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# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

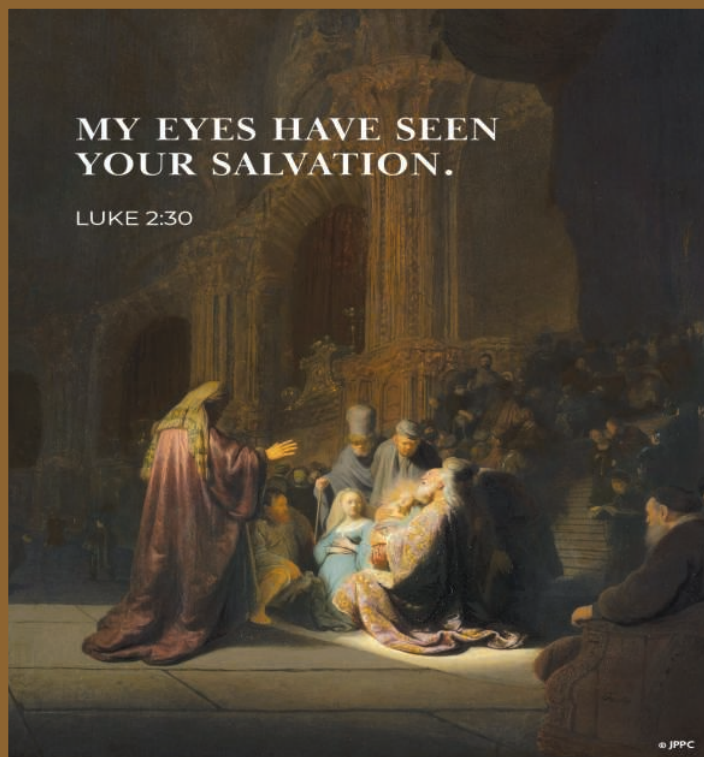
## MASSES

Daily Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM, Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 (streamed) & 11:00 AM

## Confession

Saturday, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM



Presentation of the Lord

The readings for next Sunday are shared here to give you a chance to meditate on them in preparation for Mass.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

Psalm

138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel:

Luke 5: 1-11

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY DEVOTION & MASS

7:20 AM Rosary followed by Mass

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Daily from 8 AM until 7 PM

## BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12:15 PM by appointment

Baptismal Prep by appointment

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those unable to attend Mass due to illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion.

## Hospitalization

If a family member is hospitalized, please inform the Rectory so that we may remember them in our prayers.

## MARRIAGE

Couples contemplating marriage must contact the priest **at least 6 months in advance** to make an appointment to discuss marriage preparations.

## EDUCATION

### ***Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)***

Andrea Jackowski, Director

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### ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)***

Anne Pulsifer, Formation Leader

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## Redner's Save-A-Tape Grocery Receipts

**\*\*\*January 2025 Update: We've collected \$100!!!! \*\*\***

PLEASE...keep shopping at Redner's turning in your REDNER'S Save-A-Tape grocery receipts or consider joining the program to support this project! St. Joseph Parish receives benefits from your receipts and they **PAY OFF!**

There is a container in the Narthex on the credenza under the TV waiting for your receipts.



If you would like a letter summarizing your 2024 offerings to St. Joseph Church, please email your request to [st.joes@comcast.net](mailto:st.joes@comcast.net) or call the Rectory at 610-948-7760

Bulletin Date	Date Due
February 16-	February 6
February 23-	February 13
March 2-	February 20

Bulletin Submission Schedule  
Please submit any items for the bulletin to [St.Joes@comcast.net](mailto:St.Joes@comcast.net)



Leslie Staab  
Mike Culver  
Megan Flynn  
Joe Leaf  
Marianne Quinty



Monday February 3	<i>John "Buddy" Lescatore Req. by Kathy Gallagher &amp; Family</i>
Tuesday February 4	<i>Roseanne Fulmer Req. by The Family</i>
Wednesday February 5	<i>Anne Brennan Eastman Req. by Sister Mary Ann Johnston</i>
Thursday February 6	<i>Mario R. DiNardo Jr. Req. by Michael &amp; Eilen Dylinski</i>
Friday February 7	<i>Jack &amp; Eleanor Slanga Req. by The Family</i>



## Lector Schedule

<u>February 1</u> 4:30 - E Slanga	<u>February 8</u> 4:30 - H Coggins
<u>February 2</u> 7:30 - J Kelly 9:00 - J Michael 11:00 - M Arnold	<u>February 8</u> 7:30 - C Staab 9:00 - R Keeley 11:00 - S Lorenca

## Eucharistic Minister Schedule

<u>February 1</u> 4:30 - C Mungin	<u>February 8</u> 4:30 - E Slanga
<u>February 2</u> 7:30 - J Schilval 9:00 - R Zeleski 11:00 - M Arnold	<u>February 9</u> 7:30 - K Thum 9:00 - N Horning 11:00 - T Duffy

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Masses 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
CGS Level I 8:45 am  
PREP every other Sunday 8:45 am  
PREP Confirmation Class 6:00 pm

### MONDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### TUESDAY

Mass 8:00 am  
CGS Level I - 9:00 am  
CGS Level II - 4:30 pm  
CGS Level III - 4:30 pm

### Holy Hour & Devotion -

**6:00pm**

### WEDNESDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### THURSDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### FRIDAY

Mass 8:00 am

### SATURDAY

Confession 2:30 - 4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass 4:30 pm

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

**Vigil Mass** 7:00 pm

**Holy Day:** 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00

## EVENTS & PROGRAMS

### SUNDAY, February 2

2:00 pm - 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting - Trailer 3

### MONDAY, February 3

6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus Holy Hour - Narthex

### TUESDAY, February 4

6:00 pm - Holy Hour Devotion- Those who have  
Cancer - Church

### SUNDAY, February 9

\*\*\* Pick up your ordered Super Bowl Hoagies after all  
Masses\*\*\*



We at St. Joe's Parish would like to invite all our parishioners to consider joining our hands together in **caring for the poor** in our community. **Current**

#### Needs:

**Soups**

**Ready to Eat Canned Goods**

**Chef Boyardee Items**

**Cereals**

**Canned Tuna & Chicken**

**Pasta Sauce**

You may place the donated items in the large cabinet in the Narthex. We are very grateful to all of you for your support in the mission to Care for the Poor!

## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### The mystery of the Kingdom of God

The mystery of the Kingdom of God is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. It was such an important part of what Jesus wanted to communicate during His time on earth that there are over forty parables about the Kingdom in the Gospels. In honor of the greatness of this mystery, and the depth of joy that the children take in pondering it, the season of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent, in both the 3-6 year old and 6-9 year old Atria, is often spent in pondering the parables of the Kingdom of God.

For more information contact Anne Pulsifer  
484-431-5156 or cgsstjoseph@comcast.net





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### MOJO'S SUPER BOWL



**HOAGIE  
SALE!**

The Men of St. Joseph (MOJO) is having a Hoagie Sale to benefit St. Mary's Shelter. **Order forms are in the narthex & DUE TODAY Sunday, February 2nd.** Hoagies will be available for pick up after Masses on Sunday, February 9th

### National Centre for Padre Pio 111 Barto Road Barto PA 19504 February 7, 2025

**Event: First Friday Mass** is celebrated at 10:30 AM every month in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre of the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follow morning Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary.



### St Ann's Cana Date Night Mass and Dinner

**When:** February 7, 2025 Mass will begin at 6pm (doors open by 530pm)

**Where:** Holy Trinity Church, 219 Dayton Street, Phoenixville Note - Holy Trinity Church is part of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish.

Married couples, please come out on Friday, February 7th for a special mass with renewal of our sacramental marriage vows, to be followed by a delicious catered meal.

**RSVP** - at your earliest convenience, no later than Jan 31. Please leave the name and artist of your wedding song (or other special song) in the comment field to be included in a playlist for the evening! *To learn more and to RSVP: view link ( <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA4AA28A4F58-54214628-february> )*

Contact - Monica & Dave Ryan with questions or for more info: [monica.paddock@gmail.com](mailto:monica.paddock@gmail.com) / 845-649-8640



### Young Adult Retreat

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." - John 15:16

The Office for Ministry with Young Adults is hosting a transformational retreat for all adults ages 18-39! This retreat is a launching pad for the young adult missionary discipleship initiative formation program. You can choose to sign up for the full formation program now or after the retreat.

Register by scanning the QR code or visiting: [bit.ly/427ZMxB](https://bit.ly/427ZMxB)

February 7th-9th  
Malvern Retreat House

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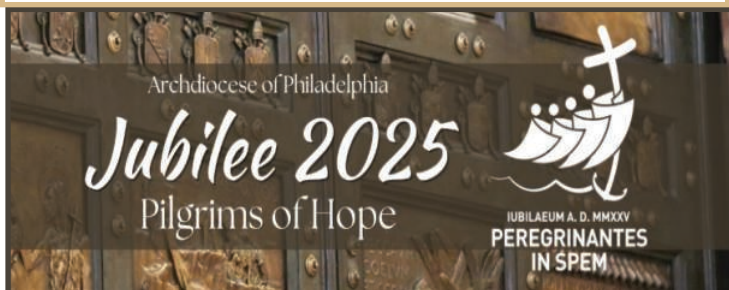


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### For full information

Archdiocese of Philadelphia observance of the Jubilee and how you can participate, visit

[archphila.org/holyyear](http://archphila.org/holyyear).





### *Of Joy and Sorrow and Love*

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – February 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Feast of the Presentation is the last day of that older celebration – which has come to be called Long Christmas. When February 2<sup>nd</sup> falls on a Sunday, its celebration takes the place of the regular Sunday liturgy.

The Feast of the Presentation has always seemed a mystery to me: The Presentation is one of the *Joyful Mysteries* of the Rosary and yet, in the Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows, the Prophecy of Simeon given *at the Presentation* is one of *Mary's Sorrows*.

It seems to me that this Feast, its mingling of Joy and Sorrow, is a fitting way to crossover from Long Christmas and begin our preparation for the Lenten Journey to Easter.

Next week is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, but the following 3 Sundays, in an older Liturgical tradition, were seen as preparations for Lent and the wondrous celebration of the Resurrection. These Sundays were given numbered names: Septuagesima Sunday (meaning about 70 days before Easter), - Sexagesima (60 days), then - Quinquagesima (50 days). This year Lent begins on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Of Joy and Sorrow* – Today's Gospel recalls the day that the infant Jesus, as all first born Jewish males, was formally presented at the Temple and consecrated to God. On this day Mary was also presented: with words of Great Joy and Words of coming Great Sorrows.

Simeon, led by the Holy Spirit, comes to the Temple and sees Mary, Joseph, and the Child. Simeon recognizes this Child as the One whom God promised he would see before he died.

Simeon speaks of this Child, Mary's Child, as a Light, as a Glory for Israel, yet Simeon's words are not all joyous. This Child will be "*for the rise and for the fall of many in Israel*" and for Mary? For Mary, her own heart "*a sword will pierce*".

Joy and Sorrow – Oh, Mary how do live with both wrapped together? How can you be Mother of Sorrows and Mother of Joy?

*Of Love ...* Yes, Mary's heart would be pierced with Sorrows, yet her heart would not shatter.



She knew, like her Son, this Mystery which we, too, are meant to learn and to live – that – to give ourselves -

To bear Sorrow, to Suffer -  
*for the Other, with the Other, is the  
Deepest Love and the Divinest Joy.*

*S. Mary Ann*



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