

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

SIXTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY 6, 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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GENERAL INFORMATION

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371 E. Main Street

Middletown, DE 19709

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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



**WE CONGRATULATE THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE
RECEIVED THE BODY AND BLOOD
OF THE LORD FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN HOLY COMMUNION**



Connor Alvarez
Kaley Arrowsmith
Gia Benson
Liam Breslin
Isabella Ciccone
Balfre Damaso
Ryan Delaney
Morgan Fink
Jackson Gable
Cooper Hinton
Elliot Jacob
Matthew Johnstone
Abigail Kelley
Gavin Logullo
Alexandra Mazzio
Alaina Mullins
Samantha Opalach
Aidan Perrucci
Charles Powell
Kenneth Rivada
Grace Shelley
Brayden Stafford
Reagan Unruh
Jake Wojcik
Miguel Zavala

Rachel Aquino
Angie Aguilera
Lila Benson
Nicolas Caselles
Cameron Conway
Wilver Damaso
Kara Diffendall
Payton Fink
Abisai Garcia
Karsyn Hope
Grace Johnson
Ismael Juarez
Matylda Kulon
Olivia Maiese
Luis Medina
Marissa Mullins
Felicity Ortiz
Ava Perrucci
William Proud
Riley Robino
Michael Siddons
Nathan Suto-O'Neill
Derek Vega
Logan Workman
Christopher Zigler

Corey Arrowsmith
Carter Bailey
Layne Breslin
Yael Castaneda
Matthew Criswell
Kendall Davis
Stephen Evans
Spencer Flayhart
Beckett Grimm
Jordan Jackson
Savannah Johnson
Brady Kahley
Isabella Linsmeier
Briana Manzo
Luke Mezger
Gabrielle Nietubicz
Justin Pajanel
Brian Pietlock
Sophie Reiling
Madeline Scruggs
Allison Smith
Victoria Torrealba
Madelynn Whitman
Gianna Zackowski



Liturgy Notes

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

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear good fruit." As followers of Christ, we must act faithfully to reach out to others. As Christ committed his life to keeping the Father's commandments and remaining in His love, so we must remain in his love by loving one another in our service to all.

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to our diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$122,000. Due to your generosity our parish pledges are at \$95,248 which is 78% of our goal of \$122,000. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. No gift is too small to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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



2018 LA CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA ANUAL

"Yo soy el buen pastor". Un buen pastor da su vida por las ovejas".

Todos son bienvenidos al rebaño por Jesús. Como seguidores de Cristo, nosotros también debemos actuar fielmente para acercarnos a los demás. Como Cristo comprometió su vida a ser el "único pastor", nosotros también debemos comprometernos a brindar servicio a todos.

Gracias a todos los que hicieron una donación a la Campaña Católica Anual diocesana. Si aún no ha participado, considere hacerlo la próxima vez que repartimos los sobres. Su donación hace una verdadera diferencia en las vidas de miles de personas y familias que residen dentro de nuestra diócesis de 12 condados. Los sobres están disponibles en los bancos y pueden colocarse en las canastas del ofertorio. Gracias por tu generosidad y apoyo.

Para obtener más información sobre la Campaña Católica Anual, visite www.cdown.org; haga clic en "Dar" y luego en "Campaña Católica Anual".

Presider's Intentions

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

Monday, May 7

8:30 AM (SJ) Brandon Austin

Tuesday, May 8

8:30 AM (SR) Stephen Hayes

10:00 AM (BM)

Wednesday, May 9

8:30 AM (SJ) Claire Fisher

Thursday, May 10 *The Ascension of the Lord*

8:30 AM (SJ) Nick Ciranni

Friday, May 11

8:30 AM (SJ) Ralph & Alice Zurlo

Saturday, May 12

5:00 PM (SJ) All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 13 *The Ascension of the Lord*

7:30 AM (SJ) All Mothers Living & Deceased

9:30 AM (SJ) All Mothers Living & Deceased

11:30 AM (SJ) All Mothers Living & Deceased

2:00 PM (SJ) All Mothers Living & Deceased

8:00 AM (SR) All Mothers Living & Deceased

9:30 AM (SR) All Mothers Living & Deceased

RECEPTION FOR FATHER BRADY

Please join us on Saturday, May 12, after the 5:00PM mass in the Parish Hall, to thank Fr. Brady and wish him well as he begins his new journey. Light refreshments will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Congratulations to those children that received First Eucharist this Saturday and Sunday here at St. Joseph Parish. Special thanks to Mrs. Ketzner for putting together our First Communion banner kits, to the Knights of Columbus for the beautiful rosary that was given to each child, and to the Columbiettes for graciously including a prayer card and rosary how-to booklet for each First Communicant.

***The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for May 13, 2018
The Ascension of the Lord***

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it says: He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men. What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with

their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
13 de Mayo de 2018
Ascensión Del Señor***

Primera Lectura: Hechos 1, 1-11

En mi primer libro, querido Teófilo, escribí acerca de todo lo que Jesús hizo y enseñó, hasta el día en que ascendió al cielo, después de dar sus instrucciones, por medio del Espíritu Santo, a los apóstoles que había elegido. A ellos se les apareció después de la pasión, les dio numerosas pruebas de que estaba vivo y durante cuarenta días se dejó ver por ellos y les habló del Reino de Dios. Un día, estando con ellos a la mesa, les mandó: "No se alejen de Jerusalén. Aguarden aquí a que se cumpla la promesa de mi Padre, de la que ya les he hablado: Juan bautizó con agua; dentro de pocos días ustedes serán bautizados con el Espíritu Santo". Los ahí reunidos le preguntaban: "Señor, ¿ahora sí vas a restablecer la soberanía de Israel?" Jesús les contestó: "A ustedes no les toca conocer el tiempo y la hora que el Padre ha determinado con su autoridad; pero cuando el Espíritu Santo descienda sobre ustedes, los llenará de fortaleza y serán mis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaria y hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra". Dicho esto, se fue elevando a la vista de ellos, hasta que una nube lo ocultó a sus ojos. Mientras miraban fijamente al cielo, viéndolo alejarse, se les presentaron dos hombres vestidos de blanco, que les dijeron: "Galileos, ¿qué hacen allí parados, mirando al cielo? Ese mismo Jesús que los ha dejado para subir al cielo, volverá como lo han visto alejarse".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 1, 17-23

Hermanos: Pido al Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de la gloria, que les conceda espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación para conocerlo. Le pido que les ilumine la mente para que comprendan cuál es la esperanza que les da su llamamiento, cuán gloriosa y rica es la herencia que Dios da a los que son suyos y cuál la extraordinaria grandeza de su poder para con nosotros, los que confiamos en él, por la eficacia de su fuerza poderosa. Con esta fuerza resucitó a Cristo de entre los muertos y lo hizo sentar a su derecha en el cielo, por encima de todos los ángeles, principados, potestades, virtudes y dominaciones, y por encima de cualquier persona, no sólo del mundo actual sino también del futuro. Todo lo puso bajo sus pies y a él mismo lo constituyó cabeza suprema de la Iglesia, que es su cuerpo, y la plenitud del que lo consuma todo en todo.

Evangelio: Marcos 16, 15-20

En aquel tiempo, se apareció Jesús a los Once y les dijo: “Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda creatura. El que crea y se bautice, se salvará; el que se resista a creer, será ondenado. Éstos son los milagros que acompañarán a los que hayan creído: arrojarán demonios en mi nombre, hablarán lenguas nuevas, cogerán serpientes en sus manos, y si beben un veneno mortal, no les hará daño; impondrán las manos a los enfermos y éstos quedarán sanos”. El Señor Jesús, después de hablarles, subió al cielo y está sentado a la derecha de Dios. Ellos fueron y proclamaron el Evangelio por todas partes, y el Señor actuaba con ellos y confirmaba su predicación con los milagros que hacían.

Stewardship

Last weekend’s offertory collection was \$10,738. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

The Finance Council

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 4 will clean on Thursday, May 3

Loretta Williams, Captain

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| 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.

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

SilverTone Med Plans

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.

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.

SERVING ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Are you interested in serving your Parish as a member of the Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council is looking for two additional members to serve a 3 year term. Benefits include a feeling of satisfaction for helping your parish in this ministry.

If more than 2 nominations are received, an election will be held in May. If you are nominating another individual, please ensure the individual is aware of your nomination.

Any lay person is eligible for election to the Council who is fully-initiated and practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church, and free of any canonical impediment affecting full participation in the life of the Church; and who has attained the age of 18 years by the date of elections; and who is a registered member of the parish.

If interested in this opportunity, please send an email to Tom Kane (skeet425@verizon.net) and Erin Marchlik (erinmarchlik@gmail.com) by May 1st.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



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!

Parish Life

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Daisy Pabon, Terrie Dunn, Joan Huhn, Connie Beardsley, and Shelly DiPietrapaul.*

***Please note we have removed everyone's name who did not contact us. If you would still like to have your name on our sick list please call and let us know.**

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 **Felix Rutkoske** and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



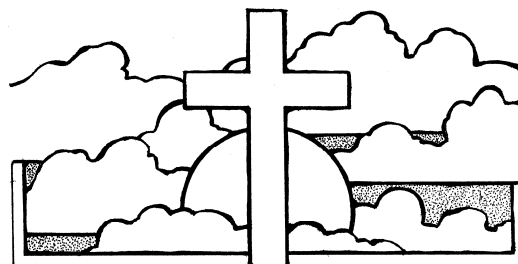
*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Once again this summer our parish will alter its Mass schedule for the summer months. As with many parishes in New Castle County, many of our parishioners are able to take time for vacation and recreation. The summer months take a toll in terms of numbers in attendance and that, in turn, affects the overall celebration of liturgy. **Beginning Sunday, May 27, liturgies at St. Joseph Church will be celebrated at 8:30am and 10:30am.** This schedule, beginning on Memorial Day weekend will continue through Sunday of Labor Day weekend (September 2). There is no change in the schedule for St. Rose or for Confessions and the Saturday evening liturgy (4:00 and 5:00pm respectively).

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Happy Spring from the Cemetery Committee! Over the past few years, we've noticed quite a few American flags that have been scattered across the cemetery. Although not uncommon given the weather conditions at Old Bo, we feel that out of respect for the American flag, they will only be permitted from Memorial Day through July 5th. After that date, we will be removing them. Likewise, those flags that have become tattered or broken during those dates will be removed and taken to the Veteran's Cemetery for proper disposal.



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PARENTING POINTERS

Previously, I challenged families to unplug for a day. Whether you did this or not, ask your family if they are willing to free themselves of digital devices (with the exception of work or school) for one full week. Experiment with human or outdoor entertainment.

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Previamente, desafíe a las familias a desconectarse por un día. Ya sea que lo hayas hecho o no, pregúntale a tu familia si están dispuestos a liberarse de los dispositivos digitales (con la excepción del trabajo o la escuela) durante una semana completa. Experimenta con entretenimiento humano o al aire libre.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Christians celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven 40 days after Easter. But what does it mean to ascend into heaven? What does it mean to watch a beloved spouse leave for another life after death? These are heavy things to ponder. Talk with your beloved about what you believe about an afterlife.

MOMENTOS DE MATRIMONIO

Los cristianos celebran la ascensión de Jesús al cielo 40 días después de la Pascua. Pero, ¿qué significa ascender al cielo? ¿Qué significa ver a un amado esposo partir para otra vida después de la muerte? Estas son cosas pesadas para considerar. Habla con tu amado sobre lo que crees sobre una vida futura.

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.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 24th 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!

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.

FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER AT APPLEBEE'S



A Flapjack Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 8 am to 10 am at Applebee's, 320 Dove Run Centre Blvd, Middletown. The unlimited buffet includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. A gift basket raffle will also be held during the event. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit The Old Bohemia Historical Society whose mission is to restore and maintain St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD. The breakfast is made possible through the generosity of Applebee's. To purchase tickets, please call Kathy Ursitti at 302.530.9206 or send an email to OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door during the event. Contact: Clarice Kwasnieski at 302.545.2126 or OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, May 7

8:30 AM Mass - SJC
9:30 AM ESL Rm 3/6
10:00 AM Counters - Rm 2
11:30 AM Appoquinimink High School Testing in
Parish Hall
6:00 PM Brownies Troop 1092 in Room 1
7:00 PM Liturgy Monthly Meeting 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 Rms. 5 & 7

Tuesday, May 8

8:00 AM Administrators Meeting for Catholic
Schools in Parish Hall
8:30 AM Mass in 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 Parish Complex

Wednesday, May 9

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, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church

Saturday, May 12

10:00 AM Lector Formation in St. Joseph Church
3:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
in St. Joseph Church
4:00 PM Confessions in St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 13

2:00 PM Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Church

CLASES DE INGLÉS

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

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

Last weekend we received \$165.70 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph & we received \$41.00 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.

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-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.

OUR DAILY BREAD FUNDRAISER

We are having a Remarlé Natural Skin Care fundraiser with a local artist. 40% of the sales goes towards ODB. It is on Friday, May 11th from 4 to 8 pm at the ODB dining room, 214 North Broad St., Middletown. If you are unable to attend the event, you can order at www.remarlellc.com. Use coupon code "ODB" at checkout, so ODB gets credit for your order.



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RCIA



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program is designed to help Inquirers on their faith journey. If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Tim Enright, 302-378-5800, ext. 119, or tenright@stjosephmiddletown.com.

RCIA

LETTER OF EXPERIENCE

My relationship with God is stronger and more personal than ever. It was and is a period of enlightenment and just the beginning of an amazing journey that I am so blessed to have experienced. I give thanks to the knowledge and dedication of my personal sponsor, the team of sponsors, RCIA support team, Monsignor, Father and the Deacons at St. Joseph Church who all came together to guide me.

Corey Maiorino

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 6:00pm. 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.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells His disciples "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Each disciple – every person called to new life through the waters of baptism – has a special role to play in the Kingdom of God. What is Jesus' plan for you? Is He inviting you to priesthood? to the diaconate? to the religious life? What steps are you taking to sort it all out? 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.cdown.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, May 13th, tune in to meet the winners of this year's Knights of Columbus Vocations Essay Contest and hear them present their winning essays. 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



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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.

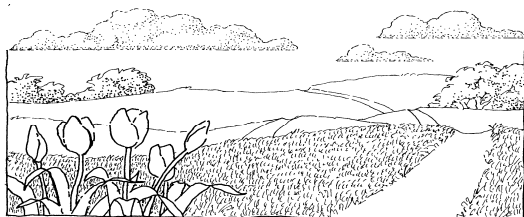
Around the Diocese

CREATING YOUR EXIT PLAN IN LIGHT OF THE NEW TAX CODE

May 16, 6:30-8:30pm: Creating Your Exit Plan in Light of the New Tax Code, sponsored by St. John the Baptist-Holy Angels Parish. What should be included as I develop my own plan for exiting life as I know it today, either by death or inability to care for myself? Is there a way to reduce taxes? Come find the answers to these and other questions. The event is free but space is limited so registration is required. 302-731-2200 or phyllis510@comcast.net. Held in the Joan Muzzi Athletic Building, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711.

GET CONNECTED TO RESOURCES TO HELP YOU AGE IN PLACE AT HOME:

Presented by Saint Francis LIFE, Griswold Home Care and Delaware Hospice on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 10 AM in St. Helena's Masci Hall (old school building at 210 Bellefonte Ave). Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by St. Helena's Parish Social Ministry. For additional information, please call 302-0325 x104



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TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND: THE STORY OF JESUS

Brother Vincent Columbiettes is sponsoring a trip to: Sight & Sound (The Story of Jesus) on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. This is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey as Jesus befriends outcasts and heals the hurting; he challenges social norms, confronts hypocrisy, sets sail with fishermen, reasons with religious scholars and the lives he touches will never be the same! From the streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, there's no place—and no person—that his love can't reach. It costs \$100 which includes: Bus Fare from St. Polycarp Church, Ransom Lane, Smyrna, DE, 11:00 a.m. Show, Lunch After the Show at 2:15. The bus leaves 8:00 a.m. from South Street parking lot and returns approximately 5:00 p.m. Please address checks to: Judith Lahey, 1503 Wheatleys Pond Rd., Smyrna, DE 19977

HOLY FAMILY PARISH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Holy Family Parish in Newark Delaware is registering for castaways to join us at our Vacation Bible School "ShipWrecked" June 18-22. Cost is \$50 for in parish and \$60 out of parish for children age 3 through Grade 5 (in fall). Register online at www.holyfamilynewark.org/religious.php Questions you can email RGarland@holyfamilynewark.org or call 302-2368-8976.

LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL?

Join Mgrs. Hopkins and St. Margaret of Scotland parish members on an adventure to sunny Portugal. Discover ancient castles, Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and kind, gentle people. When? October 5 through October 14, 2018. For more information, call Chris Linsner at 302-832-1488. Hurry, seats are limited and filling fast.

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.cdown.org/150th. Also, follow all the action on social media at www.facebook.com/cdown150th, and @CDOW150th on Twitter and Instagram.

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