

Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9

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Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel is long! Check in the vestibule for coloring pages, crayons and activities sheets to help your young ones understand the Gospel in an age appropriate way. The people in the Gospel welcomed Jesus waving palm branches. How do we welcome him today? Do we welcome others as we would welcome Christ? Talk to your children about this, and enjoy your Sunday off from class.

Blessings, Eva

Foot Washing: A Tradition of Service

We are seeking volunteers to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. Please call 658-7017 and/or or email f.harkins@verizon.net



Rediscovering the Sacrament of Penance

Has it been a while since your last confession?

It's been so long, I can't remember the words... If you have experienced one of these thoughts you are not alone. Confessions will be offered during Holy Week and of course, anytime by appointment.

Confessions: Monday – Wednesday

11:30 – 12:00 & after 12:05 mass

Good Friday – 11:30-1 p.m. (Family Center)

Holy Thursday Mass: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: No mass; Stations 12:05 p.m.

Celebration of Lord's passion

with veneration of the Cross & Communion: 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 7:30, 9 a.m. 10:30 (Church & Hall)

Schedule posted on www.stjosephonthebrandwine.org

Pastor's Notes

Passion

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. Lent will end at sunset on Holy Thursday and the three days of the Paschal Triduum will begin.

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



It's time to return the Rice Bowls. Thank you for being participating in this lenten program. A second collection will be taken up for those who don't use the bowl, but would still like to make a contribution to CRS.

For Those Who Have Experienced The Loss of a Child

The music ministry of SJOB is presenting a choral concert of Karl Jenkin's work *Stabat Mater* on April 29 at 3:00 pm. The *Stabat Mater* is a setting of ancient prayers describing the Blessed Mother and her grief at the cross of Jesus. For the concert program, a page of names will be devoted in memory of our deceased sons and daughters. If you wish to have someone included in the program, submit the name of your deceased child, along with the date of their death, to Mary Ellen Schaubert at meschauber@comcast.net by April 15th.

Adult Formation

The Women of Easter

The book club of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will meet on March 26th at 12:45pm to discuss *The Women of Easter*: encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene by Liz Curtis Higgs. With unforgettable insights and powerful life application for today's women, Liz Curtis Higgs delves into the biblical text to help us view Easter through the eyes of three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. The meeting will be held in the Family Center.

Find the Time

Whether you are enjoying the history and natural beauty of the towns and villages along the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, or the family fun of a Delaware or Maryland Atlantic Ocean resort vacation; you'll find a Catholic community nearby ready to welcome you with open arms. We invite you to worship with us this vacation season. Visit www.masstimes.org.

Easter Angels

Your filled Easter Angels grocery bags are due back to church or the family center by March 25th, Palm Sunday. Monetary contributions can still be made by check payable to St. Joseph on the Brandywine with "Easter Angels" on the memo line. Your generous donations will be a true Easter blessing for the families who receive them. Please contact Laura Davies if you have any questions at (302) 521-2678.



Good Friday Collection

Holy Land Shrines: March 30th

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

Some of our trained Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to come to Sunday church services. If you or anyone you know would like to receive Communion or are in need of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the office at 658.7017. We would be happy to assist.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 26, 7 p.m., Holy Cross, Dover. Bishop Malooly blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens (*oleum catechumenorum* or *oleum sanctorum*), the oil of the infirm (*oleum infirmorum*) and holy chrism (*sacrum chrisma*) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This tradition is rooted in the early Church as noted in the *Gelasian Sacramentary* (named after Pope Gelasius I, d. 496), but was later absorbed into the Holy Thursday

evening Mass; Pope Pius XII issued a new Ordinal for Holy Week, which reinstated a special Mass of the chrism distinct from the evening Mass. — *catholicexchange*.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 24

5:00 p.m. Katherine Daley by Anne Wattman

Sunday, Mar. 25

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Catherine Crowley & Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

10:30 a.m. Betty Campanella by SJOB Choir

Monday, Mar. 26

7:00 a.m. Mrs. Loretta Kelly by Ed & Ann Marie Ianni by family

12:05 p.m. Ed Beadle by Bill Gallagher & Amy Ladd

Tuesday, Mar. 27

7:00 a.m. Sally Glynn by Theresa

12:05 p.m. Cecelia Ziejewski by Ambol Americans of Polish Descent Cultural Society

Wednesday, Mar. 28

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Colmorgen by Martha Zazzarino

12:05 p.m. Sal DePaulo by family

Holy Thursday, Mar. 29 (one mass only)

7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, Friday, Mar. 30

12:05 p.m. Stations

3:00 p.m. Passion with Veneration of Cross & Communion

Holy Saturday, Mar. 31

8:00 p.m. Novena

Seeking Volunteers

The Ronald McDonald House is seeking volunteers who can make a regular commitment. Visit rmhde.org or contact Sarah Funaiok, s.funaiock@rmhde.org. If you buy a Shamrock Shake (yum) at McDonald's in March, you'll be helping the Ronald McDonald House!

Food Pantry - March 31

Please place your donated items in church for the food pantry.

Keep it Clean

A friendly reminder to keep our church clean by placing books back in the racks and "blowing & throwing" tissues in the trash! Let's keep "our house" neat & tidy."

*Easter novena envelopes
have been placed in the
pews for your convenience.*