

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 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

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Middletown, DE 19709

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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

Liturgy Notes



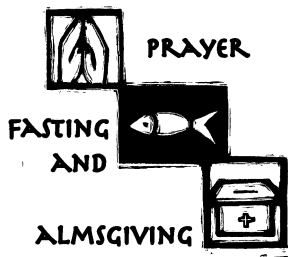
ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on February 14th ushering in the season of Lent. In preparation for the celebration of our Ash Wednesday liturgies parishioners are invited to return last year's blessed palm. *Receptacles are available in both churches this weekend. Our Ash Wednesday liturgies with distribution of ashes are scheduled as follows:*

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
 Noon Liturgy of the Word in St. Joseph Church
 7:00 PM Mass in St. Joseph Church
 7:00 PM Mass in St. Rose of Lima Church.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal on the specific day. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not equal to a full meal. The rules of fasting are obligatory only from age 18 until age 59. The requirement to abstain from meat is binding upon those 14 and older.



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ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Congratulations to John Brenner and Tim Hurst who were elected as St. Joseph's trustees for 2018 and to Bette Luzetsky and Susan Schlotzhauer who were elected as St. Rose's trustees for 2018! Thank you for undertaking this service to our parish.

Presider's Intentions

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

Monday, February 12

8:30 AM (SJ) Frank Nadelstumph

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 AM (SR) George Shestock

Wednesday, February 14

8:30 AM (SJ) Thomas Faia

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15

8:30 AM (SJ) Tom Kostur

Friday, February 16

8:30 AM (SJ) Mary Nadelstumph

Saturday, February 17

5:00 PM (SJ) Lydia Sparco

Sunday, February 18

7:30 AM (SJ) Daniel Heiser

9:30 AM (SJ) Ann Profaizer

11:30 AM (SJ) Ed Bisone

2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR)

9:30 AM (SR)

1st Sunday of Lent



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2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like a 2017 Contribution Statement, please contact the parish office (302-378-5800, ext. 100, vbenn@stjosephmiddletown.com), to request yours. We will need your name, address, telephone number, and envelope number, if known, when you contact us. Statements are not prepared unless requested.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

ST JOSEPH CHURCH

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00pm, Sunday @ 7:30am, 9:30 am, 11:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday @ 8:30am

Confessions: Saturday @ 4:00 - 4:30pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday @ 7:00pm - February 16, 23, March 2, 16, 23

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners: Friday @ 5:00 - 7:00PM - February 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23

Adult Faith Formation Program: "Christian Understanding of Human Suffering" -Saturday, March 3 @ 6:00pm,
in Parish Hall

Religious Education Catechist Lenten Meditation: Monday, March 5 @ 6:30pm in Parish Hall

Shadow Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 9 @ 7:00pm & Sunday March 11 @ 6:00pm

Religious Education Eucharist Retreat: Saturday, March 17 @ 9:00am—11:30am in Parish Complex

Communal Service: Sunday, March 18 @ 7:00pm @ St. Joseph Church

Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage 2018: Walking His Way - Saturday, March 24@10:00am

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00pm

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Holy Thursday, March 29 @ 9:00pm

Stations of the Cross in Spanish: Friday March 30 @ 1:30pm

Solemn Liturgy: Good Friday, March 30 @ 3:00pm



ST ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

Weekend Masses: Sunday @ 8:00am, 9:30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday @ 8:30am

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner: Friday @ 5:00pm-7:00pm - February 16

Stations of the Cross: Tuesday @ 8:00am - February 20, 27, March 6, 13, & 20

Lauds/Morning Prayers: Friday @ 9:00 am - March 30 & Saturday, March 31 @ 9:00 am

CHESAPEAKE CITY ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY SOUP & BREAD 6:30PM & SERVICE 7:30PM

The Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association is holding Lenten Services preceded by a Soup and Bread Supper on Wednesdays during Lent. Soup and Bread will be served at 6:30 PM and the service is at 7:30 PM. Attendees are asked to bring items to help supply the Generation Station Out of School Program meals.

February 14: Ebenezer AME Church, Route 310, Woodstock Farm Lane, South Chesapeake

Speaker: Rev. Cynthia Laurie. *Bring 100% juice*

February 21: **no soup & bread**, Bethel AME Church, 201 Second St, Corner Pine & 2nd St, South Chesapeake City

Speaker: Rev Volodymyr Klanickhka. *Bring Sides: Potatoes, Noodles & Rice*

February 28: St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church, 231 Basil Ave, South Chesapeake City Speaker: Deacon Tim Enright

Bring Canned Meats

March 7: 1st Presbyterian Church, 351 Biddle St. Speaker: Rev. Neil Gutmaker.

Bring Mayo, Ketchup, Dressings & BBQ Sauce

March 14: St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 301 Lock Street, North Chesapeake City

Speaker: Rev. Christopher Brown. *Bring Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups*

March 21: United Methodist Charge (Trinity), 3rd and Bohemia Street, South Chesapeake City.

Speaker: Pastor Richard Watters.

March 28: St. St. Peter's Anglican Church, 1069 Frenchtown Rd Elkton, MD Speaker: Fr. Jack Clark

Bring 100% fruit juice

*The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for February 18, 2018
The 1st Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

*La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
18 de Febrero de 2018
I Domingo De Cuaresma*

Primera Lectura: Génesis 9, 8-15

En aquellos días, dijo Dios a Noé y a sus hijos: "Ahora establezco una alianza con ustedes y con sus descendientes, con todos los animales que los acompañaron, aves, ganados y fieras, con todos los que salieron del arca, con todo ser viviente sobre la tierra. Ésta es la alianza que establezco con ustedes: No volveré a exterminar la vida con el diluvio, ni habrá otro diluvio que destruya la tierra". Y añadió: "Ésta es la señal de la alianza perpetua que yo establezco con ustedes y con todo ser viviente que esté con ustedes: pondré mi arco iris en el cielo como señal de mi alianza con la tierra, y cuando yo cubra de nubes la tierra, aparecerá el arco iris y me acordaré de mi alianza con ustedes y con todo ser viviente. No volverán las aguas del diluvio a destruir la vida".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9

Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 3, 18-22

Hermanos: Cristo murió, una sola vez y para siempre, por los pecados de los hombres; él, el justo, por nosotros, los injustos, para llevarnos a Dios; murió en su cuerpo y resucitó glorificado. En esta ocasión, fue a proclamar su mensaje a los espíritus encarcelados, que habían sido rebeldes en los tiempos de Noé, cuando la paciencia de Dios aguardaba, mientras se construía el arca, en la que unos pocos, ocho personas, se salvaron flotando sobre el agua. Aquella agua era figura del bautismo, que ahora los salva a ustedes y que no consiste en quitar la inmundicia corporal, sino en el compromiso de vivir con una buena conciencia ante Dios, por la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro, que subió al cielo y está a la derecha de Dios, a quien están sometidos los ángeles, las potestades y las virtudes.

Evangelio: Marcos 1, 12-15

En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían. Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".

Stewardship

As Lent approaches we are reminded that, in addition to seeking the Lord in prayer, reading Scripture and exhibiting self-control through fasting, we are also asked to give alms. The giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. St. Joseph's parishioners have always been very generous in sharing their time, talent and treasure. We will continue to acknowledge their charitable actions in this section each week.

The offertory collection for last weekend was \$14,086. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

The Finance Council

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK

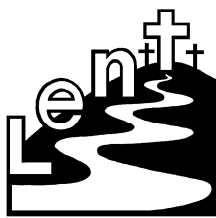


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St. Joseph Parish

The St. Joseph Parish Facebook page is being updated by the Parish & Family Life committee. If you are on Facebook, please "like" our page and stay tuned. Thank you!



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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. They recently sent us a check for \$270.91 from these receipts. 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.

Team 1 will clean on Thursday, February 15, 2018

Joanne Russell, Captain

Joanne Reid	Ellen Walsh
Susan Morrotti	Jim Bosco
Kathy Van Horn	Shirley Stafford
Peggy Calvani	Anthony Davies
Audrey Taylor	Helen Moffatt
Doris Dill	Kathy Ursitti
Joe Ruff	

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

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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.

Parish Life

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Isabella Alicea, 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 Bengermimo, 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, 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 *David Kiersznowski* and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Many thanks to the students that donated their time and talent to St. Joseph Parish on Saturday morning, January 27th- Ana Somerday, Helena Somerday, William Doyle, Olivia Booton, Max Negrete, Gabe Resto, Paul Harmon, Erik Kelleher, and Connor Dougherty. These students and their adult chaperones gathered in the Parish Hall Kitchen to prepare over 40 meals that our Saint Vincent de Paul Society will deliver to families in our parish and the surrounding area.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 12

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
9:30 AM ESL 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 Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 AM Mass in SRC
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl in Rm 2
5:00 PM CCEA Shrove Tuesday in St. Rose Hall
7:00 PM Pastoral Council in Room 3
7:00 PM Cub Scouts Office Complex

Wednesday, February 14

8:30 AM Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Joseph Church
9:30 AM Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7
9:30 AM ESL in Rooms 3 & 6
12:00 PM Liturgy of the Word in St. Joseph Church
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
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Joseph Church
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Rose Church

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry in St. Rose Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church

Saturday, February 17

10:30 AM Baptism PREP in Rooms 5 & 7
4:00 PM Confessions in St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, February 18

7:00 AM KOC Breakfast in St. Rose Hall
8:00 AM Mass in SRC
2:00 PM Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Church



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Registration forms for Religious Education and the sacraments of Reconciliation & First Eucharist and Confirmation will be available on the parish website, www.stjosephmiddletown.com on **March 1st**. Religious Education registrations are accepted from registered parishioners on a first-come, first-served basis, from March 1, 2018 until August 31, 2018. ***No registrations will be accepted after August 31, 2018***, except from families that are relocating to our parish, moving from their existing religious education program to our program.

In order to ensure both the accuracy of our records and the safety of our students, we will be unable to process any registration that does not include *all* required information, payment, and/or documentation.

We also offer a Special Needs Religious Education program. Contact the Religious Education Office at 302.378.5800, ext. 107 for further information.

If your child has completed grade one, either in our Religious Education program or in Catholic school, and is enrolling in grade two, **you must complete a separate form to register for the sacramental preparation of Reconciliation and Eucharist.** This is a separate process from Religious Education class registration and has a separate schedule and fee.

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA!

Los formularios de inscripción para la Educación Religiosa y los sacramentos de Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación estarán disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia, www.stjosephmiddletown.com, el **1 de marzo**. Los registros de educación religiosa son aceptados de los feligreses registrados por la orden en que llegan, desde el 1 de marzo de 2018 hasta el 31 de agosto de 2018. ***No se aceptarán inscripciones después del 31 de agosto de 2018***, con excepción para las familias que se trasladan a nuestra parroquia, Pasando de su actual programa de educación religiosa a nuestro programa. Con el fin de asegurar la exactitud de nuestros registros y la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes, no podremos procesar ningún registro que no incluya toda la información requerida, pago y / o documentación.

También ofrecemos un programa de Educación Religiosa de Necesidades Especiales. Comuníquese con la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al 302.378.5800, ext.107 o con Antonia ext. 104 para más información.

Si su hijo ha completado el primer grado, ya sea en nuestro programa de educación religiosa o en la escuela católica, y se inscribe en el grado dos, debe completar un formulario separado para inscribirse en la preparación sacramental de la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Este es un proceso separado del registro de clases de Educación Religiosa y tiene un horario y cuota por separado.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD?

St. Joseph Parish follows the suggestion of the *Directory for Masses with Children* by offering a separate "Children's Liturgy of the Word", generally for those age four through seven. The children are asked to quietly process out of the church with their prayer leader to move to a more age-appropriate, focused environment. This environment offers signs and symbols appropriate to the liturgical season. After an opening prayer and/or song, the prayer leader continues the liturgical experience by proclaiming the readings. The prayer leader then facilitates a discussion of the readings. By sharing their own personal thoughts and experiences, the children can more easily draw a parallel between the Scriptures and their own lives. After a Prayer of the Faithful, where children are encouraged to include their petitions, all return to the main worship space and continue with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please encourage your child to participate in our "Children's Liturgy of the Word," offered each Sunday during the 9:30 Mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

If you have been contemplating joining one of our musical ensembles, but for whatever reason, just haven't done it – NOW is the time! We are in the season of Winter Ordinary Time, and are just beginning to work on music for Lent and Holy Week. Won't you consider becoming a Music Minister? Time to put aside all those excuses and join us. The Parish Choir, Contemporary Ensemble and Children's Choir will welcome new members immediately. For more information contact Music Coordinator Rosemary Hadland at rhadland@stjosephmiddletown.com or speak to any member of the Music Ministry before or after Mass!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

The following is the children's liturgy schedule:

February 11, 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18

April 8, 15, 22, 29

55+ GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the 55+ Group will be held on Monday, February 12 at noon in the Parish Hall.

Breakfast

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast next Sunday, February 18 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, at **St. Rose Hall**. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon & sausage, scrapple, home fries, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost is \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 senior citizens (60+) and \$5.00 for children (10 to 18) under 10 eat free. Please come out and help support our Knights and their charitable works while enjoying a delicious breakfast.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL KICKOFF MEETING

The first meeting will be on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00pm in Room 1. Please join us, everyone is welcome, as we start planning our 20th year anniversary celebration. If you are new to our parish or have never participated in our parish carnival you will have the opportunity to meet many of your fellow parishioners working side, helping to improve our parish carnival a tradition to the entire MOT community. We look forward to new ideas from fellow parishioners each year. If you have any questions Contact: Dominic Marra 302-378-1568 or email: dmarra@aol.com Thanks from the Carnival Co Chairs: Dominic Marra, Jake Vukich

**The dates of the 2018 Carnival are July 17-21!
Mark your calendars!**

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are both on February 14. How might we reconcile these two seemingly opposite themes? The Ash Wednesday reading beckons you to "Return to me with your whole heart. (Joel 2:12) The "me" can be God or the spirit of God within your beloved.

MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO

Este año, el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Día de San Valentín son ambos el 14 de febrero. ¿Cómo podríamos conciliar estos dos temas aparentemente opuestos? La lectura del miércoles de ceniza te invita a "volver a mí con todo tu corazón" (Joel 2:12). El "yo" puede ser Dios o el espíritu de Dios dentro de tu amado.

Stations of



the Cross
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ATTENTION YOUTH: SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRODUCTION

The Parish & Family Life committee will be presenting Shadow Stations of the Cross twice during Lent. This is a behind-the-scene production that requires around 8 people. Available roles are lector, cast, and crew. If you would like to volunteer, please email familylife@stjosephmiddletown.com. Practices will be held in the Parish Hall 4:00-6:00pm on Sunday, February 25 and Sunday, March 4. Shadow Stations of the Cross will be presented in St. Joseph's church 7:00pm, Friday, March 9 and 6:00pm, Sunday, March 11.

NYC BUS TRIP

The Parish & Family Life Committee is sponsoring a trip to New York City on Saturday, May 12. Take in a show, see Lady Liberty, visit a church or museum, or shop – the day is yours to do as you wish. The bus departs the Parish Hall parking lot at 7:00am and departs NYC at 5:00pm. The round trip transportation cost is \$40 per person. Reservations can be made by emailing familylife@stjosephmiddletown.com or by calling Erin Marchlik at 302-562-7264. Last date for reservations is Monday, March 26.

FLU SEASON AND LITURGY

Following are the general guidelines of our parish:

- “ *If you are not feeling well you should stay at home.* The obligation to attend Mass does not mean coming to church when you are ill and at risk of infecting others.
- “ *Frequent hand washing* is important for all members of our assemblies.
- “ *Whether to drink of the cup of the Lord's Blood is, as always, a personal decision.* We will continue to offer communion under both forms, encouraging you to be prudent in your decision making. You may wish to consider receiving communion in the hand if you do not already do so.
- “ As with communion under both forms, *we will continue the practice of exchanging the kiss of peace at liturgy.* Again, it is a personal decision. We encourage those who may choose not to exchange a sign of peace to decline tactfully and reverently.

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

Last weekend, we received \$244.70 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph and we received \$17.00 from the Poor Box at St. Rose of Lima. 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**



PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Miércoles de Ceniza es 14 de febrero. Prepárese para la Cuaresma hablando con su familia sobre cómo este puede ser un momento de generosidad y misericordia (perdón). Piensa en las formas en que tu familia puede vivir de manera más simple.

PARENTING POINTERS

Ash Wednesday is February 14. Prepare for Lent by talking with your family about how this can be a time of generosity and mercy (forgiveness). Think about ways your family can live more simply.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION FOR CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

We appreciate your support in clipping Box Tops on sheets. Funds raised are used for classroom activities. We just received a check for \$ 854.80 for "Box Tops for Education." This is wonderful money that is easily obtained via your help. We are grateful to all who support us by clipping Box Tops from products you purchase. The next submission date is March 1. Please send us all Box Tops that will expire this school year and throughout the summer. For easy drop-off, a Box Tops container can be found in the church lobby of each of our sponsoring parishes. Check the expiration dates – not valid if expired. Cut carefully as to not cut off the dates. BONUS BOX TOPS are also helpful. Do not paste on the paper. Just place in a zip lock bag. Along with sending Box Tops to school, earn even more cash to help our school through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3.

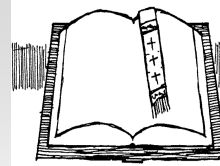
Christian Formation

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.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

We have received a request from a new member of our parish for an American Sign Language interpreter at Sunday mass here at St. Joseph Church. Without an interpreter, our new member cannot understand what is being said during the liturgy; and so she is unable to participate in the liturgy. An interpreter will allow her to join with the Sunday community in prayer and worship. Please contact the parish office if you or someone you might know would be willing to assist in this important ministry to the deaf in our parish.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

In today's first reading, the healing ministry of the priest is revealed in the Old Testament. In the New Covenant, priests heal in a variety of ways, most notably through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Is God calling you to serve His Church as a priest? Please speak with your pastor or 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!

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, February 18th, author, Tommy Tighe, will discuss his best-selling book, "The Catholic Hipster Handbook." 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.

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Come experience Mardi Gras right here in Delaware. February 13, 6-9pm. Holy Angels (in Fremont Hall), 82 Possum Park Road, Newark. Family friendly. Free admission. Drinks and food available to purchase at the event. Raffle drawing at 8:30pm. Current prize pot is up to \$15,000. That's \$3,000 for each of 5 winners! Contact the Parish for more information at 302-731-8016 or Phyllis510@comcast.net. RSVP encouraged but not required. "Laissez le bon temps rouler!"

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH'S PRESENTATION OF THE VIA CRUCIS

St. Anthony of Padua Church invites you to participate in its 2018 presentation of the Via Crucis, a live re-enactment of the last days of Christ by area schoolchildren. The one-hour performance, blending traditional music, pantomime, and the words of the Gospel is staged at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church, 905 North DuPont Street in Wilmington. Performances for 2018 are Ash Wednesday, February 14, Friday, February 23, Friday, March 2, Friday, March 9, Friday, March 16, Friday, March 23 and ending on Good Friday, March 30. There is no admission charge for the Via Crucis, although a free-will donation is welcomed. Groups over 10 can call St. Anthony's Rectory, 421-3700, for reservations. No reservations are accepted for Good Friday's presentation.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Friday, February 16 (6 PM) to Sunday, February 18 (1 PM) Villa Maria House of Studies (IHM Motherhouse), Immaculata, PA. Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. (Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553)

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COOKS FOR A CAUSE

Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, February 18th (3-8 pm) at Feby's Fishery, 3701 Lancaster Pike. Bring family & friends & enjoy a fabulous meal. Reservations preferred: 302-998-9501. Bring family and friends and enjoy a fabulous meal. A percentage of the evening's proceeds will be donated to help the Little Sisters care for the needy elderly in our community. Local parish priests will serve as special "wait staff" throughout the evening. The event also includes a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. Reservations preferred: call 302-998-9501. For further information visit www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org

ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION

Delaware State Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Chinese Auction on Sunday, February 25 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Rockery North Golf Club in Milford, Delaware. Tickets are \$20.00 per person to include a buffet dinner, dessert, water, coffee and ice tea. A cash bar will be available. Please respond by February 16 to Lesa Wright, 17280 Merlin Lane, Lewes, DE 19958. Lesa Wright can also be reached on 732 740 7750 or via e mail address: Lesalardieri@aol.com. Please make checks payable to DELAWARE STATE COLUMBIETTES. There will be many fabulous gifts as well as a raffle with three great prizes.

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center located at 3501 Solly Avenue in northeast Philadelphia is offering a Women's Retreat entitled Spirit Filled Evangelizers on February 23-25, 2018 beginning 7 pm Friday and concluding Sunday following Noon dinner. Presenter: Anne Trufant is a wife, mother, recording artist, dynamic speaker and faith-filled retreat presenter. She is a lay missionary and member of the Missionary Cenacle Apostolate, the lay group founded by Fr. Thomas A. Judge in the early 1900's. Fee: \$170 (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit). Registrations received prior to Feb. 13th receive a \$20 discount.

DIOCESAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY TO BEGIN MARCH 3RD.

Help kick off a year to remember! You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Kick-off Mass on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Sixth and West Streets in Wilmington. Gather and pray with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

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