

St. Joseph

the Worker
Roman Catholic Church Community

**December 14
2025**

Third Sunday of Advent

1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA 18069-9507 • (610)-395-2876 • www.stjw.org



Gaudete!

Our Mission Statement

St. Joseph the Worker Parish is a Christ-centered community that fosters personal renewal, conversion, and active participation in our Catholic faith. Our faith community strives to educate, serve, evangelize and welcome others as Jesus did. Each member is encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Jesus, and transform by modeling His love and compassion. This love of Jesus will permeate and enrich all facets of our lives, influencing family, friends, community, and our world.

PARISH INFORMATION

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Robert Wargo

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Nikolai Brelinsky

In residence: Rev. Msgr. Joseph P.T. Smith

In residence: Very Rev. Eugene Ritz, J.C.L.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

9:00 AM *live-stream*

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 6:30 & 8:30 AM

Saturday 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Friday 7:45-8:15 AM

Saturday 9:00-9:30 AM, 3:00-3:45 PM

and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

First Friday 9:00AM-8:00AM Saturday

Parish Registration

Email media@stjwchurch.org

to schedule an appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

parishoffice@stjwchurch.org

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church, your family or marital status, your personal history, age, or background, YOU are welcome and loved at St. Joseph the Worker Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 14- December 21, 2025
Third Week in Advent

Flowers are in Memory of Bill and Linda Eckert

Vigil Mass of Sunday

4:00 pm Joseph and Hedwig Freck

Sunday, December 14, Gaudete Sunday

7:00 am William and Mary Coleman

9:00 am Irene Fisher

11:00 am Mary A. Krobock

Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday

6:30 am Jack Olson

8:30 am Michael Salovay

Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

6:30 am Matthew Besz

8:30 am Mary Romano

Wednesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

6:30 am Kathy A. Trainor

8:30 am Sylvano Russo

Thursday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

6:30 am Flory Bagamsbad

8:30 am Special Intentions of Mary Johnstone

Friday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

6:30 am Anita Kimmerle

8:30 am David Whitfield

Saturday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am Ilona Leanch

Vigil Mass for Sunday

4:00 pm Special Intentions of Alan Uthuppan

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Leonard Shukauskas

9:00 am Irene Fisher

11:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Polash Family

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

December 20/21– Sunday Collection

PARISH OFFICE AND HELPING HANDS HOURS

The Parish Office is open M-F, 9AM—4:30 PM

Anne Angelella, Secretary– 610-395-2876

Helping Hands sales are

Tuesday through Friday in the Office 11AM—1PM.



WELCOME VISITORS!

It's great to have you here at St. Joseph the Worker for Mass. Thank you for choosing to celebrate Mass with us! If you would like to **stay in touch or visit again**, our weekend Masses are at 4 PM on Saturdays and at 7, 9, and 11 AM on Sundays.

We send out a **weekly E-News** on Fridays containing events and news from St. Joseph the Worker for the coming week. **Sign up** on our website at stjwchurch.org. You can also **follow us on Facebook** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

If you would like to **join St. Joseph's**, send an email to Gina Medvedz at media@stjwchurch.org.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, “sorrow and mourning will flee.”



Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the “yield of the soil” so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, “Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?” Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.



THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED DECORATE THE PARISH CENTER!

Jess is very grateful for your time and efforts. Everything looks beautiful! A special note of Gratitude to Bob Hoerner!



Diocesan Victim Assistance

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
Direct telephone 800-791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Diocesan Safe Environment

Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 | prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24
Carol prelude 20 minutes prior to Masses.

30 minutes prior to the 10 PM Mass.

4 PM (Church)

4 PM (Parish Center) Children's Choir

6 PM (Church)

8 PM (Church)

10 PM (Church)

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

9 AM

11 AM

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, December 27, Vigil at 4 PM

Sunday, December 28

7 AM

9 AM

11 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil, Wednesday at 4 PM

Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

9 AM and 11 AM

New Parishioners This Week



We welcome to our parish the **Ryan and Marisa Tracy Family**, the **Ryan and Tabatha Szivas Family**, **Lexi Hoeman**, and **Bob Nechetsky**, who joined our parish this past week. Please pray for them and welcome them as they begin their journey at St. Joseph the Worker Church!



Recently Baptized

We welcome to our parish family **Lucas Angelo Chavarria**, son of Ed and Annmarie, and **Callum Michael Guldin**, son of Mike and Shannon, who were baptized on December 7, 2025. We pray they grow in relationship with Our Lord and that St. Joseph remains an intercessor throughout their lives.



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, December 16
12 Noon**

Join us for a grand time next Tuesday as we gather for fun & fellowship to include a performance by our own St. Joseph the Worker School Choir

All in attendance will have a chance to win a fresh baked Blue Ribbon Apple Pie

Lunch is complimentary • Donations are welcome

RSVP: Use QR Code or call the office
at 610-395-2876



Youth Choir will have rehearsal in Room 1 of the Parish Center on Sunday December 14th at 12:00 pm in preparation for Christmas Eve. All children (Grades 2-8) are welcome to attend. The choir will sing the Prelude at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve.



Parish Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 14th
Breakfast begins at 8 AM • Brunch begins at 11:30
\$15 for Adults, \$7 Ages 4-10, under 3 free!
Bring your camera! 

St. Joseph the Worker Church Parish Center • 1879 Applewood Dr • Orefield

Advent Confessions

-St. Ann on Dec. 14 at 4 PM

-St. Joseph the Worker on Dec. 15 at 7 PM

-St. Thomas More on Dec. 16 at 7 PM



Don't miss this light spectacular at the home of our parishioners, Mike and Angela Tully from 6-9 PM daily, through December 31st, at **1693 Windmill Ln Breinigsville, PA 18031.**



Why do Catholics Believe Jesus is God?

Every Christmas, we remember that Jesus, the Son of God, took on our humanity without losing His divinity. It is a mystery, yet we hold it with confidence because God, who is Truth, has revealed it. During His earthly life, Jesus spoke and acted with divine authority. He said, "The Father and I are one" (John 10:30). He forgave sins, clarified the Law, and worked miracles. His Resurrection stands as the clearest confirmation of His identity, showing that His claim to be God was real. As man, He could suffer and die. As God, He rose and conquered death.



Family Promise will be hosting our homeless families in need, along with Jordan Lutheran Church, at Jordan, during the weeks of January 4 and January 11, 2026. There are three opportunities to help 1) make and deliver a meal - 2) host during dinner - 3) sleep overnight. Volunteer van drivers are also needed (no special license required.) We invite you to take a look at the sign up genius to see where you may be able to help. If you have any questions or want more information about Family Promise at St. Joseph the Worker Church please email Fran roposhfc@gmail.com or call Ruth 484-809-2044. To learn more about Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley go to www.familypromiselv.org



Oplatky are available for \$3 per pack of four in the vestibule before and after Mass, and in the Parish Office on weekdays.



Night at the Races



Knights of Columbus Council 10921 will once again host a Night at the Races on Saturday, **January 31st** in the St Joseph Worker Parish Center Hall. Gates open at 5 PM. Races will begin at 6 pm.

Admission fee is \$15, payable at door. Includes light dinner, hors d'oeuvres, snacks, refreshments & BYOB set ups. Fans may also bring their own wine or favorite race day drink, snacks and appetizers.

Tables may be reserved for group seating.

For more information or to reserve a table, please contact John Fitzpatrick @ jfitzpatrick83@gmail.com or 610-530-7728 or, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549AEAD2BA4F94-60545736-night>.

Sponsor a Horse - Cost \$10 per horse

If you have a winning horse and would like to enter it into a race, complete the information below:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Name(s) of Horse(s) (Please Print) - \$10 each

Return with payment in an envelope marked "Night at the Races" to the rectory, collection basket, or mail to John Fitzpatrick, 513 Steeplechase Ln, Allentown, PA 18106 by Jan 26.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE:

Closing Celebration of the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

DECEMBER 2025 | 28 | 2PM - 4PM

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



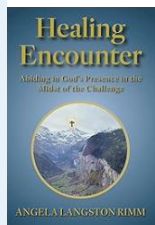
2:00 PM: A choral presentation of Vivaldi's Gloria by the Cathedral Choir

2:00 - 3:00 PM: The Sacrament of Penance

3:00 PM: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert



The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown



Angela Rimm, a parishioner of St. Joseph the Worker felt called to write a Catholic 40 Day Devotional. It was granted an imprimatur by the Diocese of Allentown. This book would be beneficial for personal use, or would be an ideal Christmas gift for someone struggling with a health challenge. All profits will be donated to a Catholic charity.

Invite Christ into the wounds of your mind, body and spirit. **Healing Encounter: Abiding in God's Presence in the Midst of the Challenge** invites you into a sacred journey of restoration—40 days of personal prayer, using the ancient monastic practice of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina, at its heart, simply means praying with Scripture. Each day of your 40 day journey offers a Scripture passage, guided prayer and a simple invitation to rest, recognizing that God is truly with you. Experience peace, through releasing your physical, emotional and spiritual wounds to Christ. This book invites you to walk step by step toward connection—a journey shaped by prayer, nourished by Scripture, and strengthened through the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.



About the Vocations Committee

The Vocations Committee is dedicated to supporting and celebrating our priests, deacons, and religious as well as welcoming the newly ordained of the Allentown Diocese with prayers, Masses, and small gifts/gatherings. We are blessed with the ordained whom we strive to encourage. We also focus on promoting vocations within our parish, schools, and families through daily prayer and weekly Adoration. If you feel called to join, please contact Anita at 610-756-6053 or Jon at 717-857-4069. If you are able to contribute financially to the Vocations Committee, please drop off your donation at the parish office or simply give by using this QR code. Thank you very much for your support.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & COOKIE SWAP

BRING 2
DOZEN
COOKIES
TO SWAP

WIN PRIZES!

Sunday, Dec 14th

5:30-8 pm

St. Joseph the Worker
School, 1858 Applewood
Drive, Orefield, PA
18069



Wear Christmas socks, hats,
sweaters, etc.

RSVP TO
YOUTHMINISTER@STJWCHURCH.ORG
SO WE HAVE ENOUGH HOUSES! :)

Get Involved at St. Joseph the Worker!

Learn the Art of Quilting



The **Clover Dell Schoolhouse Quilters** are meeting **every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Rectory Basement** (Stairs located off the courtyard). New quilters are always welcome. No experience is necessary. We will teach the art of quilting. For more information or questions, call Vicky Kern at 610-730-8233.



Labor of Love Crafters

Crafters meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center from 1:00-3:30 PM in room 3/4. If you like to knit, crochet, loom or sew (or would like to learn), join us! Our homemade donations are distributed to many organizations. Questions? Call Yvonne at 610-395-9134.



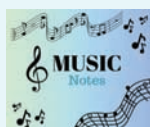
The Women's Guild is a group of vibrant women of the Parish. To join us, contact our current President, Melissa Balmer at stjwguild@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you! Please find our scheduled meetings listed on our website, www.stjwchurch.org/womens-guild.



M.A.S.S. Group

The **Middle Adult Service and Social** group is made up of those people who are no longer young adults, but aren't quite seniors yet either (approx. 35-55). We pull together socially for fun and support and make time to serve our parish and community. Contact Scott Appnel to join the email list at scott.appnel@jefferson.edu

The **Young Adult Group** is just what it says it is! Open to anyone between the ages of 21-35 we would love to have you join us. Contact Michael Jenkins at michaelpatrickjenkins35@gmail.com.



St. Joseph's Parish Choir

High school-age and adults who rehearse **Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm** and sing at the 11:00 Mass weekly, October-May.

St. Joseph's Youth Choir

Youth Grades 3-8, Rehearse as needed, most often on **Sundays after the 11:00 Mass or Thursdays, 6:00-6:45 p.m.** Contact Mark at mohearn@stjwchurch.org for schedule details and to join.

Defenders of Life



If you are interested in getting involved in the Pro-Life movement, please join the **Defenders of Life**. We meet via Zoom call on the second **Thursday** of the month at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in joining the Zoom calls or participating in any other way, please email Jo Garcia at: Garcia1047@ptd.net.

Divine Mercy Cenacle



The Divine Mercy Cenacle invites all those interested in Jesus, Divine Mercy, and St. Faustina to join us on **Wednesday mornings at 9:15 AM** in Parish Center room 5/6. Our Cenacle studies a portion of the Diary of St. Faustina, Scripture and the Catechism weekly, using Cenacle guide books published by the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. We hope to see you there!

Caring Committee

If you are in need of a visit, a meal, a food box from our pantry, emergency babysitting, grocery shopping, or some other task that someone might be willing to do, please contact the office at 610-395-2876 or email media@stjwchurch.org.



Are you interested in helping members of our parish in times of need? Sign up with the QR code to join our list and receive notifications when parishioners are looking for help. God bless you!



Men's Group

**Men of St. Joseph the Worker
You are invited to join us!
Saturdays at 9 AM in room 3/4
in the Parish Center
We hope you can attend!**

Catholic Grandparents Assoc.



The Catholic Grandparents Association is where we gather in unity to pray for our children and grandchildren and share with others our traditions and learn about theirs. Our meetings are always full of great stories and ideas on how to share the wealth of Our Faith. All are welcome! Contact Jo or Art Garcia for more information at garcia1047@ptd.net and watch the bulletin and E-News for meeting announcements.

moms & minis



Fun playdates and activities for you and your young children. Contact Cristina Atiyeh for more information. 484-895-8720

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HELPING HANDS

THERE'S STILL TIME TO
PLACE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD
PREORDERS -DUE BY SUNDAY 12/14 BY NOON
DROP ORDERS OFF AT RECTORY OR MASS

SAVE TIME, AVOID THE CROWDS
GIFT GIVING MADE EASY!

CONTACT JONELLE WITH ANY QUESTIONS HELPINGHANDS@STJW.ORG
(610)395-2876 X14

Helping Hands Gift Card Program

Purchasing gift cards through Helping Hands raises money for our Parish or our School. You get to decide where the proceeds go, and they can also be directed toward tuition at our school, ACCHS, or your child's college. **We encourage you to use them** for groceries, etc. Cards are available in the Parish Office Tues-Fri from 11 AM-1 PM and after all Masses. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact Jonelle at 610-395-2876 ext 14 or helpinghands@stjw.org



Visit the Diocesan News Site

www.ad-today.com

Enroll Your Child at St. Joseph the Worker School



Contact the School Office
at 610-395-7221 or
sjohnson@stjw.org



The Most Meaningful Gifts

We know they are the ones we cannot wrap. Do not let Christmas pass without offering these gifts to your friends and loved ones this year:

Your time: Being present is the simplest way to show you care. It won't blow your budget, either.

Your forgiveness: Free yourself from anger and resentment and give the person room to grow.

Your gratitude: Your thanks to God matters (see Luke 17:17-18). Be sure to attend Mass to thank Him above all, and then thank your friends and family for being a gift in your life. Make it personal.

Altar Server Schedule Dec. 20/21 and Christmas Schedule

Names in italics have requested swaps

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| 4 PM Vigil | Harry Schairer | Blaise Schairer | <i>Joseph Owles</i> |
| 7 AM | Molly Church | James Church | |
| 9 AM | Noah Smith | Ebube Ijemere | Liam Borcoman |
| 11 AM | Max Montone | Matthew Cervantes | Luke Hodrick |
| Wednesday 4 PM | Joseph Owles | Jake Strobl | Emily Strobl |
| Wednesday 4 PM (PC) | Roger Shaughnessy | Augustin Satin | |
| Wednesday 6 PM | Jaiden Gerber-Mehta | Nebechi Okafor | Nonachi Okafor |
| Wednesday 8 PM | Clara Collins | Joshua Collins | Greyson Borcoman |
| Wednesday 10 PM | John Tizio | Patrick Tizio | Emma Hartzell |
| Thursday 9 AM | Samuel Shive-Sanchez | <i>Blaise Schairer</i> | <i>Harry Schairer</i> |
| Thursday 11 AM | Noah Smith | <i>John Tizio</i> | <i>Patrick Tizio</i> |

Parish Information

Parish Prayer

Dear God,

I believe that you have the ability to convert everyone at St. Joseph the Worker Church and I beg you to perform miracles in our lives that we will come to love you and never want to offend you.

I beg you to let us see our sins and run to the confessional, that the lines will be out the door.

Set the hearts of our priests on fire so that they burn with the desire for the conversion of every soul in the parish.

I implore you to make St. Joseph's a beacon in our diocese, that souls will be drawn by the holiness they find here.

I ask that you blind Satan to every parishioner, that they might have the space to know and love you without temptation.

I offer myself to you completely, whatever the cost.

Amen.



Like St. Joseph's on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/stjwparish



Flowers in Memoriam



Contact Anne in the Parish Office to remember your loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary. (610)395-2876

Two arrangements can be purchased to place on both sides of the altar of sacrifice or tabernacle for \$150, one arrangement in front of the altar for \$150, or one arrangement may be purchased to place in front of Mary or Joseph (or both) for \$75 each in memory or honor of your loved ones.



Would you prefer Online Giving?

**Control your online giving in the
comfort of your own home.**

For directions and a link to create your account, visit

stjwchurch.org/online-giving

Be Sure To Register

If you have moved out of your parent's home after high school or college graduation, or if you are 23 years or older and are still living at home, please contact Gina at media@stjwchurch.org to register with the church.

Potential Godparents and Sponsors

You must be registered in the parish for at least three months and be a practicing Catholic, having received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. If you are married, you must be in a valid Catholic marriage. If these guidelines are met, contact the parish office and we will be happy to issue a letter of eligibility.

Sign up to receive our E-News

Sign up for our weekly E-News by visiting the homepage of the church website to sign up. Additionally, be sure to like St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Facebook to keep up with the latest news! www.stjwchurch.org



Pre-Plan Your Funeral Mass

You can schedule an appointment with one of our team to help relieve your family of the stress of planning your funeral and wondering what music and readings you would like. Pick the readings and hymns that are meaningful to you. See our Funeral Guide at stjwchurch.org.

Funeral Procedures

The loss of a loved one is difficult. The first step in making funeral arrangements is to contact the funeral home of your choice. The funeral director will then contact the church to make arrangements for a time, date, and priest. Someone from our Bereavement Committee will reach out to meet with you at the Parish Office to plan the Mass. Funeral Masses are held on weekdays.

Catholic Funeral and Burial

As Catholics, we are blessed with the promise of life everlasting. Death is not the end, but rather the next step. At death, we present our bodies for a sacred Catholic funeral and burial to be prepared for the Resurrection. Choosing a final resting place on consecrated grounds is your choice, your privilege, and the right of every Catholic, as well as a confirmation of faith in our everlasting union with our Lord. For information, visit: allentowndiocesecemeteries.org or call Resurrection Cemetery 610-395-3819 or Holy Saviour Cemetery 610-866-2372.

MEMORIAL FUND

After the death of a family member you are invited to have that person's name commemorated on the Church Plaque in the grotto by suggesting that memorial offerings be donated to the Church in memory of your loved one. Mass is Contact Anne in the Parish Office.

Additional Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Permanent Deacon: Mr. Anthony T. Campanell
Permanent Deacon: Dr. Charles A. Coyle
Permanent Deacon: Dr. Bruno Schettini
Permanent Deacon: Mr. Carl (Butch) Readinger
Permanent Deacon: Mr. Anthony Brasten
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Anne Angelella
Business Manager: Mr. Timothy Hood
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Jennifer Keim
Director of Maintenance: Mr. John Keglovics
Director of Communications: Mrs. Gina Medvedz
Director of the Parish Center: Mrs. Jessica Mueller
Director of Music: Mr. Mark O'Hearn
Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Rose Hayward

TOTAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education Classes for 3 yr. olds & Pre-K classes for 4 & 5 yr. old Jr. Kindergarten

Mrs. Theresa Heintzelman, Director (610) 395-7400

St. Joseph the Worker School (610) 395-7221

Dr. Sarah Johnson, Principal

Central Catholic High School (610) 437-4601

Mrs. Cara Meskill, Director of Admissions

Family Faith Formation Program

Mrs. Rose Hayward, DRE (610) 395-4920

OCIA Deacon Readinger and Keith Davis (610) 395-2876

Youth Group (8th-12th Grade)

Mrs. Annaleigh Gidosh youthminister@stjwchurch.org

BULLETIN NOTICES

If you would like to submit an announcement for the bulletin, email your message to Gina at media@stjwchurch.org. It is most convenient for images/designs to be attached in a Word document (No PDFs please). Please observe the deadline of Monday at 9AM for most editions. Parish office staff will determine the length and repetition of your announcement.

SCHEDULING USE OF FACILITIES

To schedule a meeting or event in the **Parish Center**, fill out a Use of Facilities Request form (available on the church website on the Forms page under the Contact tab) and return to the parish office ATTN: Jessica Mueller. With Parish Center questions, contact Jessica at 610-395-2876 x29. To schedule a meeting or event in the **School**, please contact Lisa Milano, 610-395-7221. Any organization must have Msgr. Finelli's approval for hosting a fundraiser at our Parish or School. Contact Anne in the Parish Office at 610-395-2876.

Hospital Note

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, need to be anointed, or would like to be added to the sick list for prayer for two weeks, please be sure to call the parish office at 610-395-2876. In the case of an emergency anointing when the office is closed, please use the office number above and extension 16.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM: Held on Sundays at 12:00PM in the church. First time parents must attend a baptism workshop that is held the first Saturday of each month at 9:30AM in the Parish Center. Please call the rectory at 610-395-2876 about your interest in this sacrament and Deacon Readinger will get back to you with all the details. Families must be active registered parishioners at our church for 3 months. Godparents must be practicing their faith and able to get a sponsor form of eligibility from their home parish.

MARRIAGE: Couples must contact one of the Parish Priests at least 6 months in advance of their intended wedding date. Note: Bride or Groom must be a Registered and practicing member for at least 6 months. In addition to the three sessions with the Priest, the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Dialogues must also be attended. Weddings are on Saturdays at 10AM, 12PM, or 2PM.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: Notify the office as soon as someone becomes seriously ill or weak due to old age, so that they might receive the Sacrament of Extreme Unction.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: The Extraordinary Ministers visit the homebound weekly and visitation can be scheduled through the Parish Office. This includes those who are Catholic and in nursing homes covered by St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Contact the Parish Office.

HOSPITALIZED: If possible, alert the parish office whenever someone has to be hospitalized, especially if this admission is an emergency. Remember that each hospital knows which Catholic Parish is responsible for its emergency situations. A family member should notify the office of any admission if they want their name on the prayer list for the sick.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

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| Adoration, Mary Johnstone..... | 610-434-2594 |
| Altar Servers, Parish Office..... | 610-395-2876 |
| Baptismal Workshop, Parish Office..... | 610-395-2876 |
| Bereavement, Parish Office..... | 610-395-2876 |
| Boy Scout Troop 150, Dan Spieker..... | 484-597-0013 |
| Catholic Grandparents Assoc., Art & Jo Garcia..... | 484-951-4845 |
| Caring Committee, Parish Office..... | 610-395-2876 |
| Clover Dell Schoolhouse Quilters, Vicky Kern..... | 610-730-8233 |
| College Scholarship Fund, Parish Office..... | 610-395-2876 |
| Cub Scout Pack 150, Theresa Kowal | 401-339-0799 |
| Cursillo, Nancy & Jim Clee..... | 610-530-0174 |
| CYO Sports, John Kriner..... | 717-598-0349 |
| Defenders of Life/NFP, Jo Garcia..... | 484-951-4845 |
| Divine Mercy Cenacle, Nancy Clee..... | 610-530-0174 |
| Extraordinary Ministers, Deacon Butch Readinger..... | 610-899-2048 |
| Family Promise, Ruth Joyce..... | 484-809-2044 |
| Hospitality Committee, Gail Schairer | 610-349-1850 |
| Helping Hands, Jonelle Yonak..... | 610-395-2876 |
| Knights of Columbus, David Klembara..... | 484-274-1665 |
| Knit/Crochet Crafters, Yvonne Schweighardt..... | 610-395-9134 |
| Middle Age Social & Service 35-55, Scott Appnel..... | 484-230-3106 |
| Men's Group, Deacon Tony Campanell..... | 484-788-2243 |
| Moms & Minis, Cristina Atiyeh..... | 484-895-8720 |
| Protecting God's Children | 610-395-4431 |
| Senior Fellowship 55+, Janet Kahora | 610-392-7143 |
| Vocations Committee, Jon Wiseman..... | 717-857-4069 |
| Women's Guild, Melissa Balmer..... | 570-730-0005 |
| Works of Mercy, Parish Office..... | 610-395-2876 |
| Young Adults 21-35, Michael Jenkins..... | 484-553-2638 |
| Youth Group, Annaleigh Gidosh..... | youthminister@stjwchurch.org |



WELCOMES
Mary K. Coughlin VMD

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Kutztown, PA



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Hand & Upper Extremity Institute

250 Cetronia Road • Allentown, PA 18104
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