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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:30PM VIGIL
SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 11:00AM

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 11, 2026

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

MARRIAGES:
Couples contemplating marriage should contact the rectory a minimum of six months before the date of the wedding.

BAPTISMS:
Baptisms celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 11AM Mass. First time parents are required to attend a Pre - Jordan (Baptism Preparation) Session. The sessions are held the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00pm in church. Registration is required. **Only when Certificates of Eligibility from godparents are presented, then a date for the Baptism can be set.** Please call the rectory to set up an appointment for Pre - Jordan and the Baptism.

APPOINTMENTS:
The pastor is most willing to be of service to our parishioners. If you wish to meet with him, please call the rectory in advance to arrange an appointment.

R.C.I.A.:
The RCIA prepares adults for Baptism and full communion in the Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please contact the Rectory.

VISITS TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY:
The clergy and extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist visit the homebound sick and elderly on a regular scheduled basis. Please call the Rectory to report a needed visit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
If you are scheduled for surgery or a hospital stay, receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go to the hospital. Call the rectory or ask the priest on Sunday to administer the Anointing of the Sick after Mass.

HOSPITAL VISITS:
Due to the Pennsylvania Privacy Act, you must tell the hospital that you would like to be visited by a priest who serves the hospital as Catholic Chaplain.

PARISH REGISTRATION:
WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH!
We invite all Catholics living within parish boundaries to become registered members of St. Joseph Parish as soon as possible. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home, or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move, we would also appreciate a phone call to the rectory so that our records will be in order.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE - TUESDAY, 12:00 NOON

Sunday, October 11, 2026
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. 11 8AM – Living & Deceased Members of the Bennett and Callahan Families
11AM – Margaret Farrell
Mon. 12 8AM – Living & Deceased Members of the Di Daniele, Capotrio & DelQuadro Families
Tues. 13 8AM – Frank & Betty Weber
Wed. 14 **Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**
8AM – Megan Flynn (Living)
Thur. 15 **Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**
8AM – Al McIntyre
Fri. 16 **Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**
8AM – Living & Deceased Members of the Carbonara & Penza Families
Sat. 17 **Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**
8AM – Father Sodano (Living)
4:30PM – Michael Traband

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please call to be put on these lists. Names are listed for one month.

Margaret Mc Kee, Ryan Crowley, Baby Paige Juliano, Rosemary Rausch Epright, Baby James D'Amoor, Terry Vesey, Joseph Laudadio, Jack Collins, Patti Ferry, Patti Reigle, Jackson Roche, Rose Smith, Anna Jane Neilsen, Linda Lisey, Mary Cauley, Nancy Cauley, Amanda Scarpignato

We Mourn Those Who Have Gone Before us in Faith

Dr. Thomas A. Mallozzi

October is Respect Life Month

Join us in community prayer at the end of each weekend mass, as we pray through Mary to Jesus, in reparation for sin and to obtain grace and mercy from Our Heavenly Father.

All Souls' Day Memorial Mass
Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 7:00PM

There will be an All Souls memorial mass on Monday at 7:00pm for all who have died within the last year. The mass is also open to the public.

To give online: go to https://saintjosephcollingdale.churchgiving.com to set up an account. *Visit our website to learn how to make a bequest to your parish.*

Weekly Collections | Thank you!
10/3 & 10/4 $5,532.50

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

(All meetings are in the rectory basement unless specified.)

Monday:
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday:
6:00PM - 7:00PM Legion of Mary
6:30PM - 7:30PM Scrip Sales

Wednesday:
6:00PM – 7:00PM PREP

Thursday:
7:00PM – 8:00PM Bible Study

Friday:
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday:
9:30AM Divine Mercy Cenacle (every 2nd & 4th Saturday)
3:00PM - 4:00PM Confessions (in church)

🎉 SAVE THE DATE 🎉

St. Joseph Parish
110th Anniversary All-Class Reunion

🗓️ Saturday, November 14, 2026
⏰ Time: 6PM to 11PM (4:30PM Mass at St. Joseph Church prior to reception)
📍 Floral Hall — 510 Clifton Ave, Collingdale, PA
$50 per person includes buffet dinner, drinks, and DJ. Basket raffles and 50/50 will be available !
Join us as we celebrate 110 years of faith, family, and Collingdale tradition.
Tickets will be available after Labor Day weekend. Payable to St. Joseph Church. Donations for basket raffles are appreciated!
Please call Erin at 610-716-2192, Barb at 610-717-7148 or the Rectory at 610-583-4530 to reserve your tickets, this will be a sell-out!

REFLECTIONS FROM A CARPENTER'S ANGLE

REAL vs. Artificial

We hear these words when talking about computers or people, but can we apply these words to our faith in Jesus Christ. Is our faith real or artificial? Many Catholics today seldom attend mass. They live outside of the Sacrament of marriage and reject many of the moral teachings of our faith. Yet when they find themselves at a mass on some occasion, they will present themselves for Holy Communion.

I will show you what they are doing. A friend's mother recently had a spot of cancer removed from her leg. The surgeon took a piece of skin from the shoulder of my friend's mom. Why not use artificial skin? It had to be from her body and it had to be clean and free from all contaminants.

This is what the Catholic Church teaches us about receiving Holy Communion. To receive this Blessed Sacrament we need to be members of the Body of Christ. We need to be free of grave sin or as we teach this means being in a state of grace.

Notice the end of today's gospel. One wedding guest is cast out of the celebration because he is not in a wedding garment. I see this as someone who is not clothed in the state of grace. Just as our body rejects foreign matter and contaminates so does the Body of Christ. May our faith be real and alive.

Jesus I Trust In You,

Father Sodano

Catholic Housing and Community Services
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ST. JOSEPH ELDERCARE PROGRAM

Shredding and Recycling Event
Local political representatives will host a paper shredding, electronics recycling, and prescription drug take back event at the Springfield Mall on the morning of Saturday, October 17. To register and for more information, call State Senator Kearney's office at (610) 544-6120.

Legislative Transportation Forum
Residents interested in regional transportation priorities and the long-term planning that shapes mobility in our area are invited to the DCTMA Fall Legislative Transportation Forum on Thursday, October 15 at the Springfield Country Club, from 8–10 a.m. Local political representatives will gather for a substantive discussion on funding, infrastructure needs, and the policy decisions guiding Delaware County's transportation future. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from policymakers and transportation leaders. Contact me to register.

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment
It's nearly that time of year; I encourage you to explore if the plan (Medicare Advantage or Prescription Drug Plan) you're in now works best for your current situation. I will be glad to refer you to a Medicare broker, or you and I can look at options on the Medicare website.

Senior Affordable Housing
A new building with one-bedroom apartments will soon open in Ardmore. Contact me if you'd like an application. You must be at least 62 years of age to apply and meet the income guidelines.

Jennifer Rose, Elder Care Program Manager,
at 484-494-5011 or jrose@chs-adphila.org
500 Woodlawn Ave, Collingdale, PA.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
October 19, 20, & 21, 2026

Event: Behold I Make All Things New, St. Eugene Parish Mission
Topics: Bringing Your Loved Ones Back to God, Source and Summit: The Holy Eucharist, All Things New (Conversion Testimony)
Facilitator: JMJ Missions
Location: St. Eugene Parish, 200 S. Oak Avenue, Primos (Delaware County)
More info: Go to St. Eugene website @ www.sainteugenechurch.net This is a free event. Come join us.
Any questions, please call Marcella. Thank you for your consideration. 610-626-2866 steugenebus@rcn.com

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus
Monthly 50/50 Raffle
All proceeds go directly to St. Joseph Church

Name _____
Phone _____
Tickets _____
Total $ _____
*Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5

This slip can be placed in the weekly collection basket or dropped off at the rectory in an envelope marked KOC Raffle. Tickets will be filled out for each entrant by the KOC. Drawing will be held the last day of each month.

LAND OF PEACE

(Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israela and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. see Website: www.landofpeace.org

CHRISTMAS in CAPE MAY
DECEMBER 11, 2026

Come join us for a festive night in Cape May!!!!
Dinner at the Anglesea Pub Trolly ride to see the Christmas Lights in Victorian Cape May Shopping Amidst Caroler's and lovely Christmas Music in Washington Street Mall
****Leaving St. Joe's at 2:30 pm returning 10:30 pm With a safe ride down and back with Ted our personal bus driver. Dinner choices CHICKEN Parmesan, Traditional Irish Guinness Braised Beef Stew, and Fish and Chips. Give your choice when reserving your seat.
Cost is $150.00 per person All-inclusive **Bus, Dinner, Trolly ride and shopping.

Please call Mary Carney ay 610-362-1177 St. Joe's at 610-583-4530. Seats reserved upon full payment. Payment Due, November 13th, 2026

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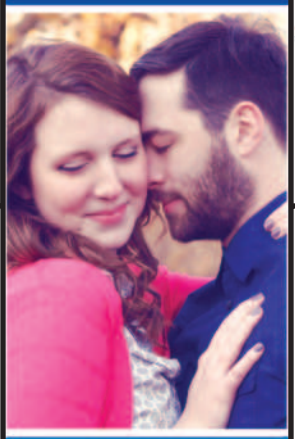

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