

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE

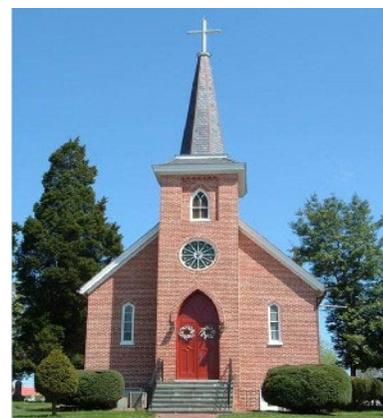


Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

THE EPIPHANY OF THE
LORD

JANUARY 7, 2018



Saint Rose of Lima Church

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the faithful of St. Joseph Parish,
willingly accept our baptismal call
to gather and worship as a community,
to proclaim the Word of God,
and to serve in the image of Jesus Christ.*

MISIÓN DE LA PARROQUIA

*Nosotros, los fieles de la Parroquia de San José,
aceptamos de buena voluntad
nuestro llamado bautismal
a reunirnos y adorar como comunidad,
a proclamar la Palabra de Dios,
y a servir en la imagen de Jesucristo.*

OUR CHURCHES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

St. Joseph Church:

371 East Main Street, Middletown, DE, 19709

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30 11:30AM

Misa Dominical: 2:00 PM (Español)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima Mission:

301 Lock St, Chesapeake City, MD, 21915

Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30 AM

Tuesday Mass: 8:30 AM

Reconciliation: Sunday at 9:00 AM

St. Francis Xavier Shrine:

1604 Church Road, Warwick, MD, 21912

Mass Dates: April 15—4:00 PM, May 20—4:00 PM,

May 28—10:00 AM, Sept 16—4:00 PM,

October 28—4:00 PM

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Finance Council: John Sanders (410-275-1428)

Pastoral Council: Ed Holley (302-378-8081)

PASTORAL OFFICE STAFF

Rev. Msgr. David F. Kelley, VC., Pastor

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David Feaster, Deacon

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Peggy Barrow, Business Manager

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(toll-free from Maryland: 888-433-1874)

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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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2451 Frazer Road

Newark, DE 19702

302-838-8850

www.christtheteacher.org

Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

Liturgy Notes

LITURGY TO RECOGNIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF FATHER KELLEY AS MONSIGNOR

Next Sunday, January 14th, Bishop Malooly will celebrate the 11:30 AM mass at St. Joseph Church to recognize the appointment of Monsignor Kelley as a Chaplain to His Holiness. We invite all to come and join the Bishop at mass and at a reception to follow in the parish hall.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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Presider's Intentions

This week, our presiders will offer Masses for these intentions:

Monday, January 8 *The Baptism of the Lord*
9:00 AM (SJ) Doris Josephine Morris

Tuesday, January 9
8:30 AM (SR) George Shestock

Wednesday, January 10
8:30 AM (SJ) Katie Rooney

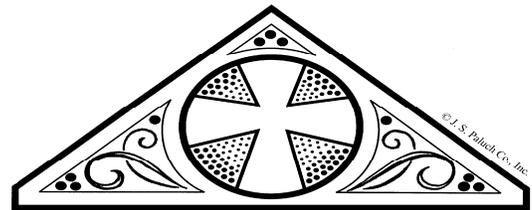
Thursday, January 11
8:30 AM (SJ) Michael Kelly

Friday, January 12
8:30 AM (SJ) Ed Bisone

Saturday, January 13
5:00 PM (SJ) Gloria Oppelt

Sunday, January 14
7:30 AM (SJ) William P. Windish
9:30 AM (SJ) Ed Bisone
11:30 AM (SJ) Willard Ryan
2:00 PM (SJ) Jesús Almazadas
8:00 AM (SR)
9:30 AM (SR)

**MASS INTENTIONS ARE OPEN FOR
APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2018**



MUSIC MINISTRY

We invite you to join us this afternoon Sunday, January 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord at 5:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph Church as members of the Music Ministry present, Our Christmas Story Celebrating of the Season of our Savior's Birth.

***The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for January 14, 2018
The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time***

First Reading: *1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19*

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20*

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel: *John 1:35-42*

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.



La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
14 de Enero De 2018
II Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 3, 3b-10. 19

En aquellos días, el joven Samuel servía en el templo a las órdenes del sacerdote Elí. Una noche, estando Elí acostado en su habitación y Samuel en la suya, dentro del santuario donde se encontraba el arca de Dios, el Señor llamó a Samuel y éste respondió: "Aquí estoy". Fue corriendo a donde estaba Elí y le dijo: "Aquí estoy. ¿Para qué me llamaste?" Respondió Elí: "Yo no te he llamado. Vuelve a acostarte". Samuel se fue a acostar. Volvió el Señor a llamarlo y él se levantó, fue a donde estaba Elí y le dijo: "Aquí estoy. ¿Para qué me llamaste?" Respondió Elí: "No te he llamado, hijo mío. Vuelve a acostarte".

Aún no conocía Samuel al Señor, pues la palabra del Señor no le había sido revelada. Por tercera vez llamó el Señor a Samuel; éste se levantó, fue a donde estaba Elí y le dijo: "Aquí estoy. ¿Para qué me llamaste?"

Entonces comprendió Elí que era el Señor quien llamaba al joven y dijo a Samuel: "Ve a acostarte, y si te llama alguien, responde: 'Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha' ". Y Samuel se fue a acostar.

De nuevo el Señor se presentó y lo llamó como antes: "Samuel, Samuel". Éste respondió: "Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha".

Samuel creció y el Señor estaba con él. Y todo lo que el Señor le decía, se cumplía.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 6, 13c-15a. 17-20

Hermanos: El cuerpo no es para fornicar, sino para servir al Señor; y el Señor, para santificar el cuerpo. Dios resucitó al Señor y nos resucitará también a nosotros con su poder.

¿No saben ustedes que sus cuerpos son miembros de Cristo? Y el que se une al Señor, se hace un solo espíritu con él. Huyan, por lo tanto, de la fornicación. Cualquier otro pecado que cometa una persona, queda fuera de su cuerpo; pero el que fornicar, peca contra su propio cuerpo.

¿O es que no saben ustedes que su cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo, que han recibido de Dios y habita en ustedes? No son ustedes sus propios dueños, porque Dios los ha comprado a un precio muy caro. Glorifiquen, pues, a Dios con el cuerpo.

Evangelio: Juan 1, 35-42

En aquel tiempo, estaba Juan el Bautista con dos de sus discípulos, y fijando los ojos en Jesús, que pasaba, dijo: "Éste es el Cordero de Dios". Los dos discípulos, al oír estas palabras, siguieron a Jesús. Él se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: "¿Qué buscan?" Ellos le contestaron: "¿Dónde vives, Rabí?" (Rabí significa 'maestro'). Él les dijo: "Vengan a ver".

Fueron, pues, vieron dónde vivía y se quedaron con él ese día. Eran como las cuatro de la tarde. Andrés, hermano de Simón Pedro, era uno de los dos que oyeron lo que Juan el Bautista decía y siguieron a Jesús. El primero a quien encontró Andrés, fue a su hermano Simón, y le dijo: "Hemos encontrado al Mesías" (que quiere decir 'el Ungido'). Lo llevó a donde estaba Jesús y éste, fijando en él la mirada, le dijo: "Tú eres Simón, hijo de Juan. Tú te llamarás Kefás" (que significa Pedro, es decir 'roca').



Stewardship

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The year of 2017 was a great year for St. Joseph's Parish. As we start off the year of 2018, we look forward with great hope and expectancy that the parish will have another great year. As we begin this new year, we would like to inform you of some of the ways the parish is being a good steward with the funds you provided through the Sustaining Hope Campaign. As the St. Joseph Hall is starting to age, we had found that the roof needed to be repaired, so we had that done. We are currently looking into the cost for a roof replacement. Also, the air conditioning at St Rose Hall will need to be replaced. These two projects will be funded through the Sustaining Hope Campaign. Once these projects are completed, we will start building the music room over at St Joseph Church. This project will also be funded through the Sustaining Hope Campaign.

The offertory collection for December 24th was \$16,805 and the offertory collection for last weekend was \$11,655. The Christmas collection was \$35,202. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

The Finance Council

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar son los nombres que la tradición ha dado a los tres reyes magos. Pero ¿quién dijo que eran tres? Según San Mateo (Mt 2:1,12) fueron sabios del oriente que trajeron oro, incienso y mirra a Jesús. La imaginación cristiana decidió que cada regalo requería alguien que lo regalara. Se fija así el número de sabios en tres. Por ser astrólogos del oriente, tenían que ser magos. Venían buscando al nuevo rey de Israel y fue así que se les da el papel de reyes que representaban los tres continentes conocidos en la época medieval: Asia, África y Europa. Ellos también representan tres edades humanas: juventud, madurez y vejez. Melchor (rey de la luz), fue un anciano europeo que obsequió oro al Rey Jesús; Gaspar (tesorero) fue un joven asiático que regaló incienso al Niño Dios y Baltasar (dios proteja al rey) fue un hombre africano que donó mirra al Hijo del Hombre.

Hoy día habría que incluir una niña americana y una adolescente australiana a la lista de reyes magos.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Team 4 will clean on Thursday, January 11, 2018

Loretta Williams, Captain

Ella Garvine	Doris Dill
Shirley Stafford	Peggy Calvani
Anthony Davies	Kathleen Majewski
Nancy Terranova	Arlene Lyons
Kathy Ursitti	Ed & Rose Holley
Maureen Wellik	Joe Ruff
Kathy Wisniewski	Loan Moquin
Susan Hogan	

For more information or to volunteer, please call Loretta Williams, 302-378-8635

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly collection for debt reduction. The parish staff recognizes that we live in uncertain economic times and we must all be careful with our budgets. The staff also acknowledges the sacrifices you make and knows that your continued financial support is an act of faith. The staff thanks you for continually making our parish a priority in your giving.

Thank You

R. T. Foard Funeral Home, P.A.
for advertising in our parish bulletin.

Please be sure to visit our parish website and check out those businesses who advertise in our bulletin. Your support of these sponsors is one way to say thank you for their generosity.

PAT'S PIZZA

Pat's Pizza Family Restaurant, located at 311 N. Broad Street in Middletown, will donate a portion of all receipts we return to them. Please place your saved receipts in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. We are blessed that our local businesses continue to support our parish. Please thank them for their generosity when you visit Pat's.

REDNER'S RECEIPTS

The CCEA collects Redner's receipts. Receipts can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the church or CCEA office. Please submit the whole receipt as partial receipts will not be considered. Refunds from the Redner receipts covers the expenditure for meats purchased by the food pantry staff for our clients. Thank you for your assistance, it is appreciated.

Parish Life

The people of St. Joseph Parish welcome into our family **Brayden Edward Bailey** who will be baptized this weekend. Congratulations to you, your parents & godparents. God bless you as you begin your faith journey.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

We remember in prayer all those who are ill, especially:

Oremos por los enfermos:

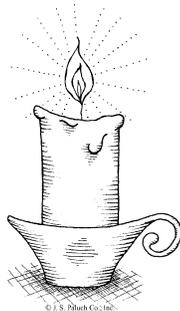
Alice Ramey, Mary Ann Romantini, Joyce Storey, Merriam Brelsford, Joyce Asplen, Tony Dooley, John Viars, Anne White, Heather Seramone, Danielle Mundell, Michael LoSapio, Reid LoSapio, Edward Hudack, Daisy Pabon, Richard Bengermine, Emily Knorr, Steven Brown, Lea Castelli, Ludwig Possenti, Ron Huff, Joel Rivera, Andrew Tomaino, Ronald McGrath, Jim Barrett, Karen Weis, Trudy Copley, Paul Henderson, Keith Delaney, Margaret Cassling, Karen Gabrielsen, Irene Shestock, Christine Cavaliere, Mary Maycen, Brandon Austin, Krystina Paulson, Matt Malus, Terrie Dunn, Peggy Robinson, Joseph Nelson, Joan Huhn, Connie Beardsley, Shelly DiPietrapaul, Jackie Provost, Alvin Atallian, Catrina Copley and Tess Dooley.

We also remember in prayer their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.

También recordamos en oración a sus cuidadores y a todos los demás que necesitan nuestras oraciones.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE

Please remember in your prayers Mary Jane O'Neil and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 8

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 9:30 AM—English as a Second Language in Rooms 3 & 6
- 12:00 PM—55+ Group in Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM—Brownies Troop 1092 in Room 1
- 7:00 PM—Finance Council in Room 3
- 7:00 PM—RCIA in Room 2
- 7:00 PM—Cub Scouts in Room 4
- 7:00 PM—Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, January 9

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Rose Church
- 10:00 AM—Prayer Shawl in Room 2
- 7:00 PM—Pastoral Council in Room 3
- 7:00 PM—Cub Scouts in Office Complex

Wednesday, January 10

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 9:30 AM—Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7
- 9:30 AM—English as a Second Language in Rooms 3 & 6
- 6:00 PM—Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition in Room 3
- 6:00 PM—Cantor Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 PM—Contemporary Ensemble in St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 PM—Children's Liturgy Meeting in Room 1
- 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 PM—Seasons of Hope in Rooms 5 & 7

Thursday, January 11

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 PM—Boy Scouts in Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM—Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Friday, January 12

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 6:00 PM—Girl Scouts in Parish Hall

Saturday, January 13

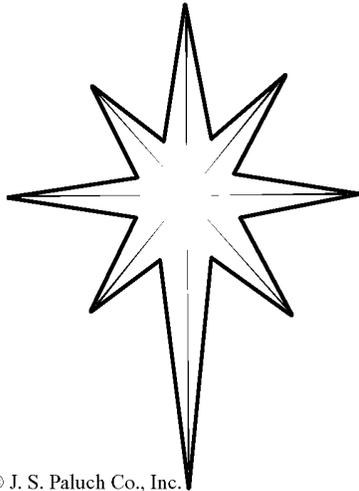
- 7:00 AM—Knights of Columbus in Parish Hall
- 4:00 PM—Confessions in St. Joseph Church
- 5:00 PM—Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, January 14

- 11:30 AM—Bishop Malooly Celebrates Msgr. Kelley's Installation in St. Joseph Church

GIVING TREE PROGRAM

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our parish Giving Tree Program this year. Your generosity provided over 1000 gifts to 50 families in the MOT and Chesapeake City communities. Not only did our parishioners extend a helping hand, but local organizations were also involved, including our Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. This year you provided the most gifts through the Giving Tree to our less fortunate neighbors. In these tough economic times, when the need was the greatest, our parishioners opened their hearts the widest. Thank you for everything you did this Christmas season, allowing families throughout our community to experience a true Christmas miracle.



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OUR DAILY BREAD

Our Daily Bread feeds low income families, individuals, children, the elderly and those in need in the MOT communities with nutritious meals in a safe environment. They serve Lunch, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and Dinner Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. If you have any questions email: ourdailybread.2016@gmail.com or call 302-285-9540. Our Daily Bread is located at 214 North Broad Street, Middletown.



CLASES DE INGLÉS

Las clases comenzarán el lunes 18 de septiembre de 9:30 am a 12:00 pm. Los Lunes y Miércoles según el año escolar.

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

The weekend of December 24th, we received \$253 and last weekend, we received \$518.85 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. The weekend of December 24th, we received \$101 and last weekend we received \$40 from the Poor Box at St. Rose. Thank you for continuing to assist those in need.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
302-463-6255
DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THOSE IN
NEED IN THE MOT AREA



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Saturday, January 20th, 2018
4-8 p.m.
Chesapeake City VFW

\$8 adult in advance \$10 at the door,
children under 5 eat free!

Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert, & iced tea.
VFW bar open for alcoholic beverages.

Takeout available

Tickets/takeout www.ccea4u.com

*All proceeds benefit the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association **Food Pantry** — a registered 501(3).*

Bill Ahern will be selling dinner tickets after the 8 am Mass on Jan 7 & 14 at St. Rose

Bob Webb will be selling dinner tickets after the 9:30 am Mass on Jan 7 & 14 at St. Rose

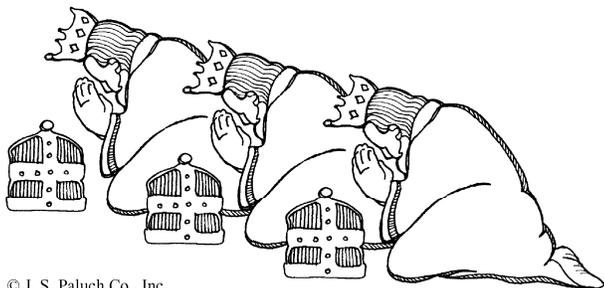
Pat Fitzgerald will sell tickets at daily Mass and 7:30 am Mass on Sundays at St. Joseph.

ELKTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Mark your calendars for our next date of February 9, 2018. All are most welcome and we would be glad to have new volunteers. Please contact Linda Ziegler, 908-216-4224, lmrziegler@verizon.net or Wilma Fitzner, 443-907-7506, wilmafitzner@gmail if interested in participating.

ROMAN CATHOLIC AD ALTARE DEI AWARD

Attention all Boy Scouts and Crew members at least 13 years or older, interested in the Roman Catholic Ad Altare Dei award? Classes are starting February 2018. Please contact Steve and Stacey Tomaszewski at snstomaszewski@gmail.com or call 302-376-7476 by January 31, 2018 to enroll (space is limited).



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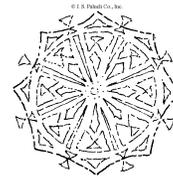
GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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SEASONS OF HOPE

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. It meets for six Wednesdays, beginning January 3. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begins at 7:00 PM for 6 weeks. For more details, pick up a Seasons of Hope brochure in the church gathering space or call Dee Headley at 302-740-4212.



Winter

A Winter's Reminder—

- Before venturing out, it is always prudent to call the parish office to check our open or closed status. You may also consult our parish website.
- Personal Safety (yours and others on the road) is our main concern.

One does not put one's self in a state of serious sin by missing Mass on a day when travel to/from church would be hazardous and put one's self or others in danger.

LA PROMESA DE DIOS A TODOS

Hoy Isaías le recuerda al pueblo de Dios que recuperará su tierra, que se alegrará al ver que las personas regresan del cautiverio del exilio y que será una luz para todos los pueblos. En otras palabras, por medio del pueblo de Israel, el Salvador llegará a todos los pueblos que buscan a Dios con un corazón sincero. Esto traerá la alegría y el resplandor de la gloria de Dios a todo el mundo y a todos los pueblos. Gracias a la fidelidad del pueblo de Dios y, gracias a la fidelidad de Dios con ellos, todos serán sus hijos y se alegrarán con el cumplimiento de su promesa a Israel.

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Christian Formation

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

Our group meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. Please call Jan Faust at 302-584-8703 for more information. All are welcome!

A second group, hosted by Ed Sumner & Ellen Losse, meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss the readings for the following Sunday. Please call Ed @ 302-449-2387 or Ellen at 302-449-5532 for directions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Please join us for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the parish center when we break open the Scriptures for the coming Sunday.

We encourage people to share how the readings touch their lives or to sit quietly and listen as others reflect on them. The conversation is easy and informative. Come when and as often as you'd like. If you have questions please call 302-378-5800.

POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer is powerful.....do you have someone or something for which you would like prayers? You may phone the Parish Office or email your prayer requests to Kathy Dolde at kdolde@gmail.com and they will pass them on to members of our Prayer Chain. Parishioners are also welcome to join our prayer group. All it involves is getting an email and praying for the person or petition. If you are interested, please contact Kathy.

ROSARY AT BROADMEADOW

The Rosary is prayed each Wednesday at 10:00 AM at Broadmeadow Nursing Home. Any parishioner is welcome to attend and participate. We are also in need of people to lead the rosary. If you are able to help please call Helen Gaden at 302-376-0711.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

In baptism, women and men are made part of the Body of Christ. God calls some of the baptized to serve the rest of His people as priests, sisters and brothers. Is He calling you? Think so? Unsure? Call Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

PASS THE WORD

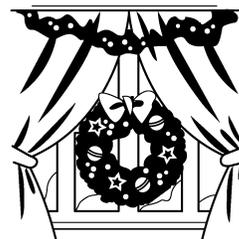
Pass the Word is an annual Diocesan Vocation initiative that seeks to introduce our young men in high school to the possibility of a vocation to the Priesthood through a day long program with the Bishop, priests and seminarians. It is on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD. Please mark your calendars and share this date with all who work with our youth. We also invite you to begin thinking about young men in grades 9th to 12th to nominate and ask you to join us in our prayers for priestly vocations. More information about the day's events and the nomination process will be forth coming in January of 2018.

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Mirar a las estrellas puede ser una experiencia maravillosa. Mira al cielo con tu hijo esta noche. Espero que veas las estrellas. Reflexionar sobre el universo juntos.

PARENTING POINTERS

Gazing at stars can be a wondrous experience. Look up at the sky with your child tonight. Hopefully you will see stars. Ponder the universe together.



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MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO

Los seres humanos marcamos el tiempo con relojes y calendarios. Sin embargo, a medida que empezamos un nuevo año, tal vez sería significativo entrar conscientemente ahora con su amado. Al leer esto, haga una pausa, busque a su cónyuge, y mirese uno al otro con ternura y abrazos. Reflexionar sobre la bondad de estar juntos.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

We humans mark time with watches and calendars. As we start a new year, however, perhaps it would be meaningful to enter into a conscious NOW with your beloved. As you read this, pause, find your spouse, and look at each other tenderly. Ponder the goodness of being together. Embrace.

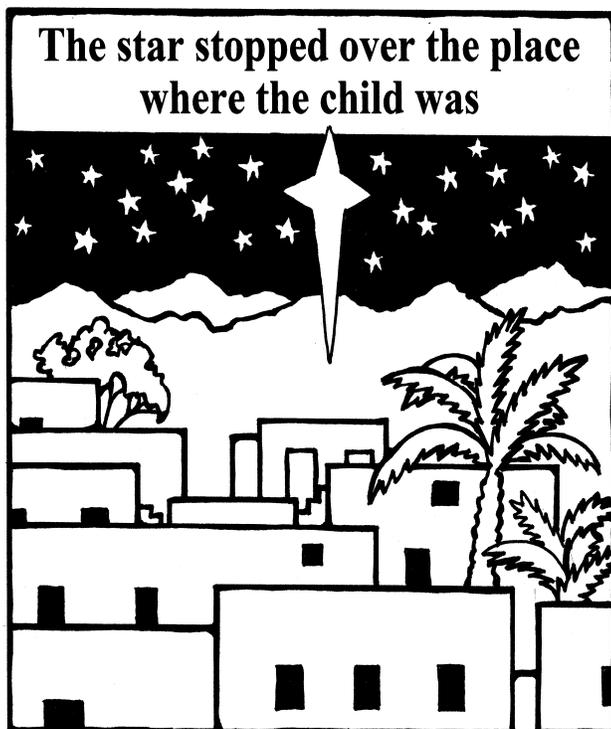
Around the Diocese

GOOD NEWS

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 14th, Mr. Mark Christian, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Diocese of Wilmington will discuss cremation. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts

BOOK SIGNING

Best-selling local Christian fiction author Michele Chynoweth will be signing copies of all three of her contemporary, Biblical-based novels, *The Faithful One*, *The Peace Maker* and *The Runaway Prophet*, at the Christiana Mall Barnes & Noble, Sunday, January 14 from 1 - 3 pm. Michele's books are receiving rave reviews and are modern-day re-imaginings of stories in the Old Testament filled with suspense, romance, current issues and God's message as it relates to us today. Michele is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and lives in North East, MD. To find out more about the author go to the following website: www.michelechynoweth.com



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ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

St. Mary of the Assumption Early Education Open House is on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 10am-12pm. Registration is from January 1st-February 9th. For More Information please call Karen Rombach at 302-239-7100 ext. 34.

SAVING GRACE CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE

Saving Grace Christian Bookstore, located at 109 W Main St, Middletown, DE 19709 has in stock the St Joseph Missal, Church Advent candles, Advent calendars, Nativity sets, Rosary beads, and St Joseph Statues.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

"Catholic Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington" by Fr. Tom Peterman is now available to order as a great gift for Christmas, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and more. The cost is \$50, which includes shipping and handling. To order and pay, you can email petermanpublication@gmail.com or to Rev. Thomas Peterman, 2505 Centerville Road, Wilmington DE 19808.



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Northeast Catholic College is pleased to announce that it will be offering a four-year \$8,000 scholarship for room and board to any freshman or transfer student who enrolls at Northeast Catholic College by August 15, 2018. The college is offering this award in an effort to make a quality, liberal arts education accessible to families who otherwise might not be able to afford it. The reduction in cost represents an \$8,000 discount for the fall 2018-2019 academic year and will be worth \$32,000 over four years. Northeast Catholic College is also still offering additional merit and need-based aid for the fall 2018 semester. For information on how to apply, please contact the admissions office at 603.456.2656 or admissions@NortheastCatholic.edu.