

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER

APRIL 8, 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

Tim Enright, Deacon

David Feaster, Deacon

Bob Altmiller, Facilities Manager

Peggy Barrow, Business Manager

Vidette Benn, Parish Secretary

Lauren Cataldi, Organist

Jackie Delaporte, Special Assistant, Sacristan

Diana Gotthold, Formation Office

Rosemary Hadland, Coordinator of Music Ministry

Matthew Jewell, Organist

Mary Kirk, Director of Religious Education

Antonia "Tonie" Vandenberg, Ministerio Hispano

Mark Winterbottom, Confirmation Coordinator

GENERAL INFORMATION

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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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who did so much to make our Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter celebrations so prayerful and spiritually uplifting. We appreciate the leadership of our music ministry in helping us to raise our voices in praise and worship to the Lord of our salvation: the Choir, the Women's Schola, the Contemporary Ensemble, the cantors, and the organists. We are grateful to our Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Sacristans, who work so well together to make our liturgy every weekend an opportunity to encounter the Risen Lord in Word and Sacrament. We also deeply appreciate the members of our parish Liturgy Committee who worked behind the scenes to assist in planning and coordinating the liturgical events of Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter. Finally, thanks to our Environment Committee and Martha's Guild who have taken such loving care in providing a worship space that invites us to enter into the sacred mysteries of our faith that we celebrated last week and throughout the year. We offer each and every one of you our gratitude for your generosity of service to our parish community at St. Joseph and St. Rose Churches.

Monsignor Kelley

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL "DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF FAITH"

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps bring Christ to those who seek His presence - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly.

As parishioners of [insert parish name], we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members of the diocese, it is important for each of us to serve others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we are also one with other parishes and with our diocese.

Our parish target is \$122,000. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since 100% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministry needs.

Please give prayerful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next week prepared to complete your pledge to offer your support.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal".

N.Y. CITY BUS TRIP

The New York City bus trip
has been cancelled.

Presider's Intentions

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

Monday, April 9

8:30 AM (SJ) Bill Williams

Tuesday, April 10

8:30 AM (SR) George Shestock

Wednesday, April 11

8:30 AM (SJ) Madeline Toner

Thursday, April 12

8:30 AM (SJ) Patricia Buckalew

Friday, April 13

8:30 AM (SJ) Joseph Jannicelli, Jr.

Saturday, April 14

8:00 PM (SJ) Rev. Msgr. Kelley's Intentions

Sunday, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM (SJ) Madeline Toner

9:30 AM (SJ) Robert Connor

11:30 AM (SJ) Benjamin Gonzales, Jr.

2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR) Theresa Okonowicz

9:30 AM (SR)

4:00 PM (SFX) Irene Wiley Bryk

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE

Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier in Warwick, Maryland next Sunday, April 15th at 4:00 PM. If you have not had the opportunity to visit this historic church, consider joining us for this liturgy. You'll be glad you did!

***The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for April 15, 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter***

First Reading: *Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

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

Second Reading: *1 John 2:1-5a*

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. - The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Gospel: *Luke 24:35-48*

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
15 de April de 2018
III Domingo de Pascua

Primera Lectura: *Hechos 3, 13-15. 17-19*

En aquellos días, Pedro tomó la palabra y dijo: "El Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob, el Dios de nuestros padres, ha glorificado a su siervo Jesús, a quien ustedes entregaron a Pilato, y a quien rechazaron en su presencia, cuando él ya había decidido ponerlo en libertad. Rechazaron al santo, al justo, y pidieron el indulto de un asesino; han dado muerte al autor de la vida, pero Dios lo resucitó de entre los muertos y de ello nosotros somos testigos. Ahora bien, hermanos, yo sé que ustedes han obrado por ignorancia, de la misma manera que sus jefes; pero Dios cumplió así lo que había predicho por boca de los profetas: que su Mesías tenía que padecer. Por lo tanto, arrepíentanse y conviértanse, para que se les perdonen sus pecados".

Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 4, 2. 7. 9*

Segunda Lectura: *1 Juan 2, 1-5a*

Hijitos míos: Les escribo esto para que no pequen. Pero, si alguien peca, tenemos como intercesor ante el Padre, a Jesucristo, el justo. Porque él se ofreció como víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados, y no sólo por los nuestros, sino por los del mundo entero.

En esto tenemos una prueba de que conocemos a Dios, en que cumplimos sus mandamientos. El que dice: "Yo lo conozco", pero no cumple sus mandamientos, es un mentiroso y la verdad no está en él. Pero en aquel que cumple su palabra, el amor de Dios ha llegado a su plenitud, y precisamente en esto conocemos que estamos unidos a él.

Evangelio: *Lucas 24, 35-48*

Cuando los dos discípulos regresaron de Emaús y llegaron al sitio donde estaban reunidos los apóstoles, les contaron lo que les había pasado en el camino y cómo habían reconocido a Jesús al partir el pan. Mientras hablaban de esas cosas, se presentó Jesús en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Ellos, desconcertados y llenos de temor, creían ver un fantasma. Pero él les dijo: "No teman; soy yo. ¿Por qué se espantan? ¿Por qué surgen dudas en su interior? Miren mis manos y mis pies. Soy yo en persona. Tóquenme y convéncense: un fantasma no tiene ni carne ni huesos, como ven que tengo yo". Y les mostró las manos y los pies. Pero como ellos no acababan de creer de pura alegría y seguían atónitos, les dijo: "¿Tienen aquí algo de comer?" Le ofrecieron un trozo de pescado asado; él lo tomó y se puso a comer delante de ellos. Después les dijo: "Lo que ha sucedido es aquello de que les hablaba yo, cuando aún estaba con ustedes: que tenía que cumplirse todo lo que estaba escrito de mí en la ley de Moisés, en los profetas y en los salmos". Entonces les abrió el entendimiento para que comprendieran las Escrituras y les dijo: "Está escrito que el Mesías tenía que padecer y había de resucitar de entre los muertos al tercer día, y que en su nombre se había de predicar a todas las naciones, comenzando por Jerusalén, la necesidad de volverse a Dios para el perdón de los pecados. Ustedes son testigos de esto".

Stewardship

The kindness of this Parish continues to amaze and inspire. Thank you to all who generously donated to the Rice Bowl Collection. What a wonderful way to involve the entire family during the Lenten season in the form of almsgiving. Monies collected through this program not only benefit our local community but support our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Thank you!

The offertory collection for March 25 was \$14,693. Last weekend's collection was \$17,403. The Operation Rice Bowl collection was \$3,383. The Easter Collection was \$14,572. The Holy Land Shrine collection was \$1,439.

The Finance Council

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.

Team 1 will clean on Thursday, April 12, 2018

Joanne Russell, Captain

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| 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.

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.

Thank You

Willey Farms

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.

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.



CEMETERY NEWS

As we celebrate the wonderful Resurrection of our Lord, we would ask you to please follow our rules and regulations for grave decorations: No glass containers, lights, windmills or digging holes in the sod to hold containers, potted plants or vases. Also, no crosses are to be hammered into the ground as they constitute a potential safety hazard to cemetery visitors and workers and weaken the headstone foundations. Please do not leave anything that has sentimental value on a headstone as the cemetery staff is not responsible for items that are discarded or taken. Thank you for your cooperation. Any questions, please contact either Marla Dill-Palmer (Old Bo) 302-378-5410 or Bette Luzetsky (St Rose) at 410-885-5403.

Parish Life

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Stephen Flood, Larry Thompson, The Huff family, the Copleys family, the Atallians family, the Stajkowski family, 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, Joel Rivera, Andrew Tomaino, Ronald McGrath, Jim Barrett, Karen Weis, 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, 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 **Edward W. Russell & Martha Williams** and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



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Facebook



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!

Breakfast

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast next Sunday, April 8th 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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL



The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 26th at 7:00pm in Room 2. Please join us. We welcome everyone's opinions and ideas as we continue to plan for our 20th anniversary. 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!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to several of our students including Gabe Resto, Ana Somerday, Helena Somerday, Olivia Booton, Olivia Cameron, Connor Bosco, and Max Negrete, that very generously donated their time and talent Easter Sunday morning to help host the annual parish Easter Egg hunts. Thank you to Session F 7th and 8th grade religious education students that filled over 1,100 eggs. The Easter Bunny (aka Olivia Booton and Ana Somerday) looks forwards to seeing you all next year!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 9

- 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 RCIA in Room 2
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts in Room 4
- 8:00 PM Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, April 10

- 8:30 AM Mass - SRC
- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl in Room 2
- 7:00 PM Pastoral Council in Room 3
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts in Parish Complex

Wednesday, April 11

- 8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
- 9:30 AM Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7
- 9:30 AM ESL In Rooms 3 & 6
- 6:00 PM Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition
in Room 3
- 6:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble
in St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church

Thursday, April 12

- 8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts in Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Liturgy Monthly Meeting in Room 3
- 8:00 PM Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Friday, April 13

- 8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church

Saturday, April 14

- 8:00 AM Mulch Fund Raiser Office Parking Lot
- 3:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
in St. Joseph Church
- 4:00 PM Confessions in St. Joseph Church
- 5:00 PM Event at St. Rose Hall

Sunday, April 15

- 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
in St. Joseph Church Conference Room
- 2:00 PM Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Church
- 4:00 PM Mass in St Francis Xavier/Old Bohemia

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA!

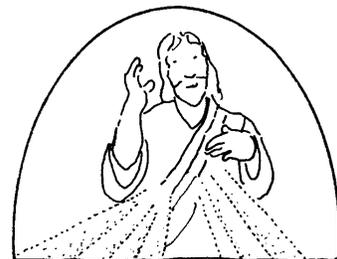
Los formularios de inscripción para la Educación Religiosa y los sacramentos de Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación estarán disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia, www.stjosephmiddletown.com, **el 1 de marzo**. Los registros de educación religiosa son aceptados de los feligreses registrados 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.

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

The following is the children's liturgy schedule:

April 15, 22, 29

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

On March 25, we received \$233.15 & last weekend we received \$266.55 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. Last weekend we received \$23 from the Poor Box at St. Rose. Thank you for continuing to assist those in need.

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

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly canned goods collection to replenish the shelves at the food pantry. Canned goods may be brought to either St. Joseph or St. Rose church. Your donations are taken to the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association for distribution.

CCEA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

This weekend is our food collection to replenish the shelves at the food pantry. The collection may be brought to either St. Joseph or St. Rose church. Your donations are taken to the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association for distribution.

Items needed:

Condiments*: Mustard, mayo, salad dressings

Meats/Fish(canned)*: Chicken, ham, beef, pork, Vienna sausages, Spam or Treet, corned beef hash, corned beef, tuna, salmon

Peanut Butter & Jelly*: Medium to large family sizes (12 oz or larger)

Soup: Canned soups and Ramen noodle soups- all varieties

Vegetables (canned): Potatoes, Spinach, Peas, Tomatoes, Beets

Personal Care: Toothpaste, Shampoo and Conditioner, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent,

Toilet Paper, **Soap**

Snack Items: Popcorn (microwave or regular

*Items are either low or out of stock.

ELKTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Our next date to serve at the Elkton Community Kitchen is Friday April 13. We are planning a menu of Chili, White Rice, Rolls with Butter, Fresh Tossed Salad with Dressing, Fresh Fruit, & Desserts. We are in need of volunteers for the month of April. Please let Linda Ziegler know if you are able to give about 3 hours on April 13 or are able to donate for the menu. You may respond to 908-216-4224 or LMRZIEGLER@VERIZON.NET. We thank all our volunteers for your support of this ministry which is feeding so many.

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.

Christian Formation

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.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

We are studying the book of Revelations. If anyone would like to join us, 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

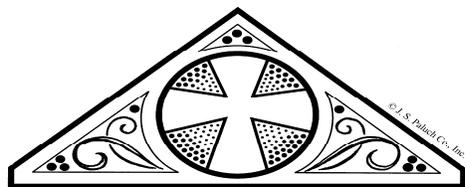


Many today do not believe Jesus was God. Good teacher, moralist, prophet, holy man, maybe. Certainly in the 1st century many did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah and rejected the claim also. In the kiosk in the Gathering Space is the book “The Case for Jesus” by Brant Pitre, an authority on the Jewish roots of our Catholic Faith. Dr. Pitre

makes a strong case using research and the Scriptures to show the Catholic Church is correct in teaching that Jesus was indeed God, God in the flesh, come to earth. Check the kiosk for this and other books and CDs. Enrich your understanding of the teachings of the Church.

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

Every sacramental act is an encounter with the Divine Mercy! Pray for our priests and deacons who minister through those encounters; ask God to bless our Diocese with more of them! And if you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to the diaconate, 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

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.

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, April 15th, tune in to meet Father Peter Zwaans, a priest of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, and learn about the Church in Southern Australia. 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.

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Jesus and the Father are one.

John 10: 30, (Jesus) “The Father and I are one.”

John 12: 49, “Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.”

John 14: 9, “.....Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

John 17: 20, 21, “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

(Quotes from NAB-RE)

Around the Diocese

COME AND CELEBRATE!

The 15th Anniversary of our Diocesan Global Solidarity Partnership with the Diocese of San Marcos Guatemala, Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Schaefer's Canal House, Chesapeake City, MD. Mass is at 3:00pm. Dinner and Entertainment: 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$35.00 per person pre purchase only
Contact Joan McConnell 302-333-4227
mcconnell.joanm@gmail.com or Lynne Ewing 410-648-5283 esollynne@yahoo.com

HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS

As part of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th Anniversary celebration, the Old Bohemia Historical Society (OBHS) invites visitors to explore the first church in the diocese, St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia). The buildings will open the first Saturday of every month beginning April 7, 2018 through March 2, 2019 for the Diocesan Historic Churches Pilgrimage. Guided tours will be offered at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. The rectory museum and graveyard will be accessible for individual inspection and study. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. At 11 a.m., Mass will be celebrated in the historic church. A first-class relic of St. Francis Xavier will be displayed for veneration after most services. The Old Bohemia Historical Society, begun by a Catholic, a Quaker and a Methodist in 1954, bought the property's core 120 acres and now maintains the site. No money is received from the Diocese of Wilmington or any other agency or religious order to assist with the upkeep of the properties. Income is generated from the collection at the five-yearly Masses at the church, fundraisers such as the Big Sale (May 19, 2018), membership dues, and donations from benefactors. Annual membership in the Society is \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a family. The church is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and is located at 1699 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912.

SAINT THOMAS MORE'S 2018 FOREVERMORE ANNUAL GALA & SILENT AUCTION

Saint Thomas More's 2018 ForeverMORE Annual Gala & Silent Auction "Venetian Masquerade" is on April 21, 2018 from 6-10pm. All proceeds raised will go towards Student Scholarships. It includes Italian Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts, Live & Silent Auction, Alcoholic/Non Alcoholic Drinks, Dancing, 50/50 Raffle – Need not be present to Win.
For Tickets & Pricing: Call 302-697-8100 or email office@saintmore.org

WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERTS

Spring is in the air! Soon also will be the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble Spring 2018 concerts with our first concert on April 29. We are excited to be offering a fun-filled repertoire featuring such old favorites as *The Magnificent Seven*, *The Glenn Miller Story*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Star Wars* and more! For more information visit
www.wilmingtonhandbellensemble.org

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Let us Rejoice in the Lord! Our Diocese is 150 years old! For video highlights of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th Anniversary Opening Mass, a calendar of coming events, information about our Historic Churches Pilgrimage Program, *Convocation 150* coming on November 3rd, links, videos, podcasts, and more, go to www.cdow.org/150th. Also, follow all the action on social media at www.facebook.com/cdow150th, and @CDOW150th on Twitter and Instagram.

ALL CATHOLIC RADIO

All Catholic Radio is just a click away on your AM radio. Relevant Radio, 640 on the AM dial provides all day informative Catholic content, mostly in a talk radio format. You can also stream the programs with a Relevant Radio app; just download to your mobile phone or computer. Programs include, "Morning Air," "The Patrick Madrid Show," "Go Ask Your Father," "The Drew Mariani Show," "Father Simon Says," and others, including Rosaries and Mass. All content is seriously Catholic. Get more information at relevantradio.com

55+ VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Learn how 3 interconnected crises (the opioid epidemic, homelessness and disconnected youth) are impacting Cecil Count. Receive skills training (leadership development, problem-solving, team-building). Create and implement responses to the issues through self-directed group projects. Weekly 3 hour sessions for 6 weeks (May 3rd—June 7th). For more information or to request an application, please contact Krista Gilmore at 410-996-8416 or kgilmore@ccgov.org