

St. Joseph

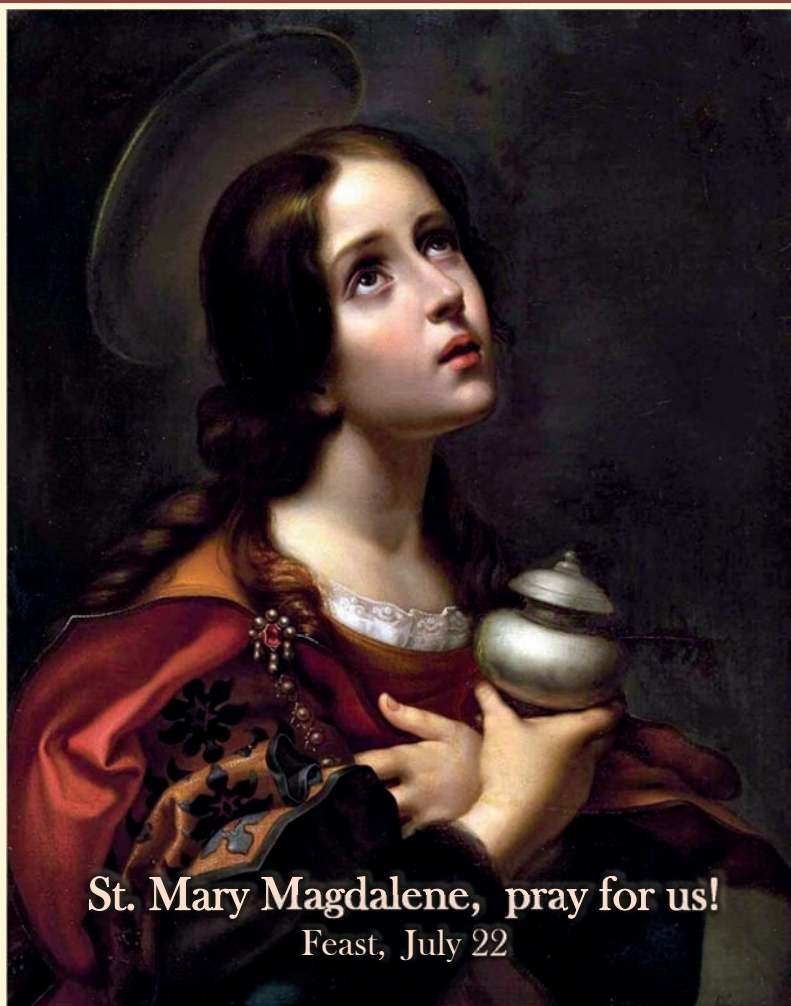
the Worker

Roman Catholic Church Community

**July 19
2026**

**The Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!
Feast, July 22

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, J.C.L.
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Robert Wargo
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Aaron Scheidel
In residence: Rev. Nikolai Brelinsky
In residence: Very Rev. Eugene Ritz, V.J., J.C.L.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 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, 4:00-4:45 PM
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
First Friday
9:00 AM-8:00 AM 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 at St. Joseph the Worker Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 19– July 26, 2026
The Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in Memory of
Anna Theresa Hudanich

Vigil Mass of Sunday

5:00 pm Robert E. Sotak

Sunday, July 19, The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Ed Flock

9:00 am Cecilia Angelino

11:00 am Anna Mae and Charles Terry

Monday, July 20, St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 am Salvatore Milano

8:30 am Anna Theresa Hudanich

Tuesday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am Eileen Ruth Albert

8:30 am Priscilla Eckert

Wednesday, July 22, Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

6:30 am Special Intentions of Msgr. Joseph Smith

8:30 am Aloysius and Genevieve Gantert

Thursday, July 23, St. Bridget, Religious

6:30 am Anita Henki

8:30 am Rose Iannuzzi

Friday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

6:30 am Ed and Helen Malindzak

8:30 am Pat Wertz

Saturday, July 25, Feast of St. James, Apostle

8:30 am Special Intentions of Paul and Gina Medvedz

Vigil Mass for Sunday

5:00 pm Special Intentions of Anne Angelella

Sunday, July 26, World Day of Grandparents

7:00 am Edward Troyen

9:00 am Margaret Ward

11:00 am W. Russel Irwin

Upcoming Collections

July 25/26- Sunday Collection
Second Collection– Venezuela Earthquake Relief

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 5 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.

We hope to see you again!

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.



Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.” (Matthew 13:31)

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart?



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 the **Nick and Karen Wagner Family**, and **Carmen Aragon**, 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!

Annual Retreats at Malvern

St. Joseph the Worker and the Lehigh Valley men's and women's retreat groups, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Peace, would like to invite men and women of all ages to participate in the fellowship and faith-filled peace we experience on our annual weekends at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. This is an opportunity to set aside "normal life" for the weekend and to spend some time focusing on what's even more important, your "spiritual life." Join the **men's weekend September 11, 12, and 13**; or the **women's weekend September 25, 26, and 27**. The retreats run from Friday night to Sunday morning. Please contact me with any questions, for additional information, or to register.

Tom Schlickbernd, 607-738-0808
tschlickbernd@gmail.com
www.malvernretreat.com



Bereavement Gathering

A Bereavement Gathering will be held on Sunday, August 2nd after the 11:00am Mass at 12:15pm. Join us in Parish Center room 5/6. Healing takes time and patience. Through sharing with others your spirits will be comforted and supported.

Organ Volume Concerns

Over the past several weeks, parishioners have been immersed in the glorious sounds of the organ. With those sounds comes the process of getting used to a new instrument, both for the organist and the congregation. Our Walker organ underwent its second voicing last week, which should help improve the overall volume. When the organ was installed, the main body of the instrument was designed to speak from the chancel at the front of the church. For anyone who may have hearing sensitivities it is recommended to sit in the middle of the nave or toward the rear of the church where the sound is less pronounced. Adjustments have been made so that the organ still has a full, rich sound while continuing to lead us in worship.

We thank you for your patience during this time of change.



Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Natural Family Planning Zoom Event

Curious about Natural Family Planning (NFP)? Join the Diocese of Allentown's NFP Task Force on Thursday, July 23, 8:30pm-9:30pm for "Ask Us Anything: NFP Edition," a free Zoom Q&A where individuals and couples can ask anything about NFP in a welcoming, judgment-free setting. Whether you're newly engaged, married, discerning, or simply interested in learning more, you're welcome! Register for free today at allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/264704. All registered participants will receive the Zoom link on Monday, July 20.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph the Worker Church

1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA 18069

Registering in Parish Center Room 5/6

Sunday, July 26th

7:30 am – 1:30 pm

To schedule an appointment:

Scan the QR Code or Call MKBC at

1-800-223-6667, ext. 2 and use

Sponsor Code #0861.



Special Collection for Venezuela

Next Sunday, we will hold a special collection for the Victims of the Earthquake in Venezuela. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. Make any checks payable to St. Joseph the Worker and write "Venezuela" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity for those suffering such loss.

Parish Council Nominees

Dave Abert

Dave is a high-energy, hard-working business owner who loves to help. He has served St. Joseph the Worker in the PREP program, but you would most likely recognize him as the past Chair of the Festival for over a decade, or from serving at the Vigil Mass as an Usher, Lector, and Eucharistic Minister.



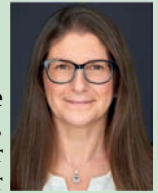
Alex Atiyeh

Alex has been a parishioner of St. Joseph the Worker since childhood, where he attended St. Joseph the Worker School alongside his siblings. He and his wife are now raising their two daughters in the same parish community. He owns AE Tree Service, serving the local community, and is happy to serve in our parish, as well.



Melissa Balmer

Melissa grew up in the parish and, by circumstance, has returned to raise her children here. This is her community and she feels a responsibility to it. Melissa is a diplomat, a peacemaker, and I tries not to take herself too seriously.



Kathy Cronin

Kathy is a retired RN married to Jim. They have three adult children and four grandkids. She enjoys gardening and flowers, and does a wonderful job making the grounds at STJW beautiful. Kathy loves sharing time with family and friends, as well as travel.



Alicia Cunic

Alicia has been a member of STJW her entire life. Science is her thing, and she even has an MBA in Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing and is a certified project manager (PMP). Alicia enjoys traveling and CrossFit in her free time. She currently works as a Value Stream Leader at Sharp Packaging Solutions.



Teresa DeBiase

Terry has been here 53 years from NYC and has never looked back! She performed in local theatre and even appeared in two independent movies. If chosen, she hopes to bring to the table the voice of the seniors in our congregation and the parish at large.



Alyssa Dreschler

Alyssa is an avid runner, frequent blood donor, and passionate baker who strives to do all things through Christ. She's a registered nurse who loves encountering Christ during Eucharistic Adoration and had the privilege of embarking on a young adult JP2 wilderness retreat in Switzerland last summer.



John Dowdell

John has been a member of Saint Joseph The Worker Church since 1979 and actively participated in the Hospitality Committee, Marriage Prep, CYO Youth Basketball, Festival and the Men's Conference. His faith is the center of his life. He and Mary Grace proudly raised their three children in the Catholic faith.



Matt Engler

Matt attended Catholic School and then Penn State, where he met his wife, Erin. They found their home at STJW and send their boys to our School. Matt loves camping at state parks, bike rides, and nature walks — with trail running being his personal favorite. He embraces the opportunity to serve the people of this parish.



Keith Fenstermaker

Keith has lived in the Lehigh Valley all of his life. With a degree in accounting, he raised his 5 children and has 3 grandchildren. Very family oriented, Keith also loves sports and believes in giving back, sharing, and looking for the positive in all things.



Joe Galassi

Doctor Joe has been a member of STJW for 30 years. Married to Francine, their 4 children were all educated at our School, where he coached soccer and basketball. As a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, he helped run the Squires. Joe works the Festival, has filled in as an usher, and is a member of the Vocations Committee.



Mike Godorov

Mike is a parishioner for over 26 years. He and Lisa have been married for 43 years and have 2 daughters and 2 grandsons. An active member of the Knights of Columbus and past Grand Knight, Mike is also a lector and volunteers at the Flea Market.



Meg Heintzelman

Meg has been a parishioner at St. Joseph the Worker for 46 years. She has raised her children here and now her granddaughter is among our youngest parishioners. Meg is business-minded, community oriented, and eager to serve our parish.



Jim Hoffmann

Jim has been a member of St Joe's for 20+ yrs. An active member of the Knights of Columbus, he works for the Diocese. He runs the liquor pick at the festival, sings in the choir with his wife, and his grandchildren attend our School. Jim believes that the Parish Pastoral Council will offer good insight and support to the Pastor.



Frisha Johnson

Frisha was the Youth Minister here for 12 years, the DRE for 2 years, and the founding Principal of our School for 11 years. She was also an elementary school counselor and consultant for non public schools. Frisha is happily married with 3 children and 5 grandchildren and she loves Jesus!



Parish Council Nominees

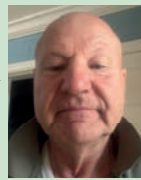
John Kriner

John grew up in Lancaster. He and Caitlin were married at STJW, where he is now the parish coordinator for CYO and his two children attend our School. John is a big fan of a daily rosary and Exodus 90. He loves fishing, hiking, country music, disc golf and kayaking, and his family visits a different National Park every year!



Cas Kukielka

Cas is just an all-around good guy. A father of 3 and grandpa of 6, he joined the parish in 1985 on the day "Father" Smith announced his transfer to Reading. A member of the Defenders of Faith (our Pro-life group), he retired in 2024 after working for 49 years...3 with the Army Corps of Engineers.



Sean Lawler

Sean is a father of two daughters and a grandfather of two more. His children grew up at St. Joseph's and his grandchildren were baptized here. He and his wife have been parishioners for 25 years. Now that he is retired from retail, Sean enjoys volunteering with Catholic Charities, traveling to Montana, and spending time with his family.



Marie McDonald

Marie is a wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, Godmother, and friend, who recognizes that our #1 job in life is getting into Heaven. She is working at it. You can find her on the STJW campus at Mass, Adoration, Divine Mercy Cenacle, volunteering with our CYO, or teaching our Family Faith Formation first graders.



John Milot

A lifetime Catholic, John has been here since 1986. An engineer, he retired from PPL and currently lives with his wife of 47 years near Germansville. John is involved at the Diocesan level, but he is also an usher, counter, 4th Degree Knight, and assists at Baptisms. John believes in giving back and would be honored to serve.



John Pelloisie

John is a graduate of St. Joseph the Worker School, a financial professional, and is highly involved in young adult ministry in the Diocese of Allentown. He loves this parish, has served on the Finance Committee, and was one of our original live-streamers.



Michael Policare

Michael has been a member of STJW his entire life, along with his family. This 4th Degree Knight of Columbus is married to Ashley (Cool fact— He proposed in our Chapel and we caught it on video!) and spends his days using his degree in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology.



Angela Rimm

Angela's Catholic faith and her family are the heart of her life. Angela is the author of a Catholic devotional, and is passionate about the healing love of Christ. She has volunteered in music ministry (harp), Family Promise, CC Soup Kitchen, Adoration sub, OCIA team and PREP educator. Angela is a retired teacher.



James Sanzo

James is a retired scientist who researched and taught, founded biotech companies, and worked in high tech businesses. A Scout leader for 10 years, he believes strongly in the development of good character in our young people. Dedicated member of the Defenders of Life, and parish member since 2012.



Gail Schairer

Gail is the mother of 5 children and has been at SJTW for 22 years. You may have seen Gail as a lector or greeter at Mass, or running Coffee & Donuts. She also helps with our Moms & Minis group and Youth Group, she is a member of the Defenders of Life, and enjoys playing guitar.



Kathy Schettini

Kathy, the wife of Deacon Bruno, is a mother and a grandmother. A retired elementary school counselor, she is one of the founding members of Women of FIAT, which encourages women to grow in their Catholic faith. Kathy is an EM and a lector. She has taught the Confirmation class at PREP and then FFF for over twenty years.



Fred Serino

Fred and his wife have been members of St. Joseph the Worker for over 38 years and have raised their family here. Fred brings skills from being an engineer and business owner. He is the head usher, a regular adoror, loves this Church, and is happy to serve the people of the parish.



Kathy Shiffert

Kathy is a retired RN and loves Jesus first and foremost, but the Kansas City Chiefs are a close second! She is a lector, EM, counter, Festival volunteer, and a member of the Diocesan Choir. Kathy has been a member of the parish since 1998, and she brings the joy of Christ with her wherever she goes.



Mike Tully

Mike Tully has called St. Joseph home for over 20 years. Married to Angela, with four children and four granddaughters, he leads That Man is You! and serves in the Men's Group. Mike's faith, family values, and long commitment to this parish speak for themselves — he will serve our Council with integrity and heart.



Thank you to all of the nominees who have accepted the opportunity to serve our Parish in this unique way.

Voting will take place next weekend!

Something for everyone! 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

The Crafters will begin meeting again in **August**. Stay tuned for future dates! If you like to knit, crochet, loom or sew (or would like to learn), join us! Our homemade donations are distributed to many organizations.



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

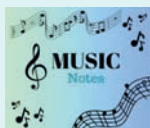


M.A.S.S. Group

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** (ages 21-35) meets on the last Saturday of the month at 6:15 PM. Snacks welcome. BYOB and bring a friend!



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. 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 3/4.

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.



Men's Group

Men of St. Joseph the Worker are invited to join us on Saturdays at 9 AM in room 3/4 in the Parish Center.

Senior Fellowship

Watch for event announcements in the bulletin and E-News.



Catholic Grandparents Assoc.

Join us to pray for our children on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 9:15 AM. 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



moms & minis

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



Students in grades 8-12 are welcome!
Contact our Youth Minister, Annaleigh Gidosh, to join!
youthminister@stjwchurch.org

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St. Joseph the Worker Church
Orefield, PA



Register Now!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
Bring your children to and through the Sacraments.




Learn more here!

Enroll Your Child at St. Joseph the Worker School



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

THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN'S
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING TASK FORCE
INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL:

FAMILY PICNIC

19 JULY | FROM 12-5 PM

 **GRANGE PARK**
PAVILION #2
360 GRANGE RD., ALLENTOWN, PA

- BYO PICNIC FOOD
- GAMES
- DESSERTS
- PLAYGROUND






SCAN TO REGISTER



CONTACT: RHADY TULLOCH,
RTULLOCH@ALLENTOWNDIOCESE.ORG



CYO Fall Sports

Registration Still Available:
Girls Volleyball- 4th-8th grade
Cross Country- K-8th grade
Rec Soccer- u6, u7, u8

Registration full for Girls & Boys
Flag Football
Click "Register Now" to sign up!



Altar Server Schedule July 25/26

Names in italics have requested swaps

4 PM	Matthew Cervantes	Augustine Satin	Joseph Owles	P.J. Charnick
7 AM	Gregory Sudol	Parker Serino		
9 AM	Laura Yakamavage	Alice Yakamavage	Jaiden Gerber-Mehta	Adam Spieker
11 AM	Nebechi Okafor	Nonachi Okafor	Eduardo Lous	Luke Hodrick

Little Saints Daily Mass

Moms & Minis are gathering throughout the summer, attending daily Mass at 8:30 AM on Fridays and meeting in the park behind the Church afterward as weather permits. We hope you will join us on Fridays! Contact Cristina at cristina.atiyeh@gmail.com.



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. Cremation is permitted by the Church, but cremains must be buried in a timely manner.

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 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. A Mass is held on the First Friday of the month for Memorial Fund members. Contact Anne in the Parish Office at 610-395-2876.

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.

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