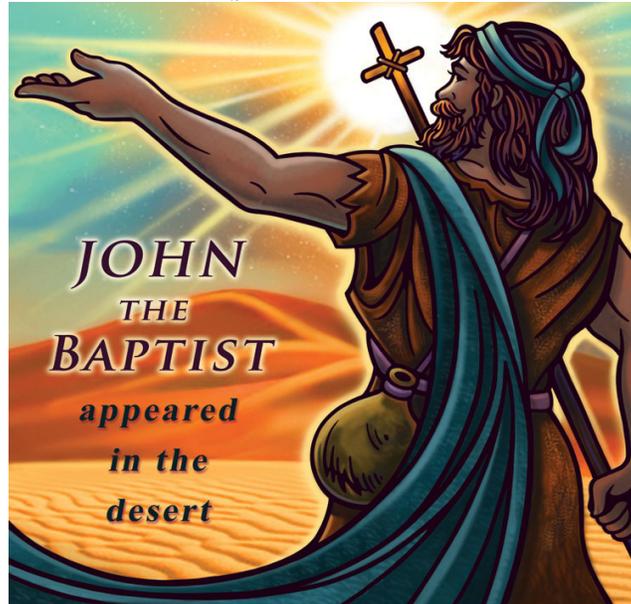


# Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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## Schedule of Liturgies

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY EUCHARISTS:

7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM

DAILY EUCHARISTS:

7 AM; 12:05 (Mon. - Fri.)

8:00 AM (Saturday)

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST: As announced

SICK CALLS: Anytime

## RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Saturdays: 4 to 4:45 PM; Anytime by appointment

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment with at least one preparation session for new parents.

**WEDDINGS:** Engaged couples wishing to marry in the church should contact a Parish Priest at least one year prior to the planned wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process. The year-long process includes diocesan pre-marriage classes and meetings with clergy.



**COUNCIL #15436: Council**

**meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Family Center Conference Room. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Contact Paul Thorson, 302-229-**

**5644, [LTCThorson@gmail.com](mailto:LTCThorson@gmail.com) or John Strusowski, 302-753-2928, [johnstru@comcast.net](mailto:johnstru@comcast.net).**

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus Council #15436 at the First Saturday of the month devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at 8 a.m. in the church.**

*Like a Child*

**One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.**

—St. Nicholas

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

## Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Don't you love the image of St. John the Baptist, dressed in a camel skin, eating bugs for lunch? He must have gotten people's attention for sure when he told them to get ready, the Lord was coming soon!

What gets our attention today? And what do we need to do to get our hearts ready for Christmas? St. Theresa of Calcutta said that Advent is like springtime in nature, "when everything is renewed and is so fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us – to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form he may come to us." We need to set aside, for ourselves and our children, some peaceful, quiet time this Advent so that this renewal can happen in us.

Today is the last day to bring in your Advent Angels toiletries donations, and next week, 12/17, during classtime for grades K-5, is Breakfast in Bethlehem and our Christmas Pageant. Parents of children in these grades are asked to stay and participate in the activities with your children rather than dropping them off.

Blessings, Eva



Pacem in Terris is a grassroots, non-partisan, interfaith, member-supported non-profit organization that brings together people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and professions for the purpose of positive peaceful change on the local, national and global level. It helps people understand that peace is not just the absence of war, violence and conflict, but a vibrant, thriving, safe, secure and sustainable neighborhood and world— that peace is a necessity for survival, not a luxury for the affluent.

- Olive Oil for Peace - Zatoun Fair Trade Extra Virgin olive oil from Palestine.

Cards for Peace - A set of ten different and stunningly beautiful art works taken from Pacem's Youth Peace Art Program [\(302\) 656-2721 OR](tel:3026562721) [mg@depaceminterris.org](mailto:mg@depaceminterris.org)

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Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements 658-7017.

## Pastor's Notes

### *News of Comfort*

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

**RCIA:** We invite those who are considering becoming a Catholic to become part of the RCIA process. This includes Christians of other denominations, non-baptized or Catholics who might have been baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call 658-7017.

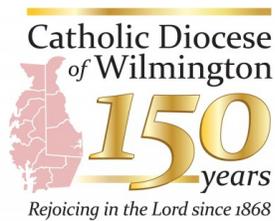
*You're engaged; congratulations! What a joyful and exciting time in the life of a couple, preparing to say "Yes" to each other forever before God in marriage. Engaged couples wishing to marry in the church should contact a Parish Priest at least one year prior to the planned wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process. The year-long process includes diocesan pre-marriage classes and meetings with clergy.*

### Novena of Masses

Envelopes can be found in your monthly envelope mailing as well as in the church to honor your intentions during Christmas. Place your request in the collection basket or drop box at the Rectory.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

To remind travelers of the true meaning of the season, we shall have an outdoor crib in the front of the archives. Perhaps you could put up a nativity scene when decorating your lawn this season. Imagine what could happen if people saw nativity scenes all over town proclaiming the birth of the King.



The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding with a year-long celebration that will include special Masses and prayer services, pilgrimages, a keepsake-publication, a traveling exhibit, and a Eucharistic Congress. The Diocese of Wilmington was established on March 3, 1868 by Blessed Pope Pius IX.

### *Silent Prayer Community*

This powerful Ministry of Prayer intercedes to Jesus and Mary for your particular intentions; prays at all hours of the day and night; does not have formal meetings; is in addition to the "Book of Prayer" in the back of the Church; is honored to be of service; is confidential and welcomes additional prayer partners.

**Contact: Cindi Clare 654-6344**

Jesus said: "Ask and you shall receive..."

### Emmanuel Dining Room – Monday, December 11

St. Joseph's continues to provide a chicken meal to Emmanuel Dining Room once a month. Volunteers purchase and cook 24 chicken thighs and/or bring various desserts (stuffing is made the morning of delivery). Our next date to deliver our meal for Emmanuel Dining Room is Monday, December 11. Please have your cooked chicken and desserts at the Family Center by 9 A.M. on that day. If you would like to assist in making the stuffing, we meet at the Family Center at 8 A.M. to do that. We can always use more chicken cookers. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

### *Advent Angel Tree*

The Advent Angel Tree is an annual ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine. It is an opportunity to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season.

The mission of the Advent Angel Ministry is to assist the needy by offering gifts and essentials of daily living such as food and shelter. This program has been very successful in the past due to the generosity of St. Joseph on the Brandywine parishioners who donate gifts and time to this ministry. We work closely with the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Catherine of Siena and the staff at Martha's House. Both organizations provide us gift suggestions for the individuals and families they work with – a difficult task since the people do not ask for anything for themselves, yet their needs are many. Parishioners are invited to take ornaments from the tree and to purchase the suggested gift. Please wrap the gift, attach the tag to the outside of the gift and return it to church no later than Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Kindly return the gifts by December 10<sup>th</sup> to allow the committee ample time to sort and deliver the gifts. Any questions please call Mrs. Barbara Vieira 302-516-7938. Monetary donations may be made by check payable to St Joseph on the Brandywine with Rectory. Please do not wrap any cash or checks. "Advent Angel" on the memo line. Please place the check in an envelope and place it in the offertory collection or mail it to the

### *Knights of Columbus*

*St. Joseph on the Brandywine Council # 15436*

Congratulations to fellow Parishioner Jason P. Casper who recently underwent both the Admission (First Degree) and Formation (Second Degree) for the Knights: We welcome this fine Catholic gentleman as the newest member of our Knights Council.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Any male Parishioner interested in becoming a Knight should contact either Paul Thorson, Grand Knight, [302-229-5644](mailto:302-229-5644), [LTCThorson@gmail.com](mailto:LTCThorson@gmail.com) or John Strusowski, Deputy Grand Knight, [302-753-2928](tel:302-753-2928), [Johnstru@comcast.net](mailto:Johnstru@comcast.net).

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Sunday, December 17th, author, Thomas Craughwell will talk about his latest book, "101 Places to Pray before You Die."

*Retrouaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the weekend of February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.*



What can you do to help spread this truth and the truth that has been revealed to us through Christ? How can you be more inclusive and embrace others that are different than yourself? This week prayerfully consider these questions, and contemplate how you might be able to share the peace that Christ provides.

*St. Joseph on the Brandywine  
Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3 p.m.  
Please join us!*

*St. Mark's High School  
Alumni Jazz Band Christmas Concert  
Frank Sinatra Tribute  
December 10th 7 p.m.  
Free admission. All are welcome*

*A GENTLE REMINDER AS YOU DECORATE GRAVES  
IN OUR HISTORIC CEMETERY FOR CHRISTMAS*



*For more than 150 years St. Joseph on the Brandywine Cemetery has been a holy burial place. Out of respect for the sacred nature of the cemetery, consideration for those with nearby plots and for the safety of visitors and workers, please observe the long-standing rules summarized below for the placement of decorations.*

- Fresh cut flowers are welcome at any time if they are placed in appropriate self-supporting containers that can be easily moved. Subsurface vases, either in-ground or in an upright monument base, are preferable.
- Artificial flowers are welcome at any time provided they are of sufficient quality to withstand wind, weathering and deterioration. They must be firmly fixed in their containers.
- Potted plants are permitted from November through the end of February.
- Winter decorations. One standard grave mound, wreath, or basket decoration per grave is welcome. Decorated Christmas trees are not allowed. All winter decorations should be removed before February 1st.
- American Flags may be placed on graves only from Memorial Day through Independence Day. Flags left after Independence Day will be removed by the cemetery staff.
- Balloons, pictures, votive lights, urns and planter boxes, statues, pumpkins, gourds, toys, coins, shells and other loose articles are not permitted. Only items expressly permitted under these rules are allowed.
- Only plantings installed by the cemetery staff are permitted. The staff may remove other plantings.
- The cemetery staff clears all decorations within a reasonable time after Christmas, Easter, Mothers' Day, Memorial Day and Fathers' Day. The staff also clears all decorations after February 1st for spring cemetery landscape maintenance. These dates will be posted on signs at the entrances of all the cemeteries. The cemetery will not be responsible for decorations, plants, vases, etc. left on the on the grounds.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove decorations that have deteriorated, as well as those in violation of these regulations, and is not responsible for decorations that are removed or damaged. Families should take responsibility for their decorations to avoid removal and loss.

*PLEASE PRAY AS YOU PASS THE GRAVES  
DURING THIS HOLY SEASON AND HELP US CARE FOR THEIR RESTING PLACE.*

READING 1 **IS 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD  
double for all her sins.  
A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.  
Go up on to a high mountain,  
Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news!  
Fear not to cry out  
and say to the cities of Judah:  
Here is your God!  
Here comes with power  
the Lord GOD,  
who rules by his strong arm;  
here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.  
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

**For most Catholics, opportunities for giving begin in their parish and diocese. Diocesan and parish stewardship programs should help individuals, families and communities better understand why, in the context of a total commitment to stewardship that is planned, proportionate, and sacrificial, it is important to set goals for giving. All Christian stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and they should make a decision (in advance from the "first fruits" instead of what is left over after obligations have**

*been met) about what will be given for their stewardship commitment. – ussbc*

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*"Creating a world where immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome, and belonging."*

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**Annual March for Life in D.C.  
Mark your calendar January 19th**

*What part of His plan has He chosen for you? If you think you might be called to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)*

### *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, Dec. 9**

**5:00 p.m. Midge Pettinaro by Jean & Steve Potter**

**Sunday, Dec. 10**

**7:30 a.m. Catherine Huisking by Claire Hanavan**

**9:00 a.m. M/M John C. Janes and Margaret T. Janes by Joseph Janes**

**10:30 a.m. Donald G. Brady by St. Joseph Choir**

**Monday, Dec. 11**

**7:00 a.m. Heather Heyer by Joseph Janes**

**12:05 p.m. Joana Matlusky by the Matlusky family**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12**

**7:00 a.m. Paul Moncevicz (Liv.) by Dr. Bill Moncevicz**

**12:05 p.m. Ellen Castle by Barbara & Patrick Bagley**

**Wednesday, Dec. 13**

**7:00 a.m. Grace Bast by Isabel Pearce**

**12:05 p.m. Richard Prince by the Prince family**

**Thursday, Dec. 14**

**7:00 a.m. Happy Birthday Bill by Dr. Bill Moncevicz**

**12:05 p.m. Frank Fountain by Dolores Fountain by Dolores Fountain**

**Friday, Dec. 15**

**7:00 a.m. Peter Glynn by Theresa & family**

**12:05 p.m. Mike J. & Rose Grieco by Barb Grieco Pietropaulo**

**Saturday, Dec. 16**

**8:00 a.m. Catherine Wright by Mary & Ed Sannini**

**5:00 p.m. Mary & Howard Simpson by family**