

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

MARCH 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

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

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

PASTORAL OFFICE STAFF

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

Rev. Timothy Brady, O.de.M., Associate Pastor

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David Feaster, Deacon

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Website: www.stjosephmiddletown.com

Pastoral Center / Centro Pastoral:

371 E. Main Street

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

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.*



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

For the March 18th bulletin - due March 12th
 For the March 25th bulletin - due March 13th
 For the April 1st bulletin - due March 19th

EASTER EGG HUNT



St. Joseph will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1, after the 9:30 AM and the 11:30 AM Masses.



Bring your own basket! Come have some fun! Please rsvp via email at mkirk@stjosephmiddletown.com or dgotthold@stjosephmiddletown.com. For more information, call the Religious Education office at 302.378.5800, ext. 107 or 108.

Presider's Intentions

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

Monday, March 12

8:30 AM (SJ) Pat Wiedenayer

Tuesday, March 13

8:30 AM (SR) George Shestock

Wednesday, March 14

8:30 AM (SJ) Edward & Mary Holley

Thursday, March 15

8:30 AM (SJ) Madeleine Toner

Friday, March 16

8:30 AM (SJ) Edward Monaghan

Saturday, March 17

5:00 PM (SJ) Thomas O' Hanlon

Sunday, March 18

5th Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM (SJ) Frank Collins

9:30 AM (SJ) Madeleine Toner

11:30 AM (SJ) President Donald J. Trump's

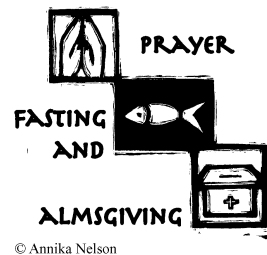
Intentions

2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR)

9:30 AM (SR) Theresa Okonowicz

***THE MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN
FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER***



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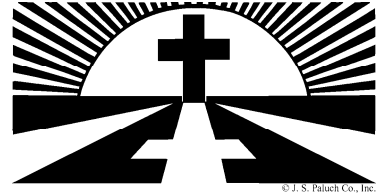


The St. Joseph Parish Facebook page is being updated by the Parish & Family Life committee. If you are on Facebook, please "like" our page and stay tuned. Thank you!

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 16, 23
Shadow Stations of the Cross: 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 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 Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association's
Wednesday Soup and Bread service is being held at
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on March 14.***

ACTIVIDADES CUARESMALES

Estaciones de la Cruz / Vía Crucis en Sombras
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 18, 2018
The 5th Sunday of Lent***

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15.*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:7-9*

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel: *John 12:20-33*

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
18 de Marzo de 2018
V Domingo De Cuaresma***

Primera Lectura: *Jeremías 31, 31-34*

"Se acerca el tiempo, dice el Señor, en que haré con la casa de Israel y la casa de Judá una alianza nueva. No será como la alianza que hice con los padres de ustedes, cuando los tomé de la mano para sacarlos de Egipto. Ellos rompieron mi alianza y yo tuve que hacer un escarmiento con ellos. Ésta será la alianza nueva que voy a hacer con la casa de Israel: Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente y voy a grabarla en sus corazones.

Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo. Ya nadie tendrá que instruir a su prójimo ni a su hermano, diciéndole: 'Conoce al Señor', porque todos me van a conocer, desde el más pequeño hasta el mayor de todos, cuando yo les perdone sus culpas y olvide para siempre sus pecados".

Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15*

Segunda Lectura: *Hebreos 5, 7-9*

Hermanos: Durante su vida mortal, Cristo ofreció oraciones y súplicas, con fuertes voces y lágrimas, a aquel que podía librarlo de la muerte, y fue escuchado por su piedad. A pesar de que era el Hijo, aprendió a obedecer padeciendo, y llegado a su perfección, se convirtió en la causa de la salvación eterna para todos los que lo obedecen.

Evangelio: *Juan 12, 20-33*

Entre los que habían llegado a Jerusalén para adorar a Dios en la fiesta de Pascua, había algunos griegos, los cuales se acercaron a Felipe, el de Betsaida de Galilea, y le pidieron: "Señor, quisiéramos ver a Jesús". Felipe fue a decírselo a Andrés; Andrés y Felipe se lo dijeron a Jesús y él les respondió: "Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado. Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto. El que se ama a sí mismo, se pierde; el que se aborrece a sí mismo en este mundo, se asegura para la vida eterna. El que quiera servirme, que me siga, para que donde yo esté, también esté mi servidor. El que me sirve será honrado por mi Padre. Ahora que tengo miedo, ¿le voy a decir a mi Padre: 'Padre, líbrame de esta hora'? No, pues precisamente para esta hora he venido. Padre, dale gloria a tu nombre". Se oyó entonces una voz que decía: "Lo he glorificado y volveré a glorificarlo". De entre los que estaban ahí presentes y oyeron aquella voz, unos decían que había sido un trueno; otros, que le había hablado un ángel. Pero Jesús les dijo: "Esa voz no ha venido por mí, sino por ustedes. Está llegando el juicio de este mundo; ya va a ser arrojado el príncipe de este mundo. Cuando yo sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí". Dijo esto, indicando de qué manera habría de morir.

Stewardship

It's Time – For those people who have seen their take home pay increase due to tax changes.

It's Time – Do we look at how we can spend that money or do we save it?

It's Time – Many of us have bills that have increased and this additional money will help.

It's Time – Please remember the bills at your parish are also increasing.

It's Time – To THANK YOU for your generosity in Time, Talent & Treasure!

Last weekend's collection was \$15,502.30. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

The Finance Council

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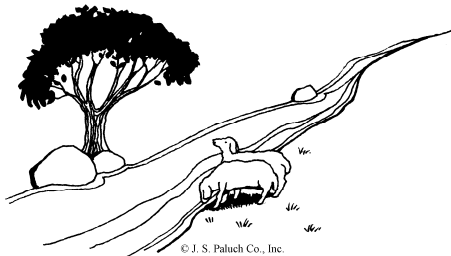
It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God.

--St. Vincent de Paul

CONCIENTES

Necesitamos estar concientes de que la felicidad puede a veces colarse por la puerta que no sabíamos había quedado abierta.

--Anónimo



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

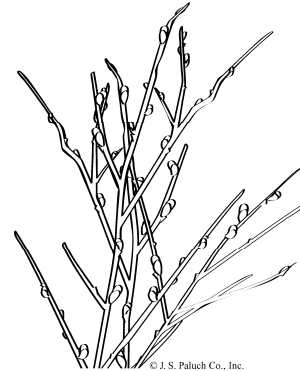
The CCEA collects Redner's receipts. Receipts can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the church or CCEA office. Please submit the whole receipt as partial receipts will not be considered. Refunds from the Redner receipts covers the expenditure for meats purchased by the food pantry staff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

Team 1 will clean on Thursday, March 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	Luciana Mufuka
Silvana Sposanto	Rose Kossick
Loan Moquin	Ella Garvine
Loretta Williams	

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



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.

Thank You

Dedicated To Women Ob Gyn
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

WELCOME

The people of St. Joseph Parish welcome into our family ***Rowan Michael Fernandez, Gemma Luz Crespo, Colden Andrew Beaston, Cian Joseph Gorman and Cecilia Louise Szyjka*** 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:

Mark Whitlock, Kathleen Gaines, Megan McLoughlin, Alice Ramey, Mary Ann Romantini, Joyce Storey, Merriam Brelsford, Tony Dooley, John Viars, Anne White, Heather Seramone, Michael LoSapio, Reid LoSapio, Edward Hudack, Daisy Pabon, Richard Bengermينو, 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 ***Andres Rodriguez*** and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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

Stations of



ATTENTION YOUTH: SHADOW STATIONS

OF THE CROSS PRODUCTION

The Parish & Family Life committee will be presenting Shadow Stations of the Cross. This is a behind-the-scene production that requires around 8 people. Shadow Stations of the Cross will be presented in St. Joseph's church at 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 Friday, March 16 and March 23 in the Parish Hall. 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.

*Please note the addition of March 23.



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.

16 de Marzo - San José

23 de Marzo—San José

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 12

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
9:30 AM ESL in Rooms 3 & 6
11:00 AM Andres Rodriguez Funeral
in St Joseph Church
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 Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 AM Stations of the Cross - St. Rose Church
8:30 AM Mass - 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, March 14

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
9:30 AM Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7
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 Seasons of Hope - Season 4 in Rooms 5 & 7
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church

Thursday, March 15

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
6:00 PM Knights of Columbus in Kitchen
6:30 PM Boy Scouts In Parish Hall
7:00 PM Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7
7:00 PM Carnival Meeting in Room 1

Friday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 17

9:00 AM Eucharist Retreat in Office Complex
4:00 PM Confessions in St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, March 18

7:00 AM KOC Breakfast in St. Rose Hall
8:45 AM PREP Session E in Office Complex
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of The Word
St. Joseph Church Conference Room
11:45 AM PREP Session G in Office Complex
2:00 PM Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Church
7:00 PM Lenten Penance Service
in St. Joseph Church

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD?

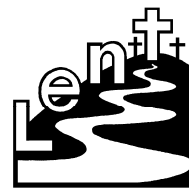
St. Joseph Parish follows the suggestion of the *Directory for Masses with Children* by offering a separate "Children's Liturgy of the Word", generally for those age four through seven. The children are asked to quietly process out of the church with their prayer leader to move to a more age-appropriate, 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.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Do you ever get stuck in an argument? Of course we know that there are two sides to every argument but practicing this truism can be difficult. Next time you reach an impasse discipline yourselves to try to state each other's side as neutrally as you can.

MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO

¿Alguna vez te quedas atascado en una discusión? Por supuesto que sabemos que hay dos lados en cada argumento, pero practicar esta perogrullada puede ser difícil. La próxima vez que lleguen a una disciplina sin salida tratar de expresar el lado del otro tan neutralmente como sea posible.



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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

The following is the children's liturgy schedule:

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

CLASES DE INGLÉS

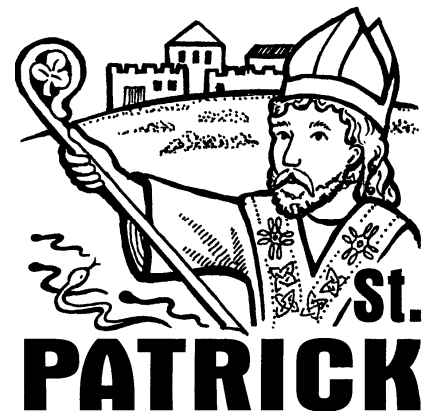
Las clases comenzarán el lunes 18 de septiembre de 9:30 am a 12:00 pm. Los Lunes y Miércoles según el año escolar.

PARENTING POINTERS

Challenge yourself and your children to go 24 hours without media. Unplug your devices (TV, cell phones, computers, etc.). What will you do instead? What will you learn?

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Desafiate a ti mismo y a tus hijos a pasar 24 horas sin medios. Desconecte sus (TV, teléfonos celulares, computadoras, etc.). ¿Qué vas a hacer en su lugar? ¿Que aprenderás?



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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 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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL



The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00pm in Room 1. Please join us. Everyone is welcome, as we start planning our 20th 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. 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 with any questions. We hope that you are able to join us! ~

Tom Kane & Erin Marchlik

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

last weekend, we received \$278.60 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph and last weekend we received \$27 from the Poor Box at St. Rose of Lima. Thank you for continuing to assist those in need.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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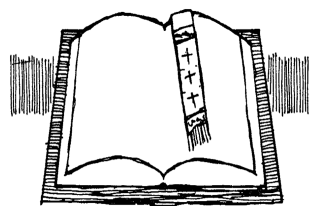
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Christian Formation

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

We are beginning a new Bible study, entitled "Revelation - The Kingdom Yet to Come". It will include a video with Jeff Cavins, discussion, prayer and song. If anyone would like to join us we will begin this study on Tuesday, March 6th, at 6:00pm. 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.

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 today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians (and us) that God is "rich in mercy." Every day women and men find that mercy through the ministry of priests in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you are a healthy Catholic man who thinks God might be calling you to priesthood, let's talk. Call or write 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

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, March 18th, tune in to listen to highlights from the March 3rd Mass to celebrate the opening of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary year. 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.

HOLY ANGELS LENTEN DINNER

Lenten Dinner, March 16, 5:30-8pm. Holy Angels (Fremont Hall), 82 Possum Park Road, Newark. Take-outs available. Fish tacos, taco dorado, eggplant parmesan, cauliflower ceviche, lentil soup, chocoflan/flan, beer/wine/soda. Items are purchased á la carte and range from \$2-\$7. (Note: pre-orders are required for the baked salmon meal. \$12.) Reservations are not needed but a head count is always helpful. Stations of the Cross in the Chapel at 7pm in English and 8pm in Spanish. Call the Parish for more information at (302) 731-2219 or (302) 73102436 en español.

SISTERS' NIGHT

Friday, March 16, 6:30-8:30pm, Camilla Hall, 1145 W. King Rd., Malvern, PA 19355. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to spend an evening of prayer, pizza, and St. Paddy's Day fun with the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices, and postulants. This is a great opportunity for young women who may be curious or thinking about a vocation to the religious life to spend some time informally with the IHM sisters.

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DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Experience a weekend retreat at the IHM Motherhouse with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices, and postulants. Single young women ages of 18-35 are invited to come for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, and times of recreation with the sisters. Daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic adoration are included in our weekend retreat. March 23 (6pm)-March 25 (1pm), Villa Maria House of Studies, 1140 King Rd., Malvern, PA 19355. **Contact: 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com**

NEW CASTLE COUNTY 4-H EXCHANGE

We are having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, March 24 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church located at 209 Main Street, Townsend, DE from 5:00 -7:00 PM. Adults are \$10 & Children 3-12 are \$5. For tickets contact serenac@udel.edu or call 302-831-8965.

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. Registration deadline is March 15, 2018 (**unless otherwise noted**).

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 to find out more about the day and how to register.