterans & Active Military

In recognition of Veterans Day, the children of St. Joseph PREP are sponsoring a special prayer initiative to honor those who have served and those who continue to serve our country. This weekend November 7 & 8, following Mass, we invite each parishioner to take a small toy soldier and place it somewhere visible in your home as a reminder to pray for our veterans and active-duty military members. May we remember with gratitude those who have served, pray for the safety of those who continue to serve, and give thanks for their sacrifice, dedication, and commitment to protecting the freedoms we cherish.



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What's Happening

Monday, November 9:

- *Forty Hours ~ 8:30 AM*
- *Communion Service @ Pathways ~ 2:00 PM*
- *Communion Service @ Christ Home ~ 2:30 PM*
- *Forty Hours Benediction ~ 6:00 PM*
- *Men's Group ~ 7:30 PM (Room 18)*

Tuesday, November 10:

- *Forty Hours ~ 8:30 AM*
- *Closing of Forty Hours with a Procession & Benediction ~ 6:00 PM*

Wednesday, November 11:

- *Communion Service @ Luther Woods ~ 1:30 PM*
- *Children Choir Practice ~ 5:30 PM*
- *Catholic in Recovery ~ 7:00 PM*
- *Adult Choir Practice ~ 7:15 PM*

Thursday, November 12:

- *Rosary @ Pathways ~ 1:30 PM*
- *Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 7:00 PM*
- *OCIA ~ 7:00 PM (Room 18)*

Friday, November 13:

- *Family Bingo Night ~ 6:00 PM*

Choir Schedule

Adult Choir

November 8, 9, & 10 ~ 6:00 PM (40 Hours)
November 22 ~ 11:30 AM
November 26 ~ 9:00 AM (Thanksgiving)

Children's Choir

November 8, 9, & 10 ~ 6:00 PM (40 Hours)
November 15 ~ 11:30 AM
November 26 ~ 9:00 AM (Thanksgiving)
December 6 ~ 9:30 AM Mass

The Forty Hours Devotion (continued)

From a spiritual perspective, the Forty Hours Devotion is a time of grace and healing. Many Catholics have testified to experiencing a profound sense of peace, renewal, and closeness to God during their time in adoration. It provides an opportunity for the faithful to quiet their hearts and minds, allowing them to encounter Christ in a deep and personal way. It is a time of spiritual purification, as participants are invited to examine their consciences, seek forgiveness for their sins, and renew their commitment to following Christ more faithfully.

In a world increasingly characterized by noise, distraction, and busyness, the Forty Hours Devotion offers a much-needed respite—a sacred time set apart for encountering the presence of God. Whether experienced in a communal setting or as part of a personal retreat, the Forty Hours Devotion is an invitation to rediscover the power and beauty of the Eucharist, to deepen one's spiritual life, and to grow in faith and love for Christ.

Whether observed in the quiet of a small chapel or during a vibrant parish celebration, the Forty Hours Devotion continues to serve as a spiritual renewal for all who participate, drawing them closer to the Eucharistic heart of the Church.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	**Nov 07**	
	4:00 pm	*Mary Reynolds*
Sunday	**Nov 08**	
	7:30 am	*Raymond Generale*
	9:30 am	*Karen L. Smith, Ava, & Autumn*
	11:30 am	*People of the Parish*
Monday	*8:00 am*	*John F. Hayes and Family*
Tuesday	*8:00 am*	*Robert J. Amon*
Wednesday	*8:00 am*	*Deceased Members of Dziedzic and Dundas Families*
Thursday	*8:00 am*	*Jim Gutekunst*
Friday	*8:00 am*	*Patti NiCastro*
Saturday	*8:00 am*	*Lena Bigley*
Saturday	**Nov 14**	
	4:00 pm	*People of the Parish*
Sunday	**Nov 15**	
	7:30 am	*Linda Generale*
	9:30 am	*Anna Kutty Varkey*
	11:30 am	*Robert Wittman*

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.

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

All Souls' Day Envelopes

The All Souls' Day envelopes that you returned, will be placed on the Altar and your intentions will be remembered in the Masses for the month of November.



Let us Remember and Pray for Our Dead

Moira Merritt

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
Joseph McNamara
Moira Merritt
Suzi Molz
Laura Nardone
Charles Neary
Gertrude Nelson
Mariann Perez
Michael K. Pham
Sarah Rank
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William Sparke
Stanley Travis, III
Patricia True
Jack Wilhelm
Joan Winterborne
Edward White



PREP

Mrs. Danielle Staffieri, Coordinator
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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, November 10 - Mandatory 40 Hours Devotion Closing Service at 6:00 PM in Church. NO Regularly scheduled PREP Classes. Please sit together with your family.
TUESDAY, November 17 – All grades in session.

PREP Service Corner News…

This November, our PREP students are leading our parish in a special effort to honor and pray for our military. In addition to sponsoring our Veterans Day prayer reminder, the children will be writing letters of appreciation and encouragement to active-duty service members. The letters will be sent to our own Maj. Chaplain Stephen McDermott in Germany to share with the soldiers of the parishes he serves. Through small acts of faith and gratitude, we hope to remind those who serve that they are remembered, appreciated, and held in our prayers.

Confirmation Retreat at the Basilica

Our Confirmation students recently attended a retreat at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul in Philadelphia as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. During their visit, they learned about the history of our Catholic faith, the Basilica, and the rich Catholic heritage of Philadelphia. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to grow in their understanding of the faith they are preparing to affirm through Confirmation.
Please continue to pray for our Confirmation students as they continue this important journey of faith and prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



St. Joseph / St. Robert School Update

Mrs. Jennifer Durkin ~ Principal
850 Euclid Avenue, Warrington, PA
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Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our annual fund! As I mentioned last week, our goal is to raise $65,000 to support tuition assistance and several exciting priorities for SJR, including launching a licensed Pre-K 3 program, transforming learning spaces with new furniture, and building STREAM excellence.

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference! If you haven't had a chance to contribute, you can use the QR code or visit www.stjstr.org/giving.
A Couple of Other Ways to Give

There are also two other ways to support our students:

- EITC: An opportunity to redirect Pennsylvania state tax dollars to help qualified SJR students with tuition.
- QCD: An opportunity for individuals 70½ or older to make a charitable gift directly from an IRA.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and for being such an important part of the SJR community. We are grateful for your continued support!

God bless you and have a wonderful week,

Mrs. Durkin





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Mass Schedule:
Daily Mass (Mon. – Sat.) 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 7:00 PM
(Christmas and New Year's have special schedule)

Confessions:
Saturdays 8:30 – 9:30 AM | 3:00 – 3:45 PM



Weekly Offerings

	2026 Oct. 25	2025 Oct 26
Envelopes	**$ 5,491.00**	$ 6,569.00
Online Giving	**$ 2,188.00**	$ 2,031.90
Total	**$ 7,679.00**	$ 8,600.90

Parish Giving

St. Joseph Church is offering Parish Giving. Parish Giving offers a simple and secure way to support St. Joseph Church through online donations.

Please visit our website www.saintjosephchurch.us and click on Parish Giving for more information.

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