



- Daily Mass every Thursday at 9:30am (Rosary @ 9:10)
- Bible study sessions are currently cancelled. Updates in future bulletin.
- Women's' Club Meetings meet regularly each Second Monday of the month /11am . Any & All women of the parish please join us .
- DURING LENT every Friday—Stations of the Cross at 3pm /ADORATION after 12:30 Sunday mass until 3pm.
- Collecting "To Go" hot drink cups with lids for the parish during the month of March.
- Parish Picnic at Hamilton Farm - Sunday April 26 1424 West End. More info to follow NOTE DATE CHANGE

**DURING LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:00 PM  
EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 12:30 MASS—ADORATION UNTIL 3:00PM**

*There is a date change for the parish picnic at the Hamilton Farm. Sunday April 26th. Mark your calendars.*



Ministry Calendar for the months of April, May, and June will be put together soon. If there are any upcoming conflicts for any Lector or Eucharistic Minister please let John know by Wednesday March 25th.

**Ministers** Thank you for your service to the parishioners of St. Joseph.



The schedule for Holy Week will be available in next week's bulletin

**Women's Club News** \*Collecting "to-go" hot drink cups with lids during this month.  
\*Save the date: Sunday April 26th Parish Picnic—this is a change of date! More info to come.  
Cleaning our church for the Easter Season—Thursday March 26th at noon.  
Decorating the church for Easter - Saturday April 4th at 11am.

**Help St. Joseph Church become financially stable.**



Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: [stjcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:stjcoordinator@gmail.com)

Or to Bob Renaud~ [brenaud65@gmail.com](mailto:brenaud65@gmail.com)



# ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church



**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)**

**Saturday( Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm**

**Sunday 12:30pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays  
(or by appointment)**

**All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.**

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**March 22, 2026**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**

**UPCOMING FEAST**

- 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**
- 24 St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero**
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord**
- 26 St. Catherine of Genoa**
- 27 St. Gregory of Narek**
- 28 St. Catherine of Bologna**
- 29 St. Ludovico of Casoria**

Mass Readings for Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A



1st Reading --- Ezekiel 37:12-14  
 Responsorial Psalm --- Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
 2nd reading --- Romans 8:8-11  
 Verse Before the Gospel --- John 11:25A, 26  
 Gospel --- John 11:1-45

**MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :**  
**LECTOR:** Sat. J. Jones /M. Hamilton  
 E.M: Sat. S. Robinson/P. Hamilton  
**LECTOR:** Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant  
 E.M: Sun. J. Rodgers/K. Hutto

**WEEK of Feb 28th OFFERING:**

Envelopes	\$1695.00
Loose	\$100.00
<b>Total: Under Budget</b>	<b>\$1795.00</b>
<b>Other: candle ,refurb, special</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>\$1847.00</b>

St. Joseph online Donation:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>  
**IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT**

**ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY**  
 If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.  
[www.rockhilloratory.org](http://www.rockhilloratory.org)  
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**A Prayer for Peace During Hard Times**

Lord, when my heart is overwhelmed, overwhelm me with Your peace. Lead me to You, my rock. Guide me to Your word which gives me strength and refuge. Help me not to run to lesser things. Draw me to run to You first. Help me get into the habit of taking my "overwhelmed" and placing it under your will. Thank You, Lord.  
 In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Lenten Fact**  
 Passiontide is the last two weeks of Lent, when the readings and prayers of the liturgy focus on the Passion of Our Lord. The word 'passion', in the Christian sense, does not mean an intense emotion; it refers to the historical events of Jesus' suffering and death. Although for several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday, after the Second Vatican Council this name was restored to the Sunday at beginning of Holy Week, formerly called Palm Sunday. As a penitential season of the Church, Passiontide is evidently even more ancient than Lent.

**Lenten Action**  
 Reach out to someone who is alienated from your group.

**Prayer**  
 Father, help us keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**ADORATION** after the 12:30 mass until 3pm  
*"Could You Not Stay Awake but an hour With Me?"*

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- 1) Prepare your heart and home for Easter Sunday by focusing on prayer, reflection, and scripture reading.
- 2) Understand the significance of Easter Sunday, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- 3) Participate in Holy Week activities, as well as, prayer and reflection, to align yourself spiritually.
- 4) Deepen your understanding of Jesus' teachings during Holy Week.
- 5) Share the message of the resurrection with others, considering it a key element of your spiritual practice during Easter.
- 6) Engage in traditional activities, such as community meals or family gatherings, alongside religious observance and church service offerings.

**Holy Humor**



**Coffee With the**



Any time spent before the Eucharistic presence, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives.  
 ~ Catherine of Genoa

**St. Catherine of Genoa, pray for us!**

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*Make me an Instrument of Your Peace*  
*St. Francis Prayer*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.



O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console;

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Dr. Laurie Atkinson Craig Clark  
Christopher Sligar John Lawrence  
Frank Domnick Jean Storer  
Mary Lou Rothe



As a special intention for this month:

- *We pray that the light of Christ shine upon us so we may guide others to Jesus.*
- *We pray for those who feel lost in their sin and do not believe in the loving mercy and forgiveness of God.*
- *We pray for all those who faithfully serve God and spread His gospel in areas where the Christian faith is under attack.*
- *We pray that we all find time during this Lenten season to visit Jesus, found truly present in the Eucharist.*
- We pray for an end to satanism, evil acts, and an immediate departure from the culture of death.
- We pray for the safety of all those who protect and serve, locally and throughout our country.
- We pray for the sanctity of marriage and the dignity of life from conception to natural death.
- We pray for all the suffering souls in Purgatory especially all our loved ones and those most forgotten.
- We pray for the conversion of all sinners including ourselves.

See the Remembrance Book to include deceased loved ones for each month

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Maggie Wilson Beth Gaddy  
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Gina McCanless Maggie Robinson  
Roger Ramsey John Jacobs  
Gabby Rowsam Sam St. Croix  
Jacqueline Botta Ella Phillips  
Will Thesier Austin Nunnery  
Beth Stevenson Mark  
Elaine Gaither Macy  
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