

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., 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 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.

FORGIVE OTHERS

*There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to
obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by
which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has
committed against us.*

—St. Augustine

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven. — *Sirach 28:2*

Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Today is Catechetical Sunday! With the whole Church, we offer prayers of thanksgiving for those men and women who serve the Body of Christ as catechists: teachers of the faith to all ages, but especially to our young people. The theme for this catechetical year is *Living as Missionary Disciples*. Pope Francis explains what it means to be a missionary disciple in *Evangelii Gaudium* –it is possible to be a missionary disciple right where you are - “Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it.” If you take a walk through the halls of the Family Center, you will find quotes from the saints and Catholic authors which expand on the theme of serving God as a missionary disciple. How you live your life can lead others to Jesus.

Our first day back is Sunday, September 24, at 10 am, for all grades. We begin (parents and kids together) in the Family Center Hall, where we will have a short family activity and an introduction to our new learning series, the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. Then the children go to their classrooms and parents have a chance to meet the teachers. Ninth graders and their parents will stay in the hall for a short Confirmation information session.

We are still in need of a few classroom aides. Give Eva a call (656-7185) if you would like to be a missionary disciple! Many, many blessings, you are all in my prayers! Eva

Adult Choir resumes regular rehearsal on Thursday evenings, 7:15-9:15 in the choir loft. 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.

*Let us continue to pray for the families and victims as they begin recovery from storm damage.
Peace be with them.*

Pastor's Notes

Forgiveness

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

The Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop W. Francis Malooly to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Saturday, September 30th, 10AM-4PM The Parish Coordinator for St. Joseph on the Brandywine is JoAnne Micallef (302) 633-4161. For bus arrangements, please contact Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452 or kdunworth@verizon.net.

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. This is the 30th Annual Celebration of the Red Mass, and the homilist will be Fr. Robert Kennedy, who was homilist for the first diocesan Red Mass. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Red Mass is celebrated annually for judges, lawyers, law professors and students, and government officials. The Mass invokes the gifts of the Holy Spirit for those who seek justice and serve in its administration.

Pre-Need Planning Shows You Care: by selecting your burial accommodations in a Catholic Cemetery, you demonstrate your love to one another; affirm your belief in the community of faith and show your respect for yesterday and your hope for all that is yet to be. Call 658-7017 to contact a sales rep. @ SJOB. Single & companion spaces for above-ground entombment of cremated remains are available.

Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network (DCAN): it takes just 3 minutes to just 5 minutes to join Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington as members. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family. Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today.

Deacons Called to Invite, Enable and Work with Those They Serve

The *Dialog* issue of September 1st described the ordination and assignments of six new deacons to various parishes in the Diocese of Wilmington. In addition, Bishop Malooly announced the addition of Deacon Michael Stankewicz to assist your parish clergy, Msgr. Rebman (Pastor since 1999) and Deacon F. Edmund Lynch who is in his thirtieth year of service to the parish. Let's welcome and thank Deacon Michael Stankewicz and Deacon F. Edmund Lynch for their diaconal ministry.

Effective October 1st, Deacon Michael Stankewicz is coming to us at St. Joseph on the Brandywine from Hockessin, DE and Saint Mary of the Assumption parish, where he has served since being ordained to the permanent diaconate in September 2012.

He is originally from the east end of Long Island, New York and attended public schools in Southold, New York. After graduating from HS, he attended Cathedral College Seminary, studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Upon his graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and English, he entered the major seminary. Deacon Stankewicz left the seminary after three years, earning a Master's Degree in Theology.

Embarking upon a different career path, he began working for the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City where he held positions in Human Resources, Credit Risk Management and Marketing. He and his wife Teri, who also is from New York, were married in 1993. They moved to Delaware in 1995 when Deacon Stankewicz began to work for MBNA America Bank which eventually became Bank of America. At the bank(s) he held positions in Marketing, Business Development and Project Management across multiple sectors.

He left Bank of America as a Senior Vice President to take a role in the Diocese of Wilmington. Deacon began as Director of the Office for Marriage and Family Life and eventually became the Director of Religious Education and Secretary of the Catholic Education Department. In 2014, he became the Executive Director for the Order of Malta-Federal Association in Washington, DC, where he commutes via Amtrak.

Deacon Stankewicz and his wife Teri have two daughters, Laura age 16 and Olivia age 14. Teri is a registered nurse who works primarily with cardiac related cases. Both girls attend Padua Academy in Wilmington. Laura is entering her junior year while Olivia is a freshman and will receive her Confirmation next year at St. Mary's.

Saint Theresa "Shower of Roses Celebration

Please join us as we travel by bus to the St Theresa "Shower of Roses Celebration" at the Shrine Chapel of Saint Theresa of Lisieux at the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, PA on Sunday, October 1st. Cost is \$30.

There will be Mass then we will attend the Shower of Roses Celebration with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St Therese and Every Pilgrim receives a Blessed Rose. A visit to the tomb of the foundress of the order, the incorruptible Mother Theresa of the Child Jesus. Food available for purchase at the shrine and a stop for dinner. Bus departs 9am- Parking Lot behind center plate at Blue Rocks Stadium and returns 8pm. Call Bernadette at (302)998-1582 or 897-3022 email marvbethpayne@hotmail.com or visit www.carmelite-nuns.com/Shrine_of_Saint_Therese.htm

"Politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good." ~ Pope Francis

The Pro-Life meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 7:00 P.M., in the Family Center. All are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact Lynelle Robuck at whitedove@abbapottery.com

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at the Franciscan Retreat House, Wilmington, October 6-8. It is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-528-8313 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

Share in the Spirit Collection: Next week's second collection will support the diocesan tuition assistance program. Parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Visit cdow.org/giving/development-share-in-the-spirit.



Bishop Malooly invites you to the

Blue Mass



Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church

809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

Friday, October 6, 2017 at 11 am

A reception will follow in Grant Hall, beneath the church.

The Blue Mass honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, which includes Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

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.

- ❖ *Prayer Requests:* If you would like us to pray for yourself or for the intentions of others, please contact Cindi Claire (302) 654-6344 or free2day2002@yahoo.com

The Knights' monthly Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19th in the Family Center Conference Room. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Anyone interested in becoming a Knight should contact either 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.

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Tour at St. Joseph's please If anyone is interested in purchasing photos from the visit photographers www.efotolab.com/ /dahtzee, call (302) 563-3596 or email dahtzee@aol.com.

- ❖ Sept. 24, 4-6 p.m.: *Pathways to Peace: Broadening our Understanding of American Muslims, Resurrection Parish.* A panel of local Muslim experts will address common, erroneous assumptions about Islam with accurate information about its tenets and beliefs. Light meal ("Meze") During the discussion consisting of a sampling of Middle Eastern appetizers. Advance registration: Debbie Seymour, 302-368-0146 ordseymour@resurrectionde.org or Peggy Smith, pegsmith@comcast.net, 302-737-8927.
- ❖ *Autumn Grief Support Group Series*, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center begins Sept. 13. Contact Frances Costello, (201) 669-0566 or www.jesushousecenter.org
- ❖ Sunday, October 1, 1-3 p.m.: *Life Chain Sunday*, a national event, draws thousands of participants to rally in witness for the preborn children threatened

by abortion. Participants hold pro-life signs as they stand in silent, prayerful witness along busy thoroughfares where they make a powerful impact to those driving by. PLEASE JOIN US for an hour or more to be a voice for the voiceless innocent babies who need us to stand up for them. Concord Pike across from Fairfax Shopping Center. Contact: prolifedelaware@gmail.com or 302-494-3834.

- ❖ The *Ministry of Caring* is looking for furniture donations for people moving from their shelters to permanent housing. Beds, dressers, sofas, chairs and dinette tables are needed. Priscilla Rakestraw, prakestraw@ministryofcaring.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 16

5:00 p.m. Alice Mical by Gene & Cathy Kelleher

Sunday, Sept. 17

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

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

10:30 a.m. Therese Stone by husband

Monday, Sept. 18

7:00 a.m. Frank & Christine Obara by John & Catherine Piendak

12:05 p.m. Sal DePaulo by family

Tuesday, Sept. 19

7:00 a.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by Palma & John Daly

12:05 p.m. Peter Emmet Curtin by the Harkins family

Wednesday, Sept. 20

7:00 a.m. Mary Buckley Lynch by John Piendak & Bill Porter

12:05 p.m. Walter Nedwick by Prince family

Thursday, Sept. 21

7:00 a.m. Joana Matlusky by the Matlusky family

12:05 p.m. William Rogers by Tony & Andrea Rogers

Friday, Sept. 22

7:00 a.m. Rev. Edward Joseph Storck by the Diocesan Chancery Office

12:05 p.m. William J. Krienen, II by family

Saturday, Sept. 23

8:00 a.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by Cathy & John Burris

5:00 p.m. Private intentions of St. Joseph on the Brandywine Catechists

The 2018 Mass Intention Book is open for the scheduling of mass intentions for the approaching year.

Thank you!