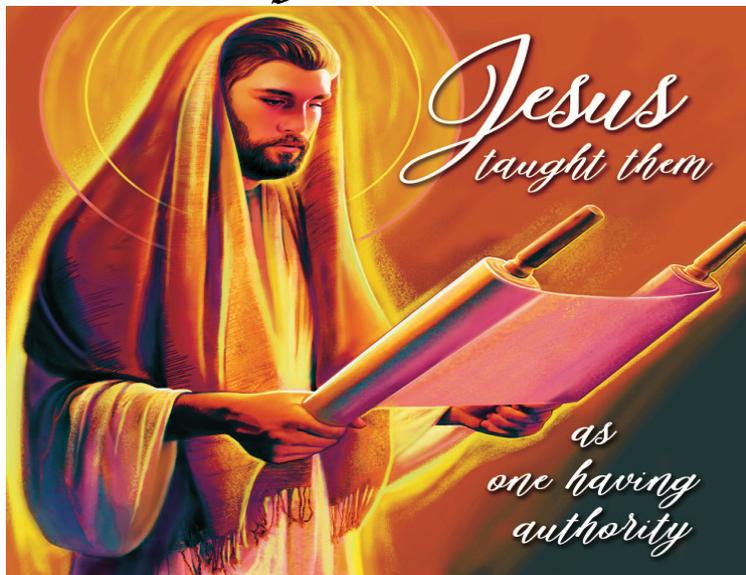


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Schedule of Liturgies

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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

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, LTCThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, 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

Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

Religious Education

There is no class this weekend. It is one of the vacation days we earned by adding an extra 15 minutes to each class. Use it for some treasured family time which includes Sunday Mass! The Catechism of the Catholic Church has so many beautiful things to say about the family. Here's my favorite: "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity" (CCC, 1666). May your "domestic church" be blessed!
Eva

Of Special Interest

The Buccini Family — D. Robert, Bernadette, Rob, and Chris — will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 11th. Visit the Catholic Charities for more information or to register.

Parish Trustee Election-Jan. 28th

The election of new trustees will take place after 10:30 mass Jan. 28th. These trustees exercise functions required by Civil Law though the Parish Council is advisory board to the pastor by church law. Trustees are: Pastor (President & Treasurer), Bishop and Chancellor and two lay trustees, Anne Wattman and Harry Gordon. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

St. Blaise Day February 3rd

The blessing of the throats will take place after all masses on the weekend of Feb 3 & 4th. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Details regarding the miraculous healing of the boy vary. One account relates that the miracle occurred during the journey to take Blaise to prison when he placed his hand on the boy's head and prayed; another that the miracle happened while Blaise was in prison when he picked up two candles provided to him and formed a cross around the boy's throat. The use of candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison. When an old woman's pig had been miraculously rescued from a wolf by Saint Blaise, she would visit him in prison, bringing him food and candles to bring him light in his dark cell. [Article 1625 from The Book of Blessings contains a brief historical bac](#)

Pastor's Notes

A Heartfelt Thank You!

Today I am simply writing to say thank you. You are such an amazing congregation and it is a blessing to be your Pastor.

As I have returned to the rectory from my time in the hospital, I reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed upon me.

Your compassion, generosity and willingness to serve have inspired me. I can only hope that I have inspired all of you as well.

Thank you and be assured of special prayers for you at this time.

In Christ,

Msgr. Joseph F. Reisman, V. G.



**Catholic schools
provide students with
a clear understanding
of why they live, and
breathe, and have
their being.**

*Tell the Dialog about your favorite
teacher. Send your teacher nominations
to news@thedialog.org.*

*If you have unwanted and/or broken rosaries,
Please place them in the container in the back of church.*

Sleeped in Scripture

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.

Please go to 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.

Hearing is Beautiful!

The following churches have Assistive Listening Devices for those who have difficulty hearing:

New Castle County, DE:

Church of the Holy Child, Wilmington
Holy Angels, Newark

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wilmington

Our Lady of Fatima, New Castle

St. Helena, Wilmington

St. Joseph, Middletown

St. Mary Magdalen, Wilmington

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. *Retrouvaille* is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. There are 2 programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: February 16-18, and April 13-15. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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. We can always use more chicken cookers. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

Basket for Babies

The Respect Life Committee appreciates your donation of gifts for babies which show our affirmation and support to unwed mothers. Contact Lynelle Robuck at (610) 388-1046 or Annie Jordan 302- 992-0437.

Food Pantry: January 27/28: Suggested items are: whole grain breakfast cereals, old fashioned oats, add water pancake mix, coffee, tea, low fat evaporated milk, flour, protein bars, dried fruits, nuts, peanut butter, jelly, low sodium hearty soups, canned meats and fish, rice and beans, pasta and crushed or diced tomatoes, canned lite fruit, natural low sugar applesauce, canned low sodium vegetables, olive oil or canola oil, bar soap, shampoo, toilet paper and toothpaste.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 27

5:00 p.m. Anthony James Penna by Pamela & Barton Barry

Sunday, Jan. 28

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Mark McMenamin by M/M Edmond M. Ianni & family

10:30 a.m. Betty M. Campanella by Aline & Ed Lynch

Monday, Jan. 29

7:00 a.m. Joseph Cannon by Frank & Julie Bandy

12:05 p.m. Joseph V. Cannon by Margaret Wallace

Tuesday, Jan. 30

7:00 a.m. Joseph Izzo by Kate Erwin (Catholic Charities)

12:05 p.m. Dr. Bruce Katz by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

Wednesday, Jan. 31

7:00 a.m. Derrick Lingo by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Carol Young (Liv.) by Jim & Carol Allen

Thursday, Feb. 1

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

12:05 p.m. Ms. Frances Herrmann by Kate Erwin

Friday, Feb. 2

7:00 a.m. Jean Cates by Diane & Michael Marinelli

12:05 p.m. Joseph Cannon by Annie & Alex Jordan

Saturday, Feb. 3

8:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by Paul & Debi Thorson

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

2017 TAX STATEMENT

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