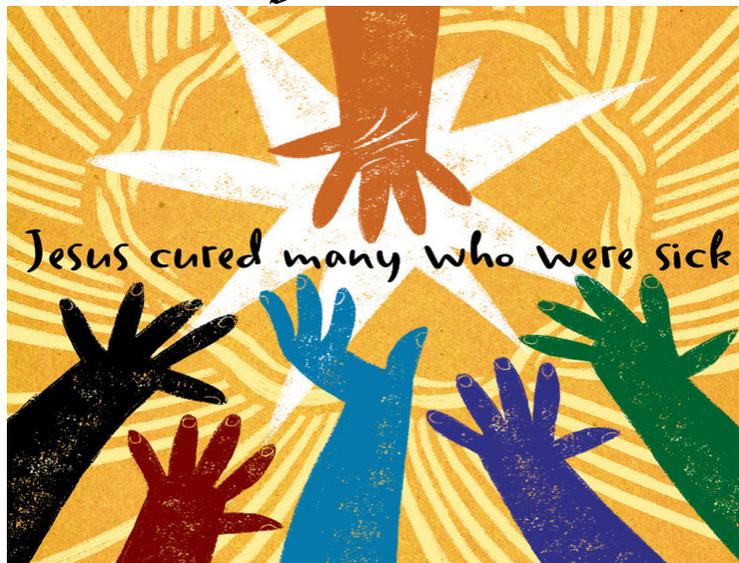


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Schedule of Liturgies

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., Archives Building. 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](tel:302-229-5644), LTCThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, [302-753-2928](tel:302-753-2928), 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.

The Pope's Monthly Intention

Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugee and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

The LORD tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4

Religious Education

This morning (February 4) at 10 am the parents of our students preparing for First Eucharist will gather in the Family Center hall. The Eucharist is one of three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) – this means that we, as St. Joseph on the Brandywine parish, have a role to play. Please offer your support by praying for our students getting ready to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, as well as for their parents and families. Please pray as well for our confirmandi, who are in the final months of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Eva

Nominated Parish Trustees

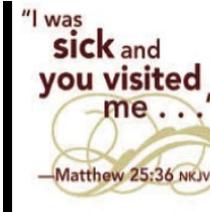
Harry Gordon and Anne Wattman have been re-elected as Parish Trustees. The election meeting was held last Sunday after the 10:30 mass. Congratulations Harry & Anne!

The *Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC)* exist to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. This year, the collection, combined with the Home Missions collection, will take place the weekend of February 10/11.

Cemetery Clean Up: Removal of Christmas/Winter decorations from the grounds is underway, weather permitting. Your cooperation is appreciated. Those who would like to save decorations placed on the graves of loved ones may collect them now.

COMMUNION FROM THE CUP DURING COLD & FLU SEASON

The question naturally arises: "Should I drink from the Cup of the Lord's Blood during cold and flu season?" Obviously those who have colds or the flu should refrain from drinking from the Cup (one might even suggest that those who are ill should remain at home as the obligation to attend Mass does not apply to those who are ill). For those who do choose to receive the Precious Blood we ask that you be attentive to basic hygiene (hand washing often is most important). The norm for the reception of communion in the Diocese of Wilmington is both the Body and Blood of the Lord; this is true even during the winter months.



If you or someone you know is sick or homebound and would like visitation, please call us at 658-7017.

Pastor's Notes

Speaking Against Racism

The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, issues the following statement in the wake of Charlottesville violence: I stand with many U.S. bishops in condemning the evils of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism that were evident during two days of demonstrations in Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 11 and 12. Our prayers go out to the families of those who lost their lives during the protests and to those who were injured.

The U.S. bishops wrote in a 1979 pastoral statement, "Brothers and Sisters to Us," that "racism is a sin." That simple statement was as self-evident then as it is now, but racism — which Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia recently called America's "original sin," evidenced in our tragic history of legal slavery — is a sin that persists. After years of visible progress made in racial equality, it was shocking to see racist attitudes blatantly proclaimed by many in Charlottesville in white supremacist and anti-Semitic chants. As the bishops wrote in 1979, "racism is more than a disregard for the words of Jesus; it is a denial of the truth of the dignity of each human being revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation."

I urge all the faithful of the Diocese of Wilmington to pray for the leaders of our country and for all citizens to drive out the historic vestiges of hate and discrimination in our society and in our hearts. All Christians, believers and people of good will must make it a public responsibility as well as an individual concern to accept all people as our brothers and sisters, to eliminate covert prejudices and refuse to tolerate overt discrimination of any of our neighbors.

As the U.S. bishops wrote in 1979: "Therefore, let the Church proclaim to all that the sin of racism defiles the image of God and degrades the sacred dignity of humankind, which has been revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation. Let all know that it is a terrible sin that mocks the cross of Christ and ridicules the Incarnation. For the brother and sister of our Brother Jesus Christ are brother and sister to us." — krebscdow.org. Information is available at www.cdow.org.

St. Blaise Day: The blessing of the throats will take place after all masses Saturday & Sunday.

"Every moment there are a million miracles happening around you...if you learn how to live it, life is nothing short of a daily miracle."
Sadhguru



Game On!



As football fans cheer on their favorite Super Bowl team this weekend, *Pope Francis* hopes we'll take a moment to reflect on world peace and friendship. – *vatican.va*

The *Adult Faith Formation Committee* invites you to St. Joseph on the Brandywine's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, February 17th. Mass will be held at 8:00 a.m., followed by a light breakfast before the session. The Retreat will end at 12 p.m. *The topic will be: "Jacob's Ladder: Salesian Perspectives on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit"*

The Very Reverend Michael Murray OSFS will lead the retreat on Salesian Spirituality. He invites us to spend time on Saturday morning to reflect upon the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the lens of Salesian spirituality. Participants will consider the power of each individual gift and the potential of the gifts taken together in our daily efforts to become the best versions of ourselves as God intends.

Visit the Event Section of the Parish website: <http://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org> to register or call Peter Fulweiler on 302-652-2264. Please leave your name and phone number. We look forward to seeing you.

Emmanuel Dining Room – Friday, February 9: 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 Friday, February 9. 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. Contact Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

Cooks for a Cause: Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, February 18th 3 – 8 at Feby's Fishery. Bring family and friends and enjoy a fabulous meal. A percentage of the evening's proceeds will be donated to help the Little Sisters. www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org.



What: Oldies Night fundraiser for Neighbors to Nicaragua

When: Friday, March 2, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Where: Wilmington Elk's Lodge #307, 1310 Carruthers Drive Cost: \$35 (Includes two drink tickets, tomato pie, sandwiches and wraps.)

Mission: The mission of Neighbors to Nicaragua is to identify and alleviate problems resulting from severe poverty in Granada, Managua, and Ometepe. We meet the critical needs of our youth and families by providing food, shelter, transportation, clothing, and medical aid and services. We also provide educational programming, supplies, and tuition support and aid the missions of other organizations whose effective work supports our own. *To donate or find out more information, visit neighborstonicaragua.com*

Snowbirds – Bookmark

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Have You Been Asked to Be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor? To become a Sponsor at a Baptism or Confirmation, you must obtain a written Sponsorship Certificate from your current parish. The applicant should be a registered, active "parishioner-in-good-standing."

2017 TAX STATEMENT: If you would like a tax statement, please notify the office at (302) 658-7017.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 3

5:00 p.m. Joseph (Beau) Biden by Bernard J. Brady

Sunday, Feb. 4

7:30 a.m. For the private intentions of St. Joseph on the Brandywine Catechists

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Annie Stewart by Elizabeth Blaszkow

Monday, Feb. 5

7:00 a.m. Theresa Barilo by Gene Toy

12:05 p.m. Anthony James Penna by the Beatson family

Tuesday, Feb. 6

7:00 a.m. Lillian Doolan by Bill & Elaine Porter

12:05 p.m. Barbara Hall & Ronald Wahl

Wednesday, Feb. 7

7:00 a.m. Mrs. Natalie Bonvetti by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Patrick McHugh, Sr., by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

Thursday, Feb. 8

7:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by Dr. Bill Moncevicz & Chris Truono-Joyce

12:05 p.m. Shannon Blackwell Lengyel by Patrick & Barbara Bagley

Friday, Feb. 9

7:00 a.m. Theresa Kelly by Aunt Rita & Uncle Bob

12:05 p.m. Ruth Coveleski by Annie & Alex Jordan

Saturday, Feb. 10

8:00 a.m. Adele Crawford by Mary & Ed Sannini

5:00 p.m. Margaret Kelleher by Gene & Cathy Kelleher