

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.



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-

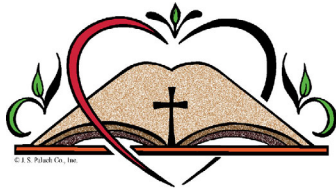
5644, LTCThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, 302-753-2928, johnstru@comcast.net.

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.

HARD-EARNED LUCK

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

— Thomas Jefferson



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

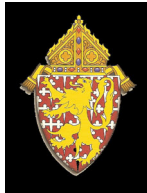
— Romans 12:2

Religious Education

“Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2 That’s the aim of catechesis – to fill us so full of God’s Word, and his teaching, that our minds will be renewed and our whole selves transformed. It doesn’t happen overnight, but the seeds of faith planted in a young child, nurtured and cared for, WILL yield fruit – in God’s time, and according to his purposes. We welcome registrations for Religious Education classes, for grades K-9. Please see the parish website, or call the religious education office at 302-656-7185, for more information. Classes begin on September 24, at 10 am, with Family Day – parents and students together in the Family Center Hall.

A Special Note of Thanks: Many, many thanks to Pettinaro Corporation for their generous renovation of our new upstairs kindergarten room in memory of Midge Pettinaro. It is just the perfect size for our youngest students, and renovation of this room gave us enough classrooms to go from two class times to one. Thank you!!!!

There are 30 Catholic schools – parish, regional, diocesan, and private – in the Diocese of Wilmington. All Catholic elementary and secondary programs are accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Catholic schools provide an atmosphere for learning which is infused with Catholic virtues and which includes Catholic teaching, traditions, worship, and service. *Plan to attend an open house this fall. Visit cdow.org – catholic schools.*



Pilgrimage to Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be Saturday, September 30th. A bus leaves from IHM parking lot at 7:30AM and returns before 8PM. Itinerary includes visit to St. John Paul Shrine and Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Rosary Garden at the Basilica, tour, Confessions and Mass with Bishop Malooly and our Diocesan priests. Contact Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452 or kdunworth@verizon.net to make a bus reservation. Cost is \$30.00. Forms are also on the table in the Family Center.

Adult Choir resumes regular rehearsal on Thursday evenings, 7:15-9:15 in the choir loft, beginning September 7. Our parish welcomes singers and instrumentalists who wish to join us in music ministry. Contact Mary Ellen Schauber at MESchauber@comcast.net to discuss how you can become a new member.

Youth Choir rehearsals are Thursdays 6:15-7:00 PM, beginning September 21. Elementary and middle school students are welcomed to participate; reading ability is recommended. The choir meets weekly and sings for the 9:00 Mass once a month and holidays. Contact Ms. Schauber for registration.

Pastor’s Notes

Following Christ

If you’ve ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God “good one—you duped me.” We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is “duping” him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God’s will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named “Satan” today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week’s Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

Keep a Loved One’s Memory Alive

If you’ve recently lost someone close to you, celebrating a special occasion this year might be bittersweet as you think about a loved one who isn’t part of the festivities. A gift to the Diocese, your parish or a particular ministry such as Catholic Charities in his or her memory can be a meaningful way to make that special person part of your celebrations. To learn more about gifts that will truly touch your loved ones, contact the Diocesan Development Office at 302-573-3121 or dfols@cdow.org today.

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit,
stewards follow Jesus daily
where the road may lead.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - (RCIA): are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or in learning more about the Church? Call the parish office 658-7017.

The second collection today will be used to help those who are suffering in the after-math of Hurricane Harvey. All donations will be submitted to Catholic Charities USA and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to assist in relief efforts. Please be generous.

Adult Formation Corner

Welcome the Journey of Lifelong Faith

AFF Book Club next meets on Monday, September 18th in the Family Center from 12:45 - 2:00 PM. *All are welcome!* For registration contact Katy Ford at kzford61@gmail.com.

We will be discussing Catholics in America - Religious Identity and Cultural Assimilation from John Carroll to Flannery O'Connor by Russell Shaw.

A collection of profiles of some of the leading figures in American Catholic history, including Archbishop John Carroll, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Al Smith, Dorothy Day and President John F. Kennedy.

Catholics in America explores the ongoing effort of Catholics to work out their identity in a secular, sometimes hostile, society.

Emmanuel Dining Room

Monday, September 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, September 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.

Ministry of Caring Thanks Monthly Meal Donors

In its summer issue of "Reaching Out", the Ministry of Caring extended its heartfelt gratitude to St. Joseph on the Brandywine parishioners and other organizations that so consistently and generously provide the daily meals to the Emmanuel Dining Room locations in Wilmington. Thank you to our parishioners who continue to support this ministry so faithfully each month. We have been told that the meal we provide each month is "the best"!

Coming Up...

- ✓ *Prayers for Victims of Abortion:* A prayer service, at the graveside of 63 aborted children at Cathedral Cemetery, will be held Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. The prayer service is part of the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children co-sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League.
- ✓ St. Ann's Parish will continue the study of *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* in the Social Hall beginning Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm and continuing every Monday for 10 weeks. During Part 1 of our study of Acts, we focused on the work of the Holy Spirit through the apostles after Pentecost. In Part 2 we will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit through St. Paul and the

message to the Gentiles. The cost of the text is \$30 and allows access to online videos for all 20 sessions. Call Connie Winner Varone at 302-765-9864 or email cnwinner@comcast.net.

- ✓ Sept. 23, 9 a.m.: *Give It Up For Gulu 5k & Doggie Dash*, Rockford Park, Wilmington. www.giveitupforgulu.com or contact Mary, mogispert@gmail.com.
- ✓ **Catholic Youth Ministry** is currently holding registration for the 2017 fall sport season for individuals entering fourth through eighth grades in September. For more information, go to www.cdowcym.org/athletics. or *CYM Parish Sports Coordinator, Cindy Wilkinson* by email @ cpw35@hotmail.com or (302) 656-1122

Mass Intentions



Saturday, Sept. 2

5:00 p.m. Joseph R. Biden, Sr.,
by the Biden family

Sunday, Sept. 3

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Peter Gallagher, Sr., by Dr. & Mrs.
Garry Lyons & family

10:30 a.m. Bryan Lewicki by Janice Hazel

Monday, Sept. 4

7:00 a.m. Linda Bacci by Kate Erwin

12:05 p.m. Holly St. Clair by Dr. & Mrs. Sowa &
family

Tuesday, Sept. 5

7:00 a.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by Bill & Mary Ann
Santora

12:05 p.m. Ryan Hannings by Mark Christian

Wednesday, Sept. 6

7:00 a.m. Paul Hartmann by Jennifer & Jonathan
Reese

12:05 p.m. John Mark Collins by Peggy

Thursday, Sept. 7

7:00 a.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by Michael &
Marilyn Keehan

12:05 p.m. Sebastian Berardi by the Shearer family

Friday, Sept. 8

7:00 a.m. Margaret Zazzarino by Martha
Zazzarino

12:05 p.m. Marie Sowa by Walter, Marie, Shawn,
Vincent & Colleen Klapinsky & Bryan &
Celine Franck

Saturday, Sept. 9

8:00 a.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by the Leach family
Eileen, Phil and Emily

5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James & Diane
Grant requested by his family

The offices will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. Please call 658.7017 in an emergency.