Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe *November 22nd-November 28th, 2026*

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Our mission is to encourage all of our brothers and sisters to share the valuable gifts that each person has to offer our parish community and to invite eveyone to participate more fully through prayer, worship, education and fellowship as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM (St. Joseph)
Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. Luke)
10:00 AM (St. Joseph)*
***May 1st through Labor Day Weekend**
10:45 AM (St. Joseph)**
****September through April**
Daily Mass: See Schedule inside
Holy Days: See Schedule inside

Hearing Enchancements Available

Sacraments

Baptism- Call the Parish Office
Attendendance at Baptismal Preparation Program is required for both parents.
Reconciliation- Saturday: 4:30 to 5:15 PM & by appoinment.
Marriage- Diocesan Common Policy requires six months prior notification.

Parish Membership

The faith community of St. Joseph welcomes everyone to our parish especially those who are joining us in worship for the first time or after a long absence. If you wish to become part of our parish family, please register at the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

For prayer requests, please call Charmell Feaster at 814-726-0455 or Evelyn Stufflebeam at 814-563-4326

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday Morning in writing

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tues: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wed: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thurs: Revelation 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;Luke 21:20-28
Fri: Revelation 20:1-4,11–21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Sun: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Masses & Events:

Sun. 11/22 Angel Tags Available
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph
Pumpkin Roll Pick Up After Mass
Mon. 11/23
9:00am Daily Mass
Tues. 11/24
9:00am Daily Mass
4pm-5pm Soup Kitchen
Wed. 11/25
9:00am Daily Mass
5:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil @ St. Joseph
Thurs. 11/26 Parish Office Closed
9:00am Thanksgiving Mass @ Holy Redeemer
Fri. 11/27 Parish Office Closed
9:00am Daily Mass
Sat. 11/28
4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass @ St. Joseph
Sun. 11/29
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart



Mass Intentions

*Weekend mass intentions, family/friends can bring gifts up to the altar during mass: please let an usher know prior to mass



Sun. 11/22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe
(St. Luke) Scott Warner by Phil & Judy Bosko
(St. Joseph) Patty Miller by Mark & Lynn Espin
Mon. 11/23 Weekday
Maria Josephine Scalise by Family
Tues. 11/24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
Francis Kalin by Family
Wed. 11/25 Weekday
William & Katherine Teconchuk by Bruce & Kathy Atwood
Vigil The People of St. Luke & St. Joseph
Thurs. 11/26 Weekday
No Mass @ St. Joseph
Fri. 11/27 Weekday
Francis & Mary Russo by Family
Sat. 11/28 Weekday
The People of St. Luke & St. Joseph
Sun. 11/29 First Sunday of Advent
(St. Luke) Janet Mitchell by Phil & Judy Bosko
(St. Joseph) Alice Harlan by Rick & Annette Hutley & Family



Thanksgiving Mass

St. Joseph Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a vigil Mass on Wednesday, November 25, at 5:00PM.
Holy Redeemer will have Mass on Thanksgiving at 9:00AM.

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest.

If we are saying yes to Christ, then our tender shepherd will provide. He will give us all we need. He will give us insight into where our gifts are to be used. He will give us the resources and time to say this yes. He will give us the strength and help to respond to his call.



In the first reading, the Lord promises to look after and tend his sheep, giving them rest and binding up the injured. In the epistle, Saint Paul writes to the Church at Corinth that Christ will reign until everything is subjected to him. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the Son of Man will separate his followers by their actions as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He says those who fed the hungry and welcomed the stranger will receive their reward.



Through the waters of baptism on Nov. 15th, we welcomed:

Valerie Rose,
Ethan Warner
& Leah Jean Nostrant
Children of:
David & Emily

St. Francis of Assisi & the Christmas Crèche



A Special Jubilee Year Talk

Join Father Rick for an evening exploring the beloved St. Francis of Assisi— his life, faith, and lasting legacy.

Thursday, December 10, 2026
6:00 PM
Meyer Hall
St. Joseph Church

Light refreshments will be served.

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis with us!

As the Church marks the 800th anniversary of his passing, discover the story of the saint who helped bring the wonder of Christ's Nativity to life through the first Christmas Crèche. Come deepen your appreciation of this beloved tradition and be inspired by St. Francis' faith, humility, and love for Christ.

REMINDER

Pumpkin Roll Pick Up

If you didn't pick up your pumpkin roll after this weekend's Masses, please stop by the parish office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Office is closed Thurs and Friday. The Hospitality Committee thanks you for your support. May you have a Blessed and **Happy Thanksgiving!**

#iGIVECATHOLIC

The advanced giving period for #iGiveCatholic is happening now! Thank you to those who have already made a gift toward our projects. We have collected 14% of our goal for the parish and 7% of our goal for the school project. For the Meyer Hall project we are looking to purchase a smart TV and new countertop to enhance the space for the many events that go on in that room. Our school project is hoping to raise enough money for three new smart boards for the classrooms. You can check out both the parish and school pages at: erie.igivecatholic.org. Search for either using "Saint Joseph" (spell out saint) and click on the page you are looking for. You can make an online donation through these sites or if you'd rather give via check or cash, envelopes are found at the doors of the church. We are grateful for all you do for our Catholic community!

National Wreaths Across America Day

The Blue Star Mothers of Kinzua PA will partner with local cemeteries to bring the National Wreaths Across America to Warren again this year. The ceremony will be held at St. Joseph School 608 Pennsylvania Ave. West, Warren PA Saturday Dec 19th, 2026 beginning at Noon.

Cemeteries include: St. Joseph, State Hospital, Oakland, Westview, Warren Memorial Park, Barnes Sheffield, Cherry Grove and Gross.

Monetary donations are always welcome. To purchase a wreath online go to: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/PA784 Each wreath is $17 or Make checks payable to: Bluestar Mothers of Kinzua PA 203, PO BOX 324 Warren PA 16365 Please contact Patti Colosimo at 814-779-9383 with questions.

DON'T FORGET

Turkey Party!

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Angel Tags

Salvation Army has provided us with Angel Tags for Christmas. They will be available after Masses the weekend of **November 21/22**

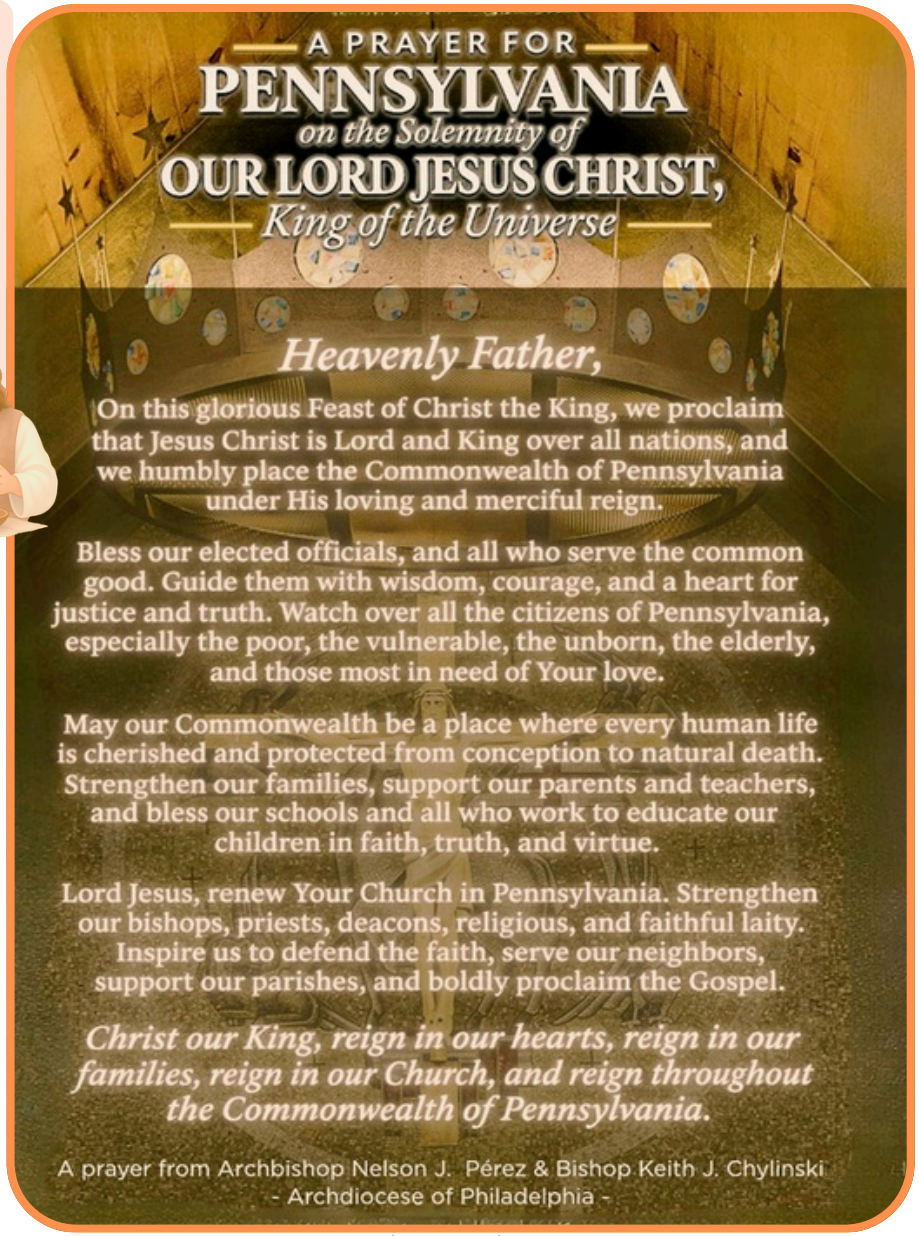
This Week the Sanctuary Candles Are In Memory of:

Ted Wozneak Sr.
by: Greg, Joe, Lisa & Ted

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Nov. 28th 5:30PM St. Joseph
Lector- Marlene Sandberg
EMHC- Stephanie Wilson, Kathleen Jones, Carmen Bevacqua*
Altar Servers- Volunteers Needed
Greeters- Stephanie Wilson, Arlene Molinaro
Music- Fran & Carolyn
Sunday Nov. 29th 8:00AM St. Luke
Lector- Janet Peters
EMHC- Sandi Mineweaser, Volunteer Needed
Ushers- Doug & Diane Sandberg
Sunday Nov. 29th 10:45AM St. Joseph
Lector- Carrie Pearson
EMHC- Denise Pusateri, Bob & Barb Crowley
Altar Servers- Regan & Noah Caldwell
Greeters- Sabina Snyder, Bob Crowley
Music- Choir







Movie Matinee

Join Jennifer on Monday, December 14th at 2:00 pm at Holy Redeemer for THE BLOOD AND THE ROSE. This documentary will captivate as it moves across iconic sites, sacred locations and incredible works of art to provide valuable insight into the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Faith, history and art intersect for an inspiring story of God's saving work in the simplicity of our lives. Come and let the beauty of Our Mother touch your Advent season. Popcorn and drinks served. Bring a friend!



COOKIES, CRAFTS & COCOA



FRIDAY DECEMBER 11
6:00-7:30PM
St. Joseph Hospitality Presents
St. Joseph School Cafeteria
600 Penna Ave, W
RSVP to 814-723-2090 or:
bwilliams@stjosephwarrenpa.org
This family-centered evening will will start with a Christmas story read by Mrs. Anderson in Meyer Hall. After the story we'll move to the cafeteria where the kids & parents will begin crafting & enjoying the festivities!
Crafts are geared for kids ages 3 & up.
3-5 year old's should be accompanied by an adult.

Advent Worship Music

December 20th
@ 3:30pm
Nathaniel & Anna will be back at St. Joseph Church. Mark your calendar for an afternoon of beautiful music preparing your heart for the coming of Jesus.

HALLOW Advent Prayer Challenge

Monday, November 30th we begin the HALLOW Advent Challenge: It's A Wonderful Life. Please join our Warren County Catholic Community in praying through Advent together. Just a reminder that we have a community subscription to the HALLOW APP so if you are not on the app, please download it today and join the Warren County Catholic Community, no cost to you. We want to pray with and for you in this treasured season in our Church.



Volunteers Needed Nov. 23rd

We are looking for a few volunteers to help us place the plastic covers on the 2027 missals that will be in the pews beginning the first weekend of Advent. If you have an hour or so to give, please come to the board room Monday November 23rd at 1:30pm.

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering Nov. 15th

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One Minute Meditations

St. Gertrude the Great

Born in Germany in 1256, St. Gertrude was raised and educated by Benedictine nuns before entering religious life herself. Around age twenty-five, she began experiencing visions of Christ that continued throughout her life. She recorded these profound spiritual encounters in *The Herald of Divine Love* for the benefit of her fellow nuns. Renowned for her holiness, compassion toward rich and poor alike, and devotion to praying for souls in Purgatory, St. Gertrude remains an inspiring example of faith.

Loving like the saints

"Consider the example of the saints from every walk of life. What have they not done to love God, and devote themselves to him? … With such a great host of models, what can we ourselves fail to do? They were what we are. What they did was animated by love for the same God and by a desire to acquire the same virtues. Why, then, should not we do as much, according to our condition and vocation, for our cherished resolution…?" St. Francis de Sales

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Don't let Christmas sneak up on you!

Between the shopping lists, work parties, cooking and baking, and that one string of lights that never works, it's easy to reach Christmas morning wondering where Advent went. A few small changes can help you prepare heart and home for Jesus, even during the rush.

Clear some clutter, inside and out. As you tidy up for guests, tidy up your schedule too. Pick one thing to skip this year, like an extra party or one batch of cookies, and use that time for God. Five quiet minutes with your morning coffee counts.

Decorate a little at a time. Put the tree up early if you like, but decorate slowly: lights one week, ornaments the next, the star on Christmas Eve. Let the kids light the next candle on the Advent wreath each Sunday at dinner. The waiting becomes part of the joy.

Spend extra time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Try adding one weekday Mass during Advent, perhaps on your day off or lunch break. Or stop by church for 10 minutes on your way home from errands. You may find He's been waiting for you too.

Receive mercy, then share it. Check the bulletin for your parish's Advent Reconciliation service and mark your calendar. Then think of one person who could use some mercy from you: a relative you've been short with, a coworker, a neighbor who's alone this year. A phone call, a note or a plate of cookies can go a long way.

"The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!'" (John 1:35-36).

Notice your blessings. Starting at Thanksgiving, have everyone at the dinner table name one thing they're grateful for each night. While shopping or rushing between parties, remember: people matter more than presents.

At Christmas we celebrate the best news of all: Jesus, the Savior God promised, has come for each of us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor old basilicas?

In the Old Testament, the Temple was Israel's sacred place of worship, where God dwelt among His people. For Catholics, the Church is the new Temple and the Body of Christ. Our churches remain sacred spaces where we gather to worship and Heaven meets earth in the Mass. Each church building also symbolizes the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3). Recognizing their profound historical and spiritual significance, the Catholic Church honors Rome's four major basilicas: St. John Lateran, St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major, enduring witnesses to our Catholic faith.

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"Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

St. Padre Pio's timeless advice offers a practical path to finding peace, patience, and joy amid the demands and expectations of the holiday season.

Pray: Although quite busy, St. Thomas More visited Jesus in the Eucharist daily while serving as Chancellor of England. He explained, "I have much very important business to handle and I need light and wisdom; it is for this very reason that I go…to consult Jesus." Amid holiday preparations, prioritize prayer over busyness. Entrusting our concerns to God allows His wisdom to guide our plans and priorities.

Hope: Christian hope teaches us to "desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). Even when celebrations fall short of expectations, God's love remains constant. As St. Thérèse reminds us, "We obtain from [God] as much as we hope for." Our deepest joy comes from Christ, not perfect holidays.

Don't worry: Holiday pressures can convince us that everything must go according to plan. Yet even when gatherings disappoint, relationships strain, or unexpected difficulties arise, God never abandons us. We can prepare thoughtfully, love generously, and release what we cannot control. Lasting peace comes not from flawless celebrations, but from trusting God.

from Scripture — Mark 13:33-37, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming

In this Gospel, Jesus calls us to prepare our hearts for His coming. Advent invites us to reflect on three ways Christ comes to us.

First, we remember His coming in history. Through Mary's faithful yes, *"the Word became flesh"* (John 1:14). At Christmas, we celebrate the extraordinary gift of the Incarnation: God entered human history to redeem us from sin and restore our communion with Him.

Second, we anticipate His coming in glory. Christ will return "to judge the living and the dead," as we profess in the Creed. Because we know neither the day nor the hour, Advent calls us to vigilance, conversion, and renewed trust in God's mercy, especially through Confession.

Third, we welcome His coming into our lives today. Christ encounters us through prayer, acts of charity, and especially the Sacraments. At every Mass, His sacrifice becomes present, and He nourishes us with His very Body and Blood.

This Advent, prepare for Christ through repentance, receive Him with gratitude, and carry His love into the world.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 22: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day we celebrate Christ's supreme authority over all creation and remember that His Kingdom is founded on truth, justice, mercy, and love. As the liturgical year draws to a close, this feast invites us to surrender our hearts more fully to Christ, trusting in His reign and looking forward to the eternal Kingdom He has promised.

November 23: St. Columban, Abbot (615). St. Columban was born into a noble family in Ireland and chose to become a monk. He lived quietly in a monastery on the island of Lough Erne until he was ordained, then traveled to France in 590 to found more monasteries. He was exiled for criticizing King Theodoric II for his scandalous life and moved to a monastery in Bobbio, Italy.

November 29: First Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ's reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle. St. Andrew, a fisherman, was one of the first to follow Jesus. Immediately, he told his brother, Simon Peter, *"We have found the Messiah"* (John 1:41). This Advent, follow Andrew's lead and invite one person to come to Mass with you.

Q & A — Why does the Church discourage scattering loved ones' ashes?

The Church's teachings on care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial reflect profound respect for every person and their ultimate destiny: eternal union with God. This reverence extends to the human body, which Catholic teaching recognizes not as separate from the person, but as an essential part of their identity and dignity.

For the baptized, this dignity takes on deeper significance through the Sacraments. In Baptism, we become children of God and *"temples of the Holy Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Eucharist, we receive Christ Himself, Body and Blood, as supernatural nourishment. Our bodies participate in our relationship with God and life of grace.

In the Creed, we profess our belief in the resurrection of the body on the Last Day. This hope shapes how Catholics honor the deceased. Although the Church permits cremation, it requires cremated remains to be preserved in a sacred place, rather than scattered or divided. Such practices uphold the dignity of the deceased and express our faith that death is not the end of human existence, but a passage toward eternal life in Christ.

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