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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.

*The Lord is near to all
who call upon him*

- Psalm 145



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— Isaiah 55:7b

Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Welcome! Religious Education for the year starts this weekend: Sunday, September 24, at 10 am for all grades. We will begin with Family Day in the hall – parents and kids together for a family activity and prayer, and then children proceed to classrooms with parents welcome to stop in the classrooms to meet the teachers. Ninth graders and their parents will remain in the hall for a short information meeting about Confirmation.

It is our hope and prayer that families will be able to attend the 9am Mass together before classes each week. Prayer, whether it is individual, personal prayer, or prayer with the community at the Eucharistic celebration, is a discipline. Like any discipline, prayer requires practice, and it isn't always easy! But God is calling us to gather together and to be with him, and the rewards are great!!!!

Many blessings, Eva



Today the 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.

SING WITH THE CHOIR

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 p.m. 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

Call Upon the Lord

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

A Marian Pilgrimage

You are invited to attend the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 30th at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Admission is free. Bring your family or other group. Contact Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452 or kdunworth@verizon.net to make a bus reservation (\$30) or with questions, contact our Parish Coordinator, JoAnne Micallef at (302) 633-4161.

Diocesan Order of Merit Medal

To be awarded to Stewart Tan

Stewart Tan, one of our parishioners will receive the Diocesan Order of Merit Medal at a ceremony scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 8th at 3 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Middletown. All are welcome to attend this ceremony. Stewart has been an active parishioner since 2001 and is married to Agnes. They have two children, Joseph and Samantha. Stewart has managed the St. Joseph on the Brandywine website since 2001. Let's congratulate Stewart for volunteering his time and talent. Congratulations Stewart and thank you!

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery,
may call a priest to make arrangements 658.7017

Adult Formation

Fr. Leonard Klein will hold six Bible Study Lectures on the "Book of Revelation" on Mondays - Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov 6 & 7th. They will run from 10:30am - 12:00pm.

His overview is: "The Book of Revelation has through the history of the Church contributed both to undue confusion and undue certainty. Too often the central message of the victory of Christ is lost. Fr. Leonard Klein will lead a course looking at the complex symbolism and the simple announcement of the Gospel that make up the message of the last book of the Bible."

The Ashley Addiction Treatment has partnered with Limen House, a Wilmington based recovery support service, to invite the public to a presentation that will address the issue of how families living with addiction can heal. This talk will aim to clarify what addiction is, how it progresses, and how it affects families. The free event is presented on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m., Salesianum High School. Father Mark Hushen, OSFS, President of Ashley Addiction Treatment, welcomes anyone who can benefit from this discussion.

If you think God might be inviting you to some form of consecrated life, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

St. Bonaventure Catholic Homeschooling Co-op has openings for Pre-K to 7th grade students for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year! The co-op meets on Mondays at Resurrection Parish in Pike Creek. Call Laura at 215-284-0580 or email at LauraCline08@gmail.com.



God bless and protect all our family members, parishioners, firefighters and emergency first responders who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense.

*When their heart grows faint—
Be their Rock - Psalm 61.26*

Is God calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him? The Secular Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) may be for you. We are a Catholic lay order of men and women undertaking to live an evangelical life of fraternity and contemplative prayer, according to the Carmelite Saints. We meet in NEWARK, DE on the 3rd Saturday of each month. To learn more, please contact Dan (302-252-8784) or Nancy (302-545-0857) by Nov. 1st.

Silent Prayer Requests

Cindi Clare 654-6344 or free2day2002@yahoo.com

Jesus said: "Ask and you shall receive..."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 23

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

Sunday, Sept. 24

7:30 a.m. Mark Heinemann by Spencer & Cecilia Hirata

9:00 a.m. Marie Barbara Sowa by M/M Jeff Miller & family

10:30 a.m. Captain Christopher M. Leach by St. Joseph on the Brandywine Choir

Monday, Sept. 25

7:00 a.m. Deborah Ann McGrew by Gerri & Donald Klumpp

12:05 p.m. Tom Duszak (liv) by Gloria Pierser

Tuesday, Sept. 26

7:00 a.m. NYPD Det. Miosotis Familia by Joseph Janes

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

Wednesday, Sept. 27

7:00 a.m. Jean Boyle by Angela Boyle

12:05 p.m. Mary Ellen Sullivan by Donal Sullivan

Thursday, Sept. 28

7:00 a.m. R. K. VanDerhoef by Mary Helen & John Carr

12:05 p.m. Deborah Hobbs by Ellie & Rob Dick

Friday, Sept. 29

7:00 a.m. Barbara (healing) by Joyce & Donald

12:05 p.m. Julian Radziul by family

Saturday, Sept. 30

8:00 a.m. Barbara (healing) by Joyce & Donald

5:00 p.m. John & Frances Brown requested by the family of James S. Grant, Jr.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or in learning more about the Church? Call the parish office 658-7017.

Food Collection: Weekend of Sept. 30th

Your gifts of food may bring immediate relief and hope to a family or individual suffering from hunger. Suggested items are: whole grain breakfast cereals, old fashioned oats, add, low sodium hearty soups, c water pancake mix, coffee, tea, low fat evaporated milk, flour, protein bars, dried fruits, nuts, peanut butter, jelly, 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.