

# St. Joseph

## the Worker

*Roman Catholic Church Community*

**September 27  
2026**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA 18069-9507 • (610)-395-2876 • [www.stjw.org](http://www.stjw.org)

## Priesthood Sunday

**OH GOD**, who have willed that  
Your priests preside over Your family  
not by any personal merit, but only  
out of the abundance of your Grace,  
look with mercy on the ministry of

**Monsignor Victor Finelli**

**Father Aaron Scheidel**

**Father Nikolai Brelinsky  
and Father Eugene Ritz**

and direct the hearts of priests  
and people to be so disposed that  
the obedience of the flock may  
never fail the shepherd,  
nor the care of the shepherd  
be lacking for the flock. **Amen**

### **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: 4:00 PM begins Sept. 5th

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

9:00 AM-8:00AM Saturday

### **Parish Registration**

Email [media@stjwchurch.org](mailto:media@stjwchurch.org)  
to schedule an appointment

### **Parish Office Hours**

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

[parishoffice@stjwchurch.org](mailto: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.*

**Join us for Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Center after all Sunday Masses this weekend!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

September 27– October 4, 2026  
The Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

### Vigil Mass of Sunday

4:00 pm Edward Johnstone

### Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Special Intentions of Jimmy Clee  
9:00 am Joe Natishak  
11:00 am Deceased Members of the Campanell and Conahan Families

### Monday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

6:30 am **No Mass**  
8:30 am **No Mass**

### Tuesday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

6:30 am Walter Scanlon  
8:30 am Robert L. Johnson

### Wednesday, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am Msgr. Stanley Sosnosko  
8:30 am Marie Schertel

### Thursday, October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am Matthew Kohn  
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Grogan and Hughes Families

### Friday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 am Memorial Fund Members  
8:30 am Michael John Horvath

### Saturday, October 3, Weekday

8:30 am Priscilla Eckert

### Vigil Mass for Sunday

4:00 pm John Casey

### Sunday, October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Respect Life Sunday)

7:00 am Special Intentions of Diane Sagula  
9:00 am Julian Familia  
11:00 am Renie and Mollie Gable  
**12:30 pm** Pet Blessing outside

### **Upcoming Collections**

October 3/4- 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](http://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](mailto:media@stjwchurch.org).

**We hope to see you again!**

## SUNDAY READINGS

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.



### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

### **Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

*"Which of the two did the will of his father?" (Matthew 21:31)*

On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for priests who humbly serve God's people. Celebrate this day by writing a note of gratitude and encouragement to a priest who inspires you. Remember in prayer the priest who baptized and confirmed you. Pray for the priests in your parish and support those discerning this vocation.

If you would like to speak to a priest about your vocation, contact Fr. Scheidel at



### **Diocesan Victim Assistance**

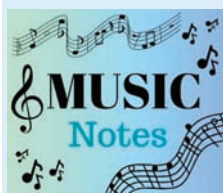
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
Direct telephone 800-791-9209

### **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](http://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](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)



St. Joseph's Parish Choir will resume rehearsal for the 2026-2027 season on Thursday, October 1st at 7 pm. Help is needed in our Alto, Tenor and Bass sections. Prospective members should be able to read music, have a pleasant singing voice and commit to the schedule outlined below. Please contact the Director of Music for more information at [mohearn@stjwchurch.org](mailto:mohearn@stjwchurch.org).

The St. Joseph's Parish Choir is a choral ensemble of men and women high school age and older who support the liturgical worship of the parish through musical leadership and presentation of the "treasury of sacred music". In accord with the tradition of the Church, the repertoire of the choir consists of Gregorian chant and sacred polyphony, as well as worthy examples of modern sacred music in Latin and vernacular languages.

A typical week for a Choir member (from roughly October until early June) consists of the following:

- At-home practice: ca. one hour per week
- Weekly rehearsal on Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 8:15 pm
- Sunday Sung Mass at 11:00am, with 10:30am "call time"; repertoire includes hymns and service music as well as motets/anthems.



## Labor of Love Crafters

If you would like to share good times with a very delightful group of knitters, crocheters, loomers, etc., please join us. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month through April. Even if you've never learned needlework in the past, now is the time. You can create your own work for family and friends, or donate to our many charities. **Our next meeting is on October 6th** at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Center room 3/4. Any questions—call Yvonne 610-395-9134.

## 5 Reasons to Register and Vote

**Voting** demonstrates love for your neighbor (Gal 6:10)

**Voting** is good stewardship with God's blessings (Lk 12:48)

**Voting** is your influence for biblical values in the public square (James 2:26)

**Voting** preserves peace and freedom (Jer 29:7)

**Voting** demonstrates reverence for God (Romans 13)



## Pierogie Making for Craftfest

It's time to come out and support the Women's Guild by making pierogies and haluski noodles for Craftfest 2026. Pierogi pinching will start at 9 AM on Tuesday, September 29th in the Parish Center. We could also use some kitchen help at 8 AM on September 28th & 29th (Monday & Tuesday) to make Pierogi filling and noodles. Contact Gerry Schultz [\(610\) 799-3738](tel:6107993738) with questions.



## Pray the Rosary in October

We will be praying the Rosary before every Mass in October. Please consider signing up to lead the Rosary. Everything you need to say is clearly written in a binder on the cantor's lectern.

Please use the QR code to sign up for one or more sessions.



It's the last chance to vote for Fr. Scheidel and Fr. Brelinsky in the Cooks with Collars friendly competition that the Diocese has created

to help our parishes raise money in a fun and creative way. Any money you donate comes back to our parish. Use the QR code to vote for our priests today! ¡Olé!



## Women's Guild

Pruning to Prosper with Gina Morton~ Join us for a special presentation by Gina Morton, Catholic decluttering coach and host of the Pruning to Prosper podcast. Gina will share faith-centered guidance for creating a more peaceful, purposeful, and clutter-free home.

**Tuesday, October 6th**

Parish Center doors open at 6:30  
Meeting and social at 7:00 PM

## Vocations Corner

The Vocations Committee with the parish, would like to thank all of our priests who selflessly and devotedly answered God's call to serve Him and His Church. Our priests daily, faithfully, and lovingly bring Jesus to us miraculously in the Mass, teach us His Word, and sacramentally grace us with His generous gifts of love and mercy. May we always be grateful and supportive to their Vocation! Please continue to pray daily for our spiritual fathers and for more priestly Vocations.

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

## New Parishioners This Week



We welcome to our parish the **Jose and Jennifer Indalecio Family**, the **Mike and Michelle Yucuis Family**, **George and Michele Blandino**, the **Steven and Teresa Guthrie Family**, and **Harry and Teresa Zobel**, who joined our parish this past week. Please pray for them and welcome them as they begin their journeys at St. Joseph the Worker Church!



Please consider taking part in the 40 Days For Life Fall 2026 Campaign from September 23-November 1. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigil in front of the abortion business at 29 N. 9th St. Allentown. **St. Joseph the Worker is being asked to cover Tuesday's from 7am-7pm** or whatever day your schedule permits. Please consider offering one hour per week for this very worth cause. For more information you can visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) or call Sandra at [610-703-7161](tel:610-703-7161). Thank you for prayers and help with this campaign.



## Bereavement Gathering

A Bereavement Gathering will be held on Sunday, October 4th after the 11:00am Mass at 12:15pm. Join us in Parish Center room 3/4. Healing takes time and patience. Through sharing with others your spirits will be comforted and supported.

## Diocesan Men's Conference

Come Home to Mary, Mother of the Church. On Saturday, November 21 from 8 AM to 4 PM at DeSales University Center, 2755 Station Ave, Center Valley, PA. Featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, Nathan Crankfield, and Mark Houck. Breakfast and Lunch included, Confession available, Mass at 4 PM with Bishop Schlert. Join us for this day of inspiring speakers, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal as we discover what it means to come home to Mary. Register with the QR code.

REGISTER HERE



[menaliveinchrist.org/events](http://menaliveinchrist.org/events)



**PET BLESSING**  
**October 4**  
**12:30 PM**  
3-car garage area

The St. Monica Ministry presents a

## Holy Hour ~of~ Petition and Hope

*for the return of those who have left the Church*

**Wednesday, October 7, 5:30pm**

**Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena**  
**1825 West Turner Street, Allentown**

"Let us pray for the return of those who have drifted from the practice of the faith, that they may rediscover the mercy and joy of Christ in His Church." -Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert

5:30pm

Exposition of the  
Most Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm

Candles of Entreaty  
Confessions  
Rosary of Supplication

7:00pm

Vespers  
Benediction



The Holy Hour will be livestreamed for the benefit of those unable to attend.



### Altar Server Training

Any student in grade 4+ who has made their First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the Altar is welcome to attend the training on Saturday, October 17th at 11 AM in the Church. Please RSVP to Gina at [media@stjwchurch.org](mailto:media@stjwchurch.org) with your child's name and grade, as well as your name and phone number.

### World Youth Day 2027: Journey to Seoul, South Korea

World Youth Day 2027 is coming to Seoul, South Korea, August 3–7, 2027! Young adults from around the world will gather to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and be sent forth as “pilgrims of hope” and “courageous missionaries.” The Diocese of Allentown is organizing a pilgrimage led by Fr. Hoffa, a four-time World Youth Day veteran, from August 1-9. Join upcoming Zoom information session on September 30 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more about the pilgrimage. For more information, [pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org)



ST. FRANCIS  
Spirituality & Retreat Center  
of Easton

### St. Francis Spirituality and Retreat Center Reopens

The Monsignor Robert J. Coll Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the reopening of the St. Francis Spirituality & Retreat Center of Easton, formerly St. Francis Retreat House. This cherished place of prayer begins a renewed chapter of faith, hospitality, and spiritual renewal. All are invited to a Mass of Blessing & Renewal on **Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m.**, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, who will bless the Center during the liturgy, at 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA 18045. Seating is limited and **registration is required**. Register at [stfrancisretreatcenter.org/october4](http://stfrancisretreatcenter.org/october4) or call (484) 837-1112.

*Please join us for an evening of fun while supporting  
Our Lady's Helpers mobile ultrasound unit*



**Oktoberfest**  
October 10, 2026  
5:00-9:30 pm  
Holy Ghost Parish Billinger Hall, 417 Carlton Ave., Bethlehem, PA

Welcoming comments by the  
**Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown**

Enjoy traditional Oktoberfest food, live music, dancing,  
stein holding contest in person, tricky tray.

*and*

**Online Silent Auction Bidding Starts September 10**

Auction Link: <https://givebutter.com/c/OLHMMU/auction>

Event Tickets: \$70 /person Cash Bar (beer & wine)  
After September 25th: \$85/person Cash Bar (beer & wine)  
All guests must be 21 or older

For more information and to purchase event tickets  
Email: [OurLadysHelpers@proton.me](mailto:OurLadysHelpers@proton.me) Or Call: Lilyan 610-944-1437

*Our Lady's Helpers' mission is to provide each pregnant, abortion minded woman the possibility to see her baby on an ultrasound machine while in our mobile unit. Our hope is to assist each mother to choose life for her baby in that crucial life changing moment.*



### Young Adult Disc Golf Tournament

Have you ever wanted to try disc golf? Join the Diocese of Allentown Young Adult Commission for a friendly Disc Golf tournament on Saturday, October 3, at 10am. Location is Northampton Community College Disc Golf Course. Sign up by searching Young Adults at [allentowndiocese.org/events](http://allentowndiocese.org/events).

### Young Adult Women's Hiking Club

Young women in the Diocese are invited to a beginner-friendly hike on Saturday, October 10, at 9am at Trexler Nature Preserve in Schnecksville, PA. Enjoy the autumn season and the Month of the Holy Rosary by bringing your friends, your water, and a rosary for a prayerful and fun morning of fellowship and exercise. Bagels, donuts, and hot chocolate will be available for a post-hike snack! Sign up for free and view the flyer at [allentowndiocese.org/events/womens-hiking-club](http://allentowndiocese.org/events/womens-hiking-club).

## 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 on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month beginning in August**. 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 at [stjwguild@gmail.com](mailto:stjwguild@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you! Please find our scheduled meetings listed on our website, [www.stjwchurch.org/womens-guild](http://www.stjwchurch.org/womens-guild).

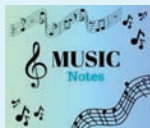


### M.A.S.S. Group

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youthminister@stjwchurch.org)

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## YOUTH GROUP

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Come together in real encounters of faith, friendship, and prayer!

- Uplifting worship & prayer
- Encouraging messages
- Time of fellowship with other youth
- Snacks & fun!

**1ST SATURDAYS**  
**8:30-10:30 AM**

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS**  
**12-2 PM**

*All youth welcome!*

**More information**

[STJWChurch.org/youth-group](http://STJWChurch.org/youth-group)    [YouthMinister@stjwchurch.org](mailto:YouthMinister@stjwchurch.org)

## HELPING HANDS

### Add'l Gift Cards in Stock

Limited Quantities

**Target**

\$10  
\$25  
\$50

**Walmart**

\$25  
\$50  
\$100

**Visa**  
(NO Activation Fees)

\$25  
\$50  
\$100

**While Supplies Last**

- Bath & Body \$10
- Starbucks \$5
- Sephora \$25

**Amazon**

**\$10 denominations**

(besides the \$25 / \$100 cards that we usually carry in stock)

Fill out a PreOrder Sheet or Contact HH for available inventory  
[helpinghands@stjw.org](mailto:helpinghands@stjw.org)

Next Youth Group Meeting:  
October 4th at 8:30 AM in the Church  
Mass, Breakfast & Bible Study

## CYO

### Winter Basketball

**registration is open!**

Grades K through 12  
for Boys and Girls

Middle School evaluations will be in  
October TBD to determine team  
placement.

Enroll Your Child at  
St. Joseph the Worker School



Contact the School Office  
at 610-395-7221 or  
[sjohnson@stjw.org](mailto:sjohnson@stjw.org)

## Altar Server Schedule Oct. 3/4

*Names in italics have requested swaps*

|              |                         |                 |                          |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>4 PM</b>  | Joseph Owles            | Maria Bus       | Samuel Shive<br>-Sanchez |
| <b>7 AM</b>  | James Church            | Molly Church    | Augustin<br>Satin        |
| <b>9 AM</b>  | Jaiden Gerber-<br>Mehta | Ebube Ijemere   | Gregory<br>Sudol         |
| <b>11 AM</b> | Quinn Stewart           | Blaise Schairer | Aden<br>Shaughnessy      |

## Little Saints Daily Mass

Moms & Minis are continuing to gather, 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](mailto: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](http://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 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](http://stjwchurch.org/online-giving)



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

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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  
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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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