

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



*Saint Joseph Church*

371 East Main Street  
Middletown, Delaware

THE ASCENSION OF  
THE LORD

MAY 13, 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

E-mail: [vbenn@stjosephmiddletown.com](mailto:vbenn@stjosephmiddletown.com)

Website: [www.stjosephmiddletown.com](http://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](http://www.christtheteacher.org)

Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

## Liturgy Notes

### THANK YOU

Once again, I would like to thank Msgr. Kelley, the staff and all of you, parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Rose, for a wonderful 3 years. All of you have made my transition into the Diocese easy and made me feel at home. Pray for me as I will keep all of you in my prayers. Thank You and God Bless all of you.

*Fr. Brady*



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

In today's Epistle St. Paul challenges us "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." As followers of Christ, we must act faithfully to reach out to others. As Christ committed his life to keeping the will of the Father, so we must continue his work of ministry building up the body of Christ.

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 \$97,503 which is 80% 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.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal".

### Presider's Intentions

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

**Monday, May 14** *St. Matthias*  
8:30 AM (SJ) Lisa Marshall

**Tuesday, May 15** *St. Isidore*  
8:30 AM (SR) George Shestock

**Wednesday, May 16**  
8:30 AM (SJ) Claire Fisher

**Thursday, May 17**  
8:30 AM (SJ) Charles Lekites

**Friday, May 18** *St. John I*  
8:30 AM (SJ) Charles Lekites

**Saturday, May 19**  
5:00 PM (SJ) Craig Catalano

**Sunday, May 20** *Pentecost Sunday*

7:30 AM (SJ) Sarah Robinson

9:30 AM (SJ) Carl Sytnik

11:30 AM (SJ) Thomas Corcoran, Sr.

2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR) Marguerite Teresa Richardson

9:30 AM (SR) Mary McNelis

### 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. Confessions and the Saturday evening liturgy (4:00 and 5:00pm respectively) remain the same.

***The Word in Our Lives:  
Readings for May 20, 2018  
Pentecost Sunday***

**First Reading: *Acts 2:1-11***

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

**Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34***

**Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13***

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**Gospel: *John 20:19-23***

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:***  
***13 de Mayo de 2018***  
***Domingo De Pentecostés***

**Primera Lectura: *Hechos 2, 1-11***

El día de Pentecostés, todos los discípulos estaban reunidos en un mismo lugar. De repente se oyó un gran ruido que venía del cielo, como cuando sopla un viento fuerte, que resonó por toda la casa donde se encontraban. Entonces aparecieron lenguas de fuego, que se distribuyeron y se posaron sobre ellos; se llenaron todos del Espíritu Santo y empezaron a hablar en otros idiomas, según el Espíritu los inducía a expresarse.

En esos días había en Jerusalén judíos devotos, venidos de todas partes del mundo. Al oír el ruido, acudieron en masa y quedaron desconcertados, porque cada uno los oía hablar en su propio idioma. Atónitos y llenos de admiración, preguntaban: "¿No son galileos, todos estos que están hablando? ¿Cómo, pues, los oímos hablar en nuestra lengua nativa? Entre nosotros hay medos, partos y elamitas; otros vivimos en Mesopotamia, Judea, Capadocia, en el Ponto y en Asia, en Frigia y en Panfilia, en Egipto o en la zona de Libia que limita con Cirene. Algunos somos visitantes, venidos de Roma, judíos y prosélitos; también hay cretenses y árabes. Y sin embargo, cada quien los oye hablar de las maravillas de Dios en su propia lengua".

**Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 103, 1ab y 24ac. 29bc-30. 31 y 34***

**Segunda Lectura: *1 Corintios 12, 3b-7. 12-13***

Hermanos: Nadie puede llamar a Jesús "Señor", si no es bajo la acción del Espíritu Santo. Hay diferentes dones, pero el Espíritu es el mismo. Hay diferentes servicios, pero el Señor es el mismo. Hay diferentes actividades, pero Dios, que hace todo en todos, es el mismo. En cada uno se manifiesta el Espíritu para el bien común.

Porque así como el cuerpo es uno y tiene muchos miembros y todos ellos, a pesar de ser muchos, forman un solo cuerpo, así también es Cristo. Porque todos nosotros, seamos judíos o no judíos, esclavos o libres, hemos sido bautizados en un mismo Espíritu para formar un solo cuerpo, y a todos se nos ha dado a beber del mismo Espíritu.

**Evangelio: *Juan 20, 19-23***

Al anochecer del día de la resurrección, estando cerradas las puertas de la casa donde se hallaban los discípulos, por miedo a los judíos, se presentó Jesús en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado.

Cuando los discípulos vieron al Señor, se llenaron de alegría. De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo".

Después de decir esto, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: "Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A los que les perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados; y a los que no se los perdonen, les quedarán sin perdonar".



## Stewardship

Last weekend's offertory collection was \$13,510. The Debt Collection was \$2,931. 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 2 will clean on Thursday, May 17

#### Loretta Williams, Captain

Pat McTiernan	Anthony Davies
Shirley Stafford	Peggie Calvani
Ellie Collins	Karen Headley
Ed Fitzgerald	Kathy Ursitti
Arleen Lyons	Marlene & Jim Jacono
Susan Hogan	Joe Ruff
Ella Garvine	Joanne Russell
Audrey Taylor	Doris Dill
Luciana Mufuka	Silvana Sposanto
Rose Kossick	Loan Moquin

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

## Thank You

*Promise Pest Control*

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.

### 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.

# Breakfast

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast next Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); haga clic en "Dar" y luego en "Campaña Católica Anual".

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK

 Like us on  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!

## Parish Life

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Joseph Nelson, Joyce Storey, Andrew Tonaino, Antonio Vigorito, Kevin O'Connor, 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 **Joseph P. Guarino and Catherine Watson** and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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

### MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE

Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Church (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD on Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 pm. Fr. G. Ronald Murphy, S.J., Professor of German at Georgetown University, will be the celebrant. At 3:30 pm, Fr. Murphy will give a talk on how he located the iron cross that historians believe came to Maryland from England with the first settlers in 1634 and was used at Bohemia Manor, the school established at the Bohemia Mission. The cross was incorporated into the ambo created for the first Mass celebrated in the United States by Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope.

Mass will also be celebrated on Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am.

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

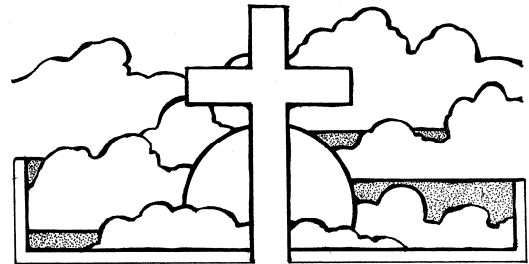
Happy Spring from the Cemetery Committee! Over the past few years, we've noticed quite a few American flags that have been scattered across the cemetery. Although not uncommon given the weather conditions at Old Bo, we feel that out of respect for the American flag, they will only be permitted from Memorial Day through July 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### PARENTING POINTERS

Today is Mother's Day. What does it mean to be a mother? Does it mean to give birth? That's only one day. If your children are old enough, brainstorm with them things that a good mother does.

### PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Hoy es el día de las madres. ¿Qué significa ser madre? ¿Significa dar a luz? Eso es solo un día. Si tus hijos son lo suficientemente mayores, intercambia ideas con ellos sobre lo que hace una buena madre.



### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Complaining can poison your marriage. Sure, there are times when your spouse does something you don't like and you should honestly share that. Other times you may just want to vent. Occasional complaining is OK, but repetitive or more than once a day can be hard to accept.

### MOMENTOS DE MATRIMONIO

Quejarse puede envenenar su matrimonio. Claro, hay momentos en que su cónyuge hace algo que no le gusta y honestamente debe compartir eso. En otras ocasiones, es posible que desee desahogarse. Las quejas ocasionales están bien, pero repetitivo o más de una vez al día puede ser difícil de aceptar.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

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

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

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

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

## NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA!

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

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

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



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!**

## 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.

## VOCATIONS REFLECTION

Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, strengthening our hope of being with God for eternity. Priests and religious bear witness to that hope through vows and promises of consecration. Is God calling you to live your life that way? If you think so, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/Vocations](http://www.cdow.org/Vocations)

## ***This Week in Our Parish***

### **Monday, May 14**

- 8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church  
9:30 AM English as a Second Language  
in Rooms 3 & 6  
12:00 PM 55+ Group in Parish Hall 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, May 15**

- 8:30 AM Mass in St. Rose Church  
6:30 PM Columbiettes Meetings in Rooms 5 & 7  
7:00 PM Cub Scouts in Rooms 1-4, 6 & Parish Hall

### **Wednesday, May 16**

- 7:30 AM Appoquinimink High School Testing  
in Parish Hall  
8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church  
9:30 AM Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7  
9:30 AM English as a Second Language  
in Rooms 3 & 6  
6:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church  
6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble  
in St. Joseph Church  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting in Room 3  
7:00 PM Christian Formation Committee in Room 1

### **Thursday, May 17**

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

### **Friday, May 18**

- 8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church  
5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church

### **Saturday, May 19**

- 9:00 AM Diocesan Youth Ministry Training  
in Parish Hall  
10:00 AM Lector Formation in St. Joseph Church  
1:00 PM Wedding in St. Joseph Church  
4:00 PM Confessions in St. Joseph Church  
5:00 PM Mass in St. Joseph Church

### **Sunday, May 20**

- 8:00 AM Knights Of Columbus Breakfast  
in St. Rose Hall  
2:00 PM Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Church  
4:00 PM Mass in St Francis Xavier/Old Bohemia

## ***Social Concerns***

### **MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED**

Last weekend we received \$138.15 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph & we received \$26.00 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**

### **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](mailto:ourdailybread.2016@gmail.com) or call 302-285-9540. Our Daily Bread is located at 214 North Broad Street, Middletown.

### **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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

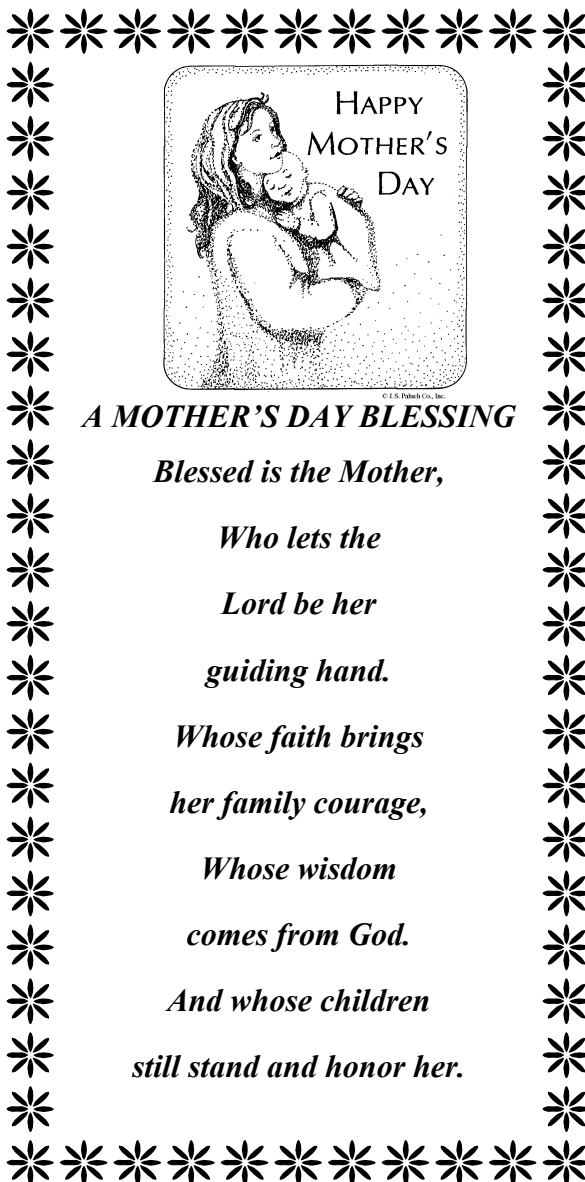
### POWER OF PRAYER

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.

### DID YOU KNOW?



For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom goes back centuries. While May is a month of leaving winter behind, blooming flora, good weather, and family activities, it has much more significance for Catholics. Mary is Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, the "new Eve," the Immaculate Conception, Full of Grace, all that and more. She is our Mother and watches over the Church as a Mother. She is the moral ideal. It is often said she is "the solitary boast of tainted humanity." Her perfection, charity, hope, joy, and love are an inspiration to us, so we give her special attention in May. She wants us to love her Son as much as she does, so we honor her with extra prayers and devotions. So take some time to learn more about Mary. Check the kiosk for CDs that talk about her. Pray the Rosary. You will be blessed.



### A MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

*Blessed is the Mother,*

*Who lets the*

*Lord be her*

*guiding hand.*

*Whose faith brings*

*her family courage,*

*Whose wisdom*

*comes from God.*

*And whose children*

*still stand and honor her.*

### 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.

### TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Learn some titles of Mary and pray some devotions

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Sorrows

Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Lourdes

There are many more, try to discover more

Pray the Memorare

Pray the Canticle of Mary (The Magnificat)

Pray the Hail Holy Queen

Pray The Angelus

## *Around the Diocese*

### **TOWN MEETING ON MENTAL HEALTH**

Keynote Speaker Dr. Mark Komrad "How to Convince Someone to Get Help" Saturday, May 19, 2018 9:30am to 12:00pm Cecil County Health Department Auditorium 401 Bow Street, Elkton, MD. It's a free workshop, panel discussion and will have resource tables for anyone who wants to learn more about or is affected by a mental health disorder. Visit <http://bit.ly/MentalHealthTownMeeting> to register For more information, contact NAMI Maryland at (410) 884-8691.

### **ST. CATHERINE'S 6TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

Join us on Memorial Day Weekend as we gather with over 25 other households for a grand garage sale. Set up your table in our parking lot for \$25, where you will have ample space to sell your items. Send check to St. Catherine of Siena, 2503 Centerville Road, Wilmington., DE 19808 c/o Garage Sale by May 20th. \$10 table rental if needed and refreshments available for purchase. For more information, contact: Mary Gispert 302-239-1699 or [mogispert@gmail.com](mailto:mogispert@gmail.com)

### **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](http://relevantradio.com)

### **CONTRACTORS NEEDED FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES PRE-WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**

Catholic Charities is currently seeking carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and roofers to be a part of our Pre-Weatherization Assistance Program in Delaware. All sub-contractors must carry appropriate licenses, insurance coverage, and workman's compensation. All candidates are required to pass a criminal background screening, performed by an outside agency, before being considered as a preferred contractor. Contractors are paid directly by Catholic Charities. The scope of work, typically repairs needed in order to qualify a home for free weatherization assistance, varies by client and can usually be completed in 2-3 days. There are no set prices. To find out more about this opportunity and how to apply, contact Daniel Holmes at Catholic Charities Dover office, 302-674-1782, or by email at [dholmes@ccwilm.org](mailto:dholmes@ccwilm.org).

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER OF BASIC NEEDS AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Responsible for the overall operations of the Basic Needs Program (Case Management, Immigration and Thrift Services) and the Weatherization Assistance Program. The Basic Needs Program provides financial help for rent, mortgage, utility payments and referral services; Immigration Program - immigration petitions and help, Thrift Services - sale of gently used clothing and accessories, household goods, appliances, furniture, new and used beds with Voucher Program available and Food Cooperative for qualified households throughout Delaware. The Delaware Weatherization Assistance Program provides services needed to maximize energy efficiency and reduce the energy burden of low income families in Kent and Sussex counties. To apply go to <https://jobs.delawareonline.com>.

### **OFFICE COORDINATOR FOR THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

Catholic Cemeteries is a department of the Diocese of Wilmington and is a non-profit organization. The primary objective is to assist in the burial of the dead, providing the assistance of cemetery services to families and individuals. The Office Coordinator works in a multi-task environment. Provides secretarial support and telephone/reception, data entry and retrieval, word processing, filing. Works with various computer software systems. Records and maintains internments and sales. Reports to the Executive Director. Work location is All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, Delaware 19808. Normal work schedule is Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with ½ lunch, 35 hours per week. Hourly salary is \$18.00 to \$23.00 per hour. To apply go to <https://jobs.delawareonline.com>.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ANGER MANAGEMENT GROUP FACILITATOR**

Assists individuals who have engaged in domestic violence and/or in inappropriate expression of anger take personal responsibility for their behavior. Facilitates psycho-educational groups designed to help clients develop specific skills to identify and express emotions appropriately while improving their understanding of the backgrounds of abusive behavior including unresolved personal trauma, substance abuse and issues of power and control. The Domestic Violence/Anger Management Group Facilitator is a fee for service position. Schedule proposed is two mutually agreed upon evenings per week and the potential for some weekend facilitation up to 6 hours per week. Salary is 20.00 to \$30.00 per hour. To apply go to <https://jobs.delawareonline.com>.