

St. Joseph

the Worker
Roman Catholic Church Community

**February 8
2026**

**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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



Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

February 11

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.

Join us for our Parish Breakfast this Sunday in the Parish Center after all Masses!

MASS INTENTIONS

February 8– February 15, 2026
Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

The Flowers for the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph
are in memory of Joseph Bononno and Lynn Pancoast

Vigil Mass of Sunday

4:00 pm Mary Davis

Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Harry and Vivian Trautmann
9:00 am Robert Frees
11:00 am Carmen Reyes

Monday, February 9, Weekday

6:30 am James Ruane
8:30 am Special Intentions of Paul Medvedz

Tuesday, February 10, St. Scholastica, Virgin

6:30 am Special Intentions of Joseph and Patty Gorman
8:30 am Judy Fennell

Wednesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30 am Leona and Dan Spatz, Sr.
8:30 am Special Intentions of David Anthony

Thursday, February 12, Weekday

6:30 am Special Intentions of Robert Hood
8:30 am Joseph Petrakovic, Sr.

Friday, February 13, Weekday

6:30 am Joe Natishak
8:30 am Lucy Schettini

Saturday, February 14, Sts. Cyril and Methodius

8:30 am Edward Johnstone

Vigil Mass for Sunday

4:00 pm Valentino Scarcia

Sunday, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am John and Wilma Stack
9:00 am Robert Drumtra
11:00 am Richard Lyons

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Feb. 14/15– 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 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

“You are the light of the world.” (Matthew 5:14)

On World Marriage Day, we honor couples who shine Christ’s love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.



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

New Parishioners This Week



We welcome to our parish **Bryce and Gianna Maley**, and **Tori Batchelor**, 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 **Noah Sloane Rylee Tracy**, daughter of Ryan and Marisa, and **Kennedy Anne Pammer**, daughter of Paul and Tara, who were baptized on February 1, 2026. We pray they grow in relationship with Our Lord and that St. Joseph remains an intercessor throughout their lives.

Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser
 Help teens offset the cost of the 2026 Steubenville Youth Conference

\$15 per dozen
Original Glazed Donuts

\$17 per dozen
Chocolate Iced Donuts, Glazed Kreme Filled, or Glazed Raspberry Filled

Use QR Code to Preorder by 2/9
Pick up after Masses 2/14-15

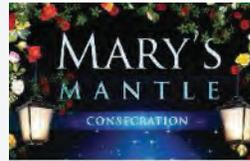
You may also email your preorder to youthminister@stjwchurch.org

Men's Retreat



We are calling all men to attend the Holy Family weekend at Malvern Retreat House from Friday, February 27 at 5 PM to Sunday, March 1 at 12 noon. Spend a few days under the spiritual direction of our own Fr. Eugene Ritz and meet men from St. Joseph the Worker and other parishes, as well. This traditional retreat includes Conferences, Confession, Adoration, Prayer and Mass each day, and is open to all men, regardless of religion or group affiliation. New retreatants are welcome to attend. The price of \$290 includes single accommodations, meals, and a great time. Under age 22 is \$100, and there is a virtual option available for \$75. If you have questions or would like to join us, please contact Tom Schlickbernd at 607-738-0808 or tschlickbernd@gmail.com

Parish Lenten Program



This Lent join the Divine Mercy Cenacle in their journey towards spiritual renewal through Mary's Mantle Consecration. This program consists of short daily readings from "Mary's Mantle Consecration- A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven's Help" and weekly videos. Meetings will be in the Parish Center Wednesday mornings at 9:15 and evenings at 7 pm starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18. For more specific information about this program see www.QueenofPeaceMedia.com/marys-mantle There is a book and workbook for this program which cost \$23. To register, use the QR code or contact Nancy Clee 484-547-6789. **Last day to register is February 12** so books can arrive in time for the February 18 start date.



HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

MARRIED COUPLES Catholic Date Night



DATE & TIME

5 MARCH 2026 | 6:00-8:00PM

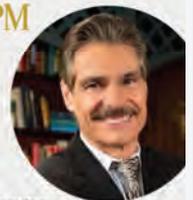


REGISTER HERE

CLOVER HILL WINERY

9850 NEWTOWN RD,
BREINIGSVILLE, PA 18031

\$50 PER COUPLE



Enjoy an evening of connection and conversation featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine from a pre-selected menu, a souvenir bottle, and an engaging talk by Dr. Ray Guarendi, a Catholic psychologist, bestselling author, and nationally known speaker on marriage and family life.

CONTACT: RTULLOCH@ALLENTOWNDIOCESE.ORG



HAPPY WORLD MARRIAGE DAY!

Today celebrates the Sacrament of Marriage throughout the world. It is part of a week long celebration, National Marriage Week, February 7-14, that was instituted in 2010 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, to focus on a culture of life and love within marriage and the family. This week affirms couples and invites them to reflect on the significance of marriage in God's plan. By lifting up the vocation of holy matrimony, the Church reminds the world that love is not simply a feeling, but a lifelong commitment rooted in faith and sacrifice. **Holy matrimony is a sacred covenant in which a husband and wife commit themselves fully to one another, becoming a visible sign of Christ's love for His Church.** In a world where relationships are often seen as temporary, the witness of a faithful and enduring marriage speaks powerfully to the grace of God at work in family life. **Married couples are not only called to love one another, but to build a home where faith is nurtured, and their children are encouraged to follow Christ.** This year's theme is: "Man and Woman He Created Them: Together With Purpose." There are many great resources available to couples and their families to celebrate this special week: www.foryourmarriage.org

Husbands and wives, celebrate your marriage! Children, thank God for their marriage. Take time to appreciate each other, as you are all a gift to one another.



Attention STJW Parish and School Organizations!

The Women's Guild is beginning their donation process for this season. If you have a specific monetary support need, we would like to hear from you! Please send an email to stjwguild@gmail.com or call Melissa at 570-730-0005 with the details. Deadline for requests is Saturday, February 28. Distribution of the donations will be made in May. We look forward to helping you support our parish community!

Piano Concert in Tamaqua

Andrew Sheranian, a concert pianist and organist from Boston will give a concert on our new grand piano on Friday evening, February 20th at 7 PM. Tickets are only \$10 and are available at the door. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



DIOCESAN FAMILY EVENT

SHAPING SAINTS

- ★ Help Unlock Your Children's God-Given Gifts!
- ★ Live Music
- ★ Talk For Parents & Children (grades 5 and up)
- ★ Vigil Mass with Bishop Schlert @ 4:30

THE SCALLY BROTHERS

MARIE MILLER

BISHOP SCHLERT

28TH FEB 2026
1:30 - 5:30 PM

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2133 MADISON AVE, BETHLEHEM
CONTACT: ZHODGSKIN@ALLENTOWNDIOCESE.ORG

REGISTER BY FEB 20

Jesus
the name above all names

WOMEN & GIRLS
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

FAMILY FUN!

Love Bug Luncheon

15 FEBRUARY | 12:30PM
PARISH CENTER

Contact Leader, Cristina Atiyeh
484-895-8720

Email
cristina.atiyeh@gmail.com

Join Our Private Facebook Page



Please VOTE for Our School!

St. Joseph the Worker School is participating in the Make A Joyful Noise competition and would appreciate your vote! The Catholic schools of the

Allentown Diocese compete in this fundraiser to create a friendly spirit of competition and community. Right now St. Joseph the Worker is in 13th place, so we need your vote, which is also a donation. When you vote for St. Joseph the Worker School, all donations are forwarded to the school. Visit welovecatholicschools.com to vote.



Lenten Adoration



Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a special time to grow closer to Him during Lent. Spending one weekly hour with Him as one of your Lenten practices can bring peace and many graces to the adorer. There will be sign-up sheets in the church vestibule beginning on Saturday, February 7. The hours of Adoration for Lent are Monday through Thursday 9AM to 8PM, and Friday 9AM to 8AM Saturday. Lent Adoration will run from February 19 through March 31. Please use this QR code to sign up for Friday overnight hours or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.



When things go wrong, choose charity

When difficulties arise, our instinct is often to complain, assign blame, or turn inward with harsh self-criticism. These reactions rarely solve the problem. More often, they weaken charity, cloud judgment, and strain relationships. A more constructive response is to choose kindness deliberately, in thought, speech, and action.

Practice kindness in thought: When self-pity, resentment, comparison, or harsh self-judgment appear, treat them as temptations rather than truths. Pause and redirect your thinking.

Practice kindness in speech: Before speaking, ask whether your words will help or simply vent frustration. When emotions run high, bring your complaints to prayer first.

Practice kindness in action: Focus on what you can do rather than what you cannot control. Choose one concrete act of goodwill: express gratitude, offer help, listen attentively, or perform a small, unnoticed kindness. These simple actions restore perspective and soften difficult moments.



February Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals are on the following days and times, please take note:

Thursday, February 12th at 7 PM

Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 PM

Monday, February 23rd at 7 PM



Knights of Columbus 2026 Free Throw Championship Results

Girls and boys ages 9 to 14 (50 in total) participated in the 2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, St. Joseph the Worker's Council No. 10921 on January 30, 2026. Eleven winners were awarded basketballs and certificates. They have the opportunity to represent the St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Council at the upcoming District Free Throw Event; St. John Vianney Gym, 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2026. Congratulations winners!



- Age 14- Thomas Argiriou and Alice Yakamavage
- Age 13- Alaina McAndrew
- Age 12- Xavier Gall and Reagan Kuczynski
- Age 11- Samuel Boltz and Zuzanna Stopyra
- Age 10- Cody Loch and Laura Yakamavage
- Age 9- Joey Ruffino and Sofia Gorniak

HELPING HANDS

HAPPY Valentines



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Hallmark cards available as eGift cards

through RaiseRight App

Contact Jonelle at helpinghands@stjw.org or call 610-395-2876 ext 14

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

NEW DATE & TIME!

Welcome!



ALLENTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 / 6-7:30PM

- > Tour Our Historic School Campus
- > Meet Our Principal & Faculty
- > Talk With Current Students
- > Learn About Our Clubs & Activities

SCAN HERE TO PRE-REGISTER FOR OUR MARCH OPEN HOUSE or visit <https://forms.gle/RUw0u6WPEts8L2TH8>




2026 Best Catholic High School in the Lehigh Valley Area!

CALL TODAY TO ENROLL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please contact Admissions Director Mrs. Schultz at lschultz@acchs.info with any questions. Last tour to begin at 7pm.

610-437-4601 | www.acchs.info | 301 N Fourth Street, Allentown, PA 18102



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Track your earnings through RaiseRight

Go to the RaiseRight WEBSITE (not the app) Sign in

Account

Personal Dashboard

Earning Summary Report

Report Begin/End Date

Custom Range = March 1st-current date

Apply

Run Report

Check your downloads

Scrip rebate is what you earned (less 30% HH retains)

Contact Jonelle with any Q's 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. Proceeds can be directed toward tuition at our school, ACCHS, or your child's college. Cards are available in the Parish Office Tues-Fri from 11 AM-1 PM and after all Masses. For more information, contact Jonelle at 610-395-2876 ext 14 or helpinghands@stjw.org



That Man is You!

Men, join us for That Man Is You! Every Wednesday for 10 more weeks, where we will focus on being: "The Light of Men." Bring a friend! Wednesday mornings from 7-8 AM in Parish Center room 3/4.

Bad Weather? Check our Website

Be sure to check our website before you head out in inclement weather. On the top of the page is a blue box titled, "News and Updates." That's where you'll find all the latest information. You can access the online version of our bulletin and read the latest issue of the E-News from the website, as well!

www.stjwchurch.org



The **Good Samaritan Society** offers help in hard times. Contact the Parish Office if you need assistance at 610-395-2876.

Altar Server Schedule Feb. 14/15

Names in italics have requested swaps

Saturday 4 PM	John Tizio	Patrick Tizio	Declan Flannery
Sunday 7 AM	Maria Bus	Matt Kriner	Maria Bus
Sunday 9 AM	Liam Borcoman	Greyson Borcoman	Ebube Ijemere
Sunday 11 AM	Harry Schairer	Blaise Schairer	Eduardo Lous

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.

ANOINTING 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

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 Kowal401-339-0799
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
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