

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street  
Middletown, Delaware

THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT

MARCH 4, 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

**Bob Altmiller,** Facilities Manager

**Peggy Barrow,** Business Manager

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**Rosemary Hadland,** Coordinator of Music Ministry

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Middletown, DE 19709

(entrance on Cleaver Farm Road)

302-378-5800, 302-378-5808 (FAX)

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

Ministerio Hispano: 302-378-5805, Ext. 104

### Office Hours / Horario de la Oficina:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## Christ the Teacher Regional Catholic School

2451 Frazer Road

Newark, DE 19702

302-838-8850

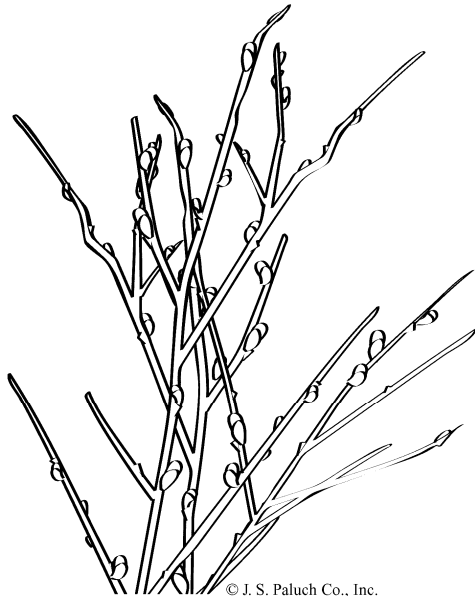
[www.christtheteacher.org](http://www.christtheteacher.org)

Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

## Liturgy Notes

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

**Communal Penance celebrations** are customary in most parish communities as an opportunity to gather and pray with one another and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our custom is to gather with the faithful from our parish as well as parishioners from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Margaret of Scotland. These three parishes take turns in hosting the celebration and it is now our turn to be the worship site. **The combined Lenten penance celebration will take place on Sunday, March 18, 7:00pm in St. Joseph Church.**



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### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have early bulletin deadline schedules, please see the schedule below for dates information must be submitted by:

- For the March 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin - due March 5<sup>th</sup>
- For the March 18<sup>th</sup> bulletin - due March 12<sup>th</sup>
- For the March 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin - due March 13<sup>th</sup>
- For the April 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin - due March 19<sup>th</sup>

### Presider's Intentions

*This week, our presidors will offer Masses for these intentions:*

**Monday, March 5**

8:30 AM (SJ) Madeline Toner

**Tuesday, March 6**

8:30 AM (SR) Madeline Andrews

**Wednesday, March 7**

*SS. Perpetua & Felicity*

8:30 AM (SJ) Madeline Toner

**Thursday, March 8**

*St. John of God*

8:30 AM (SJ) Daniel Givens

**Friday, March 9**

*St. Frances of Rome*

8:30 AM (SJ) Harry Kwa

**Saturday, March 10**

5:00 PM (SJ) Joseph Baker

**Sunday, March 11**

*4th Sunday of Lent*

7:30 AM (SJ) Madeline Toner

9:30 AM (SJ) William Storey

11:30 AM (SJ) Irene Willey Bryc

2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR)

9:30 AM (SR)

Next week remember to:

**Set Clocks  
Ahead** 



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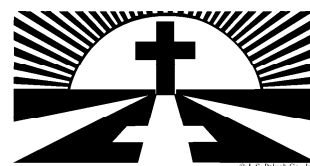
St. Joseph Parish

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!

## 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, **not on March 31**  
Stations of the Cross: Friday @ 7:00pm - March 16, 23  
Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners: Friday @ 5:00 - 7:00PM - March 9, 16  
Religious Education Catechist Lenten Gathering: Monday, March 5 @ 7:00 PM 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 Mass: Tuesday @ 8:30am  
Stations of the Cross: Tuesday @ 8:00am - 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.

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*

### ACTIVIDADES CUARESMALES

Estaciones de la Cruz / Vía Crucis en Sombras

El viernes 9 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. y el domingo 11 de marzo a las 6:00 p.m.

Vía Crucis Todos los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en inglés

Jueves Santo La Cena Del Señor Misa 7:00 p.m.

Reposición del Santísimo Sacramento Jueves 29 de marzo a las 9:00 p.m.

Vía Crucis / Estaciones de la Cruz en español Viernes santo marzo 30 a la 1:30 p.m.

Liturgia solemne Viernes Santo 30 de marzo 3:00 p.m.

***The Word in Our Lives:  
Readings for March 11, 2018  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent***

**First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and

does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:  
11 de Marzo de 2018  
IV Domingo De Cuaresma***

**Primera Lectura: 2 Crónicas 36, 14-16. 19-23**

En aquellos días, todos los sumos sacerdotes y el pueblo multiplicaron sus infidelidades, practicando todas las abominables costumbres de los paganos, y mancharon la casa del Señor, que él se había consagrado en Jerusalén. El Señor, Dios de sus padres, los exhortó continuamente por medio de sus mensajeros, porque sentía compasión de su pueblo y quería preservar su santuario. Pero ellos se burlaron de los mensajeros de Dios, despreciaron sus advertencias y se mofaron de sus profetas, hasta que la ira del Señor contra su pueblo llegó a tal grado, que ya no hubo remedio. Envío entonces contra ellos al rey de los caldeos. Incendiaron la casa de Dios y derribaron las murallas de Jerusalén, pegaron fuego a todos los palacios y destruyeron todos sus objetos preciosos. A los que escaparon de la espada, los llevaron cautivos a Babilonia, donde fueron esclavos del rey y de sus hijos, hasta que el reino pasó al dominio de los persas, para que se cumpliera lo que dijo Dios por boca del profeta Jeremías: Hasta que el país haya pagado sus sábados perdidos, descansará de la desolación, hasta que se cumplan setenta años. En el año primero de Ciro, rey de Persia, en cumplimiento de las palabras que habló el Señor por boca de Jeremías, el Señor inspiró a Ciro, rey de los persas, el cual mandó proclamar de palabra y por escrito en todo su reino, lo siguiente: "Así habla Ciro, rey de Persia: El Señor, Dios de los cielos, me ha dado todos los reinos de la tierra y me ha mandado que le edifique una casa en Jerusalén de Judá. En consecuencia, todo aquel que pertenezca a este pueblo, que parta hacia allá, y que su Dios lo acompañe".

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6**

**Segunda Lectura: Efesios 2, 4-10**

Hermanos: La misericordia y el amor de Dios son muy grandes; porque nosotros estábamos muertos por nuestros pecados, y él nos dio la vida con Cristo y en Cristo. Por pura generosidad suya, hemos sido salvados. Con Cristo y en Cristo nos ha resucitado y con él nos ha reservado un sitio en el cielo. Así, en todos los tiempos, Dios muestra, por medio de Jesús, la incomparable riqueza de su gracia y de su bondad para con nosotros. En efecto, ustedes han sido salvados por la gracia, mediante la fe; y esto no se debe a ustedes mismos, sino que es un don de Dios. Tampoco se debe a las obras, para que nadie pueda presumir, porque somos hechura de Dios, creados por medio de Cristo Jesús, para hacer el bien que Dios ha dispuesto que hagamos.

**Evangelio: Juan 3, 14-21**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna. Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él. El que cree en él no será condenado; pero el que no cree ya está condenado, por no haber creído en el Hijo único de Dios. La causa de la condenación es ésta: habiendo venido la luz al mundo, los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas. Todo aquel que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran. En cambio, el que obra el bien conforme a la verdad, se acerca a la luz, para que se vea que sus obras están hechas según Dios".

### ***Stewardship***

We challenge our religious education students, at every grade level, to embrace the themes of catholic social teaching. Over the past religious education year our students have worked to support people in our parish and beyond. Our summer session students collected items such as juice, pop tarts, crackers, and cereal to benefit "Generation Station," a free after school program provided by the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association. Our fall students gathered hats, gloves, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste that we made into gift sets. These gift sets were distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society to families in our parish and to clients of "Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm," a homeless shelter in nearby Maryland. Our Sunday morning fifth through eighth grade students made Christmas greeting cards that were delivered to patients at HealthSouth, a rehabilitation facility here in Middletown. Several of our eighth grade students spent a recent Saturday morning making over forty-four quarts of chicken noodle soup that were distributed to families within our own parish. By sharing their time, talent, and treasure with others, our students are learning to really *live* their Catholic faith!

The collection for February 18<sup>th</sup> was \$10,704. Last weekend's collection was \$11,796. The ACH collection was \$11,582. The Catholic Relief Services collection was \$2,030. The Debt Collection was \$4,105. The Debt Collection ACH was \$1,494. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

*The Finance Council*

### **Team 4 will clean on Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Loretta Williams, Captain

Ella Garvine	Arlene Lyons
Doris Dill	Shirley Stafford
Peggy Calvani	Anthony Davies
Kathleen Majewski	Nancy Terranova
Audrey Taylor	Kathy Ursitti
Ed & Rose Holley	Maureen Wellik
Joe Ruff	Joanne Russell
Loan Moquin	Susan Hogan
Jim Bosco	Luciana Mufuka
Silvana Sposato	Rose Kossick
Marie Kreck	

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.

### **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.

**Thank You**

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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.

## Parish Life

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Megan McLoughlin, Alice Ramey, Mary Ann Romantini, Joyce Storey, Merriam Brelsford, 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, 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 our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



*Grant them eternal  
and let perpetual*

*them.*

*rest, O Lord,  
light shine upon*

### 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.

## This Week in Our Parish

### Monday, March 5

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church  
9:30 AM English as a Second Language  
in Rooms 3 & 6  
6:00 PM Brownies Troop 1092 in Room 1  
6:30 PM Parish Religious Education Program  
in Parish Hall  
7:00 PM Liturgy Monthly Meeting 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, March 6

8:00 AM Stations of the Cross in St. Rose Church  
8:30 AM Mass in St. Rose Church  
7:00 PM Cub Scouts Parish Complex

### Wednesday, March 7

8:30 AM Mass in 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 Cantor Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church  
6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble  
in St. Joseph Church  
7:00 PM Seasons of Hope in Rooms 5 & 7  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Parish Hall

### Thursday, March 8

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, March 9

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

### Saturday, March 10

8:00 AM Down Syndrome Association of Delaware  
in Parish Hall & Rooms 5 & 7  
4:00 PM Confessions in St. Joseph Church  
5:00 PM Mass in St. Joseph Church

### Sunday, March 11

8:45 AM PREP Session F in Office Complex  
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word  
in St. Joseph  
11:45 AM PREP Session G in Office Complex  
2:00 PM Confirmation Formation Sessions  
in Parish Hall  
2:00 PM Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Church  
6:00 PM Shadow Stations in St. Joseph Church

### 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](http://www.stjosephmiddletown.com) on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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](http://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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

The following is the children's liturgy schedule:

March 4, 11, 18  
April 8, 15, 22, 29

### RECUERDE CAMBIAR SUS RELOJES AVANZAMOS UNA HORA:



### PARENTING POINTERS

How do you and your children pray? Is it memorized, spontaneous, short, frequent, irregular? Talk together about your favorite style of prayer. Do it!

### PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

¿Cómo rezas tú y tus hijos? ¿Es memorizado, espontáneo, corto, frecuente, irregular? Hablen juntos sobre su estilo favorito de oración. **Hacerlo!**

### 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](mailto:rhadland@stjosephmiddletown.com) or speak to any member of the Music Ministry before or after Mass!

### SEASONS OF HOPE

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is you. It meets for six Wednesdays, beginning February 21. 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.

## MUSIC NOTES FOR LENT

We have begun the liturgical season of Lent. It is our spiritual journey from ashes to the Resurrection, and so our music – what we sing and play, and how – will accordingly be guided by the principle of Progressive Solemnity. For this time in the Church's calendar, less is more. We put away our "Alleluias" and simplify the way we present the psalms and hymns. The focus is more on ritual chants and less on hymnody, more on the texts and less on the music. *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* instructs us that instrumentation is used "only to support the singing." That means more a cappella singing and less amplification of singers and instruments. All of this is by design to underscore the solemnity of Lent.

**For the Sundays of Lent we will:** chant the *Kyrie Eleison*, the response to the Prayer of the Faithful, and the Lord's Prayer. The Eucharistic Acclamations (Holy, We proclaim, Amen, Lamb of God) are sung unaccompanied. The opening, Communion, and closing hymns are lightly accompanied. For the duration of Lent, we will use "Gracious God" #117 for the closing of Mass. **Please remain in place until the Priest Celebrant has left the church, and then depart quietly in order to maintain a prayerful atmosphere.**

## 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 at 302-378-5800 if you or someone you might know would be willing to assist in this important ministry to the deaf in our parish.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

How is your Lenten resolution coming? Is it bringing you closer to your beloved? Consider that both God and your spouse are your beloved. Sacrificing for one can give you a window into how to become closer to the other. Contemplate sacrificial love today.

## MOMENTOS DE MATRIMONIO

¿Cómo está llegando su resolución cuaresmal? ¿Te está acercando más a tu amado? Considere que tanto Dios como su cónyuge son sus seres queridos. Sacrificar por uno puede darle una ventana de cómo acercarse al otro. Contempla el amor sacrificial hoy.

## ATTENTION YOUTH: SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRODUCTION

### Stations of



the Cross  
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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. Practice will be held in the Parish Hall 4:00-6:00pm on 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.

## KNIGHTS ANNUAL LENTEN DINNERS

Looking for a flavorful alternative to Friday's Lenten Cheese Pizza? Join us for the Knights of Columbus' Lenten fish dinners on Fridays during Lent. Menu includes Fish & Chips choice of Haddock or broiled Tilapia, paired with macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, french fries, cole slaw, and hot rolls with butter. Adults \$10, Seniors & Students \$8, and Children 10 years and younger eat for Free.

March 9 - St. Joseph

March 16 - St. Joseph

## CENAS CUARESMALES ANUALES DE LOS CABALLEROS DE COLON

¿Busca una alternativa sabrosa a la pizza de queso de cuaresma del viernes? Únase a nosotros para las cenas de pescado cuaresmal de los Caballeros de Colón durante los primeros cinco viernes de Cuaresma. El menú incluye pescado de Tilapia a la parrilla, acompañado de macarrones con queso, tomates guisados, papas fritas, ensalada de repollo y pan calientes con mantequilla. Adultos \$ 10, personas mayores y estudiantes \$ 8, y niños de 10 años y menores comen gratis.

9 de marzo - San José

16 de marzo - San José



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL



The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Room 1. Please join us, everyone is welcome, as we start planning our 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration. 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!**

### PARISH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Parish and Family Life Committee is hosting a family movie night on Tuesday, April 3 between 6:00-9:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will be showing WONDER and serving pizza, snacks, and drinks. WONDER is rated PG by the MPAA and A-II by CNS (Catholic News Service.) Children need to attend with a parent or another family member. Children attending with another family member need to bring a completed permission slip. The permission slip can be found on St. Joseph Parish website's main page:  
[www.stjosephmiddletown.com](http://www.stjosephmiddletown.com). Click on Parish Family Movie Night. The cost per family is \$10 and a canned food donation for a local food bank. Please email [familylife@stjosephmiddletown.com](mailto:familylife@stjosephmiddletown.com) with any questions. We hope that you are able to join us! ~  
 Tom Kane & Erin Marchlik

## Social Concerns

### MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

On February 18 we received \$236.25 and last weekend, we received \$208.80 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph and on February 18 we received \$24 and last weekend we received \$55 from the Poor Box at St. Rose of Lima. Thank you for continuing to assist those in need.

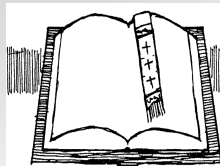
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## Christian Formation

### BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

Our group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### MASS AT BROADMEADOW NURSING HOME

There will be a Mass at Broadmeadow Nursing Home on Tuesday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. Parishioners are invited. Any questions call George Latsko, 302-376-5779.



### VOCATIONS REFLECTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus shows passion for His Father's house. Each of us is called to show similar passion for the Church. God calls some to do this through lives of priesthood, diaconate, or religious consecration. Is He calling you? If you think so, let's talk. Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/Vocations](http://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](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, March 11th, Kyle Thompson, Associate Director of the Office for Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry will discuss the work of his Office and the upcoming Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage taking place on March 24th. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, “like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications) or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts

### **THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT**

The Shroud of Turin Exhibit will be at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 800 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, Delaware 19802, from March 1 to March 13. All are invited to come and experience this moving and prayerful exhibit that includes the Authentic Vatican Replica that was commissioned and blessed by the Pope and was touched to the real Shroud of Turin. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Guides will be available during the exhibit to answer questions and a DVD presentation on the history and science of the Shroud will take place in the Church Hall during exhibit hours. Groups are invited by appointment. Contact [stnicholas2@verizon.net](mailto:stnicholas2@verizon.net) or call 302-762-5511. For information visit [www.st-nicholas-church.org](http://www.st-nicholas-church.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasUkrainianChurch>.

### **BISHOP MALOOLY’S INVITATION TO WALK HIS WAY**

Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the ninth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus’ entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Luke Spehar at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don’t miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please visit [www.cdowcym.org](http://www.cdowcym.org). Registration deadline is March 15, 2018 (**unless otherwise noted**).

### **BOY SCOUT TROOP 283 LENTEN FISH FRY**

Boy Scout Troop 283 is holding their 14th annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday March 9 in the cafeteria at Christ the Teacher Catholic School at 2451 Frazer Road, Newark, DE. Come join them for Hand-Dipped Beer-Battered Haddock Fillets, crispy Breaded Shrimp, delicious French Fries, their famous Macaroni Salad and Coleslaw, freshly Tossed Salad, tasty New England Clam Chowder, fresh Bread, Hot and Cold Drinks, and a huge selection of homemade Desserts. Macaroni & Cheese will be available for children. Beer and wine available for purchase. Dine in or take out. For more details and to buy tickets go online at [fishfryde.org](http://fishfryde.org).

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Please join Relay for Life Team, The Cancer Fighting Unicorns, as they host a fundraiser on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Buffalo Wild Wings located at 540 W. Main Street in Middletown. The fundraiser will be held all day, and it is good on take out or dine-in orders. Please contact Michelle Hall at [Shellbell0109@aol.com](mailto:Shellbell0109@aol.com) or 302-378-2292 to request a flyer. It must be presented at the time of payment in order for the donation to count. We will also be hosting Easter Basket Raffles! Tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and you do not have to be present to win.

### **DISNEY’S BEAUTY & THE BEAST JR.**

Get your tickets now for the St. Ann’s Production of Disney’s Beauty & the Beast Jr. – Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm and Saturday March 24 at 1pm (matinee) and 7pm (final performance). The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. You may purchase tickets through the Parish Giving link on the St. Ann’s Church website – [stannwilmington.com](http://stannwilmington.com) or by sending in your request to the rectory at 2013 Gilpin Avenue – Wilmington, De 19806. *For more info, contact Jane at [jmatyger@thesaintannschoo.org](mailto:jmatyger@thesaintannschoo.org) or call 302-654-5519.*

### **CATECHETICAL DAY**

Catechetical Day (“Call to Missionary Discipleship”) with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. Presenters are Father Matthew Guckin and Dr. Louis P. De Angelo. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The registration fee will be \$15.00 per person. Registration deadline is March 16, 2018. Please go to [www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay](http://www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay) to find out more about the day and how to register.