

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



*Saint Joseph Church*

371 East Main Street  
Middletown, Delaware

22ND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



*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: 8:30, 10:30 AM**

**Misa Dominical: 1:00 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:** May 21—4:00 PM, May 29—10:00 AM,  
Sept 17—4:00 PM and Oct 22—4:00 PM

## COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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

**Pastoral Council:** Tom Kohl (302-376-7940)

## PASTORAL OFFICE STAFF

**Very Rev. David F. Kelley, VC.,** Pastor  
**Rev. Timothy Brady, O.de.M.,** Associate Pastor  
**Tim Enright,** Deacon  
**Bob Altmiller,** Facilities Manager  
**Vidette Benn,** Parish Secretary  
**Lauren Cataldi,** Organist  
**Jackie Delaporte,** Special Assistant, Sacristan  
**Diana Gotthold,** Formation Office  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Middletown, DE 19709  
(entrance on Cleaver Farm Road)  
302-378-5800, 302-378-5808 (FAX)  
(toll-free from Maryland: 888-433-1874)  
Ministerio Hispano: 302-378-5805, Ext. 104

### Office Hours / Horario de la Oficina:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## Christ the Teacher Regional Catholic School

2451 Frazer Road  
Newark, DE 19702  
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Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

## Liturgy Notes

### THANK YOU RICHARD McALOON

Last weekend Dick McAloon announced his decision to retire from his ministry as Parish Business Manager for the past 17 years. We are grateful for Dick's dedication to the mission of St. Joseph's Parish, his diligent stewardship of our resources, his generous support of both other staff members and parishioners, his sharing his wisdom of all matters financial, and his deep knowledge and love of St. Joseph's Parish. We wish him all the best as he takes time to enjoy his well deserved retirement. We will deeply miss his friendship, his humor, his kindness and his goodness. May the Lord bless him and bring him smooth seas on all his future cruises!

### WELCOME PEGGY BARROW

In light of Richard McAloon's decision to retire as our Parish Business Manager after 17 years of faithful service to our community, we undertook a search for a new Business Manager. After considering applications from a variety of candidate, I am happy to welcome Mrs. Peggy Barrow as our new Parish Business Manager. Peggy joins our staff with decades of experience as a public accountant, auditor and business manager. She is an alumna of St. Joseph University in Philadelphia and brings to St. Joseph Parish experience in non-profit organizational accounting, budget management, government and non-profit auditing, as well as human resources. Peggy and her husband reside at their home in Wilmington. I am sure you will welcome her to our parish community with the same kindness and generosity of spirit as you have welcomed so many others who have served here.

### MASS SCHEDULE

This weekend is the final weekend for our summer mass schedule. Next weekend, September 10<sup>th</sup>, masses in English will return to the regular schedule: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM. The mass in Spanish will go back to 2:00PM on Sunday afternoon. Our Saturday evening mass will remain at 5:00 PM; the schedule at St Rose of Lima stays the same as usual.

### Presider's Intentions

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

**Monday, September 4**

**8:30 AM (SJ)** John Wirth

**Tuesday, September 5** *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

**8:30 AM (SR)** Sr. Mary Alice, OSP

**Wednesday, September 6**

**8:30 AM (SJ)** James R. Sulpizi

**Thursday, September 7**

**8:30 AM (SJ)** Dominick DelGavio

**Friday, September 8**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:30 AM (SJ)** Lillian Ward

**Saturday, September 9**

**5:00 PM (SJ)** Carl Sytnik

**Sunday, September 10** *23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinal Time*

**7:30 AM (SJ)** Edward Ward

**9:30 AM (SJ)** Ida & Joe Nelson's

66th Wedding Anniversary

**11:30 AM (SJ)** Mary Schweighardt

**2:00 PM (SJ)** Diana Turner

**8:00 AM (SR)** Joseph Berardo

**9:30 AM (SR)**

**The mass intentions book is open for the months of January, February & March.**



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

*Next week's second collection will be for assistance to those who are suffering in the after-math of Hurricane Harvey. All donations will be submitted to Catholic Charities USA and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to assist in their relief efforts. As always we appreciate your generosity in this difficult time for those on the Gulf coast.*

*The Word in Our Lives:  
Readings for September 10, 2017  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9***

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

**Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9***

**Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10***

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20***

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



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***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:  
10 De Septiembre De 2017  
XXIII Domingo Ordinario***

**Primera Lectura: *Ezequiel 33, 7-9***

Esto dice el Señor:

"A ti, hijo de hombre, te he constituido centinela para la casa de Israel. Cuando escuches una palabra de mi boca, tú se la comunicarás de mi parte. Si yo pronuncio sentencia de muerte contra un hombre, porque es malvado,

y tú no lo amonestas para que se aparte del mal camino, el malvado morirá por su culpa, pero yo te pediré a ti cuentas de su vida. En cambio, si tú lo amonestas para que deje su mal camino y él no lo deja, morirá por su culpa,

pero tú habrás salvado tu vida".

**Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9***

**Segunda Lectura: *Romanos 13, 8-10***

Hermanos: No tengan con nadie otra deuda que la del amor mutuo, porque el que ama al prójimo, ha cumplido ya toda la ley. En efecto, los mandamientos que ordenan: "No cometerás adulterio, no robarás, no matarás, no darás falso testimonio, no codiciarás" y todos los otros, se resumen en éste: "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo", pues quien ama a su prójimo no le causa daño a nadie. Así pues, cumplir perfectamente la ley consiste en amar.

**Evangelio: *Mateo 18, 15-20***

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Si tu hermano comete un pecado, ve y amonéstalo a solas. Si te escucha, habrás salvado a tu hermano. Si no te hace caso, hazte acompañar de una o dos personas, para que todo lo que se diga conste por boca de dos o tres testigos. Pero si ni así te hace caso, díselo a la comunidad; y si ni a la comunidad le hace caso, apártate de él como de un pagano o de un publicano.

Yo les aseguro que todo lo que aten en la tierra, quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desaten en la tierra, quedará desatado en el cielo.

Yo les aseguro también, que si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo para pedir algo, sea lo que fuere, mi Padre celestial se lo concederá; pues donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, ahí estoy yo en medio de ellos".



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## ***Stewardship***

The offertory collection last weekend was \$13,845 toward our weekly offertory goal of \$15,800. This brings our year-to-date total to \$132,844 received toward our year-to-date goal of \$142,200. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

*John Sanders, President, Finance Council*

### **EL V ENCUENTRO NACIONAL DEL MINISTRO DE HISPANOS/LATINOS:**

Las parroquias de la diócesis de Wilmington están actualmente participando en un proceso de reflexión y discernimiento como parte del Quinto Encuentro Nacional, un proceso de cuatro años de consultas, discernimiento, discusión y colaboración. El objetivo principal del V Encuentro es discernir formas en las que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos pueda responder mejor a la presencia de los Hispanos/Latinos, y potenciar modos en que los Hispanos/Latinos respondan como discípulos misioneros al llamado de la Nueva Evangelización, sirviendo a toda la Iglesia.

Para ayudar a financiar estas actividades, una segunda colección tendrá lugar en todas las misas en español en la diócesis el fin de semana del 26 y 27 de agosto de 2017. Por favor, sea lo más generoso posible.

### **MASS AT THE SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**

Founded in 1704 by Jesuit priests, St. Francis Xavier (Old Bohemia) is one of the oldest permanent Catholic establishments in the English Colonies and is considered the mother church of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. All are invited to join in the celebration of Mass on Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 pm. For more information or to arrange a tour of the church and rectory, please call Old Bohemia Historical Society (OBHS) President Marji Matyniak at 302.328.4803. The church is also available for group retreats and weddings. No money is received from the Diocese or any other agency 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. The church is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and is located at 1640 Church Road, Warwick, MD. Please contact: Clarice Kwasnieski at 302.545.2126 or email at OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com

### **DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION**

This weekend is our monthly collection for debt reduction. The parish staff recognizes that we live in uncertain economic times and we must all be careful with our budgets. The staff also acknowledges the sacrifices you make and knows that your continued financial support is an act of faith. The staff thanks you for continually making our parish a priority in your giving.

### **PAT'S PIZZA**

Pat's Pizza Family Restaurant, located at 311 N. Broad Street in Middletown, will donate a portion of all receipts we return to them. Please place your saved receipts in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office.

We are blessed that our local businesses continue to support our parish. Please thank them for their generosity when you visit Pat's.

**Thank You**

*Medical Alert System*

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.

### **Team 2 will clean on Thursday, September 7, 2017**

Loretta Williams, Captain

Pat McTiernan	Anthony Davies
Shirley Stafford	Peggy Calvani
Ellie Collins	Karen Headley
Ed Fitzgerald	Kathy Ursitti
Arlene Lyons	Marlene & Jim Jacono
Susan Hogan	Joe Ruff
Ella Garvine	Joanne Russell

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

## Parish Life

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Victoria Gotthold, Daisy Pabon, Brian Hill, Evelyn Keller, Richard Bengermينو, Emily Knorr, Steven Brown, Joel Rivera, Lea Castelli, Ludwig Possenti, Susan Schlotzhauer, Ron Huff, Joel Rivera, Andrew Tomaino, Ralph Bessinger, Ronald McGrath, Jim Barrett, Karen Weis, Trudy Copley, Paul Henderson, Keith Delaney, Margaret Cassling, Karen Gabrielsen, Ed Bisone, Kathy Lichman, Irene Shestock, Christine Cavaliere, Mary Maycen, Brandon Austin, Krystina Paulson, Matt Malus, Terrie Dunn, Madeleine Toner, Peggy Robinson, Joseph Nelson, Joan Huhn, Connie Beardsley, Don Lushis, Shelly DiPietrapaul, Jackie Provost, Alvin Atallian, Catrina Copley and Tess Dooley.

*We also remember in prayer their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.*

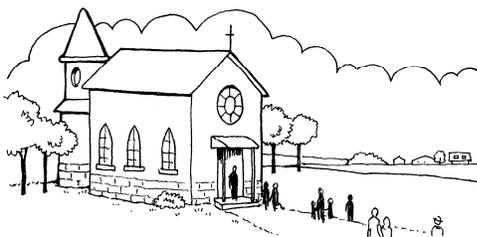
*También recordamos en oración a sus cuidadores ya todos los demás que necesitan nuestras oraciones.*

### MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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



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## This Week in Our Parish

### Monday, September 4

#### PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

7:00 PM—Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

### Tuesday, September 5

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Rose Church

7:00 pm—Cub Scouts in Rooms 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 & Hall

### Wednesday, September 6

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

9:30 AM—Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7

9:30 AM—ESL 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—Knights of Columbus in Parish Hall

7:00 PM—Seasons of Hope in Rooms 5 & 7

7:00 PM—Charismatic Prayer in Rm. 2

### Thursday, September 7

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

6:30 PM—Boy Scouts in Parish Hall

7:00 PM—Liturgy Meeting in Room 3

7:00 PM—Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

### Friday, September 8

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

### Saturday, September 9

4:00 PM—Confessions in St. Joseph Church

5:00 PM—Mass in St. Joseph Church

### Sunday, September 10

2:00 PM—Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)

2:30 PM—Confirmation Information Meetings for  
Candidates and Parents in Parish Hall

### CLASES DE INGLÉS

La inscripción para clases de inglés comenzará el 6 de septiembre de 2017 a las 9:30 am. Las clases comenzarán el lunes 11 de septiembre de 9:30 am a 12:00 pm.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

### ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Parish is excited to announce the formation of the St. Joseph Children's Choir. Beginning September 2017, the choir will be open to all children and youth in grades 4 to 8. Rehearsals will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 3:30 – 4:30 pm from September to June. The Choir will sing for 5:00 pm Mass on the 1st Saturday of each month, beginning in October.

No vocal training or prior musical experience is necessary. We are looking for children who simply love to sing!

For additional information or to sign your child(ren) up for St. Joseph Children's Choir, please email Rosemary Hadland, Coordinator of Music Ministry, at [rhadland@stjosephmiddletown.com](mailto:rhadland@stjosephmiddletown.com).

Include parents' contact information, child's name, age and grade.

### MOMENTOS DE MATRIMONIO

A veces en el matrimonio parece que uno de nosotros es sordo o al menos no escucha. Otras veces el hablante murmura (o así le digo a mi marido). ¿Cuál de ustedes es mejor en hablar; o al escuchar? Practique el don del otro.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Sometimes in marriage it seems like one of us is deaf or at least not listening. Other times the speaker mumbles (or so I tell my husband). Which of you is better at speaking; which at listening? Practice each other's gift.



### PARENTING POINTERS

Sometimes each of us makes a fool of ourselves. Share a time that you did something foolish and how you recovered. It will give your child hope that they too can recover.

### PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

A veces, cada uno de nosotros se hace un tonto. Comparte una vez que hiciste algo tonto y cómo te recuperaste. Le dará a su hijo la esperanza de que ellos también pueden recuperarse.

### SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL

Important Admissions Dates:

- 8th Grade HSPT Prep Course on Saturday, October 14th and November 11th
- Fall Open House on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Spartan for a Day for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, beginning October 3rd and offered, Tuesday – Friday.
- 8th Grade HSPT at Saint Mark's, offered December 2nd at 8:00 a.m. or December 3rd at 12:00 p.m.

For a full list of admissions dates or to register for an event, visit the Saint Mark's Admissions web-page at [www.stmarkshs.net/Admissions](http://www.stmarkshs.net/Admissions).

### ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth High School Open House will be held on October 22nd from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. High School Placement Tests will be administered on December 2nd at 8:30 am and then again on December 3rd at noon.

The Lower School Open House will be held on the following 3 days:

January 28th from 10 am to 1 pm

January 29th from 8 to 11 am

January 31st from 8 to 11 am

For more information please contact John Pierson, Advancement Director, St. Elizabeth School office - (302) 225-8660 cell - (302) 220-7750 [www.sainteliz.org](http://www.sainteliz.org)

### PRAY FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

For all who have suffered injury or death as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and for their families and loved ones, we pray to the Lord.

*O God of all creation,  
we know of your love for each of us.  
Graciously hear these our prayers  
which we make in the name of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### ORE POR LAS VÍCTIMAS DEL HURACÁN HARVEY

Por quienes sufrieron heridas o murieron debido al huracán Harvey, y por sus familias y seres queridos. Roguemos al Señor.

*Oh Dios creador,  
conocemos tu amor por cada uno de nosotros.  
Dígnate escuchar nuestras oraciones  
que hacemos en el nombre de tu Hijo,  
nuestro Señor Jesucristo.*

## Social Concerns

### MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

We received \$270.55 last weekend from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. We received \$13 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, 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](mailto:ourdailybread.2016@gmail.com) or call 302-285-9540.

Our Daily Bread is located at 214 North Broad Street, Middletown.

### OUR DAILY BREAD POLISH DINNER FUNDRAISER



The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, with two sittings at 5:00 pm and 6:15 pm. Our menu will be: kielbasa and sauerkraut, homemade cabbage rolls, homemade pierogis, Polish cucumber salad, beverages and dessert. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$8 for kids 10 and under. **ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** There will be live music and a 50/50 Raffle. To make a reservation: please email

[ourdailybread.2016@gmail.com](mailto:ourdailybread.2016@gmail.com) or call 302-285-9540.



## FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one--you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter--who has just been made the foundation of the church--out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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## SIGUIENDO A CRISTO

Si alguna vez te jugaron una broma desagradable y algo risible a la vez, entonces comprenderás cómo Jeremías se siente hoy cuando le dice a Dios "me sedujiste, Señor, y me dejé seducir". Ya lo imaginamos sacudiendo la cabeza con una sonrisa desconsolada, pero con el enojo latente en su voz. De igual manera, Pedro piensa que Jesús lo está "embaucando" cuando éste comienza a explicar que ser el Mesías significa sufrir y morir, y ser seguidor del Mesías significa cargar la cruz y hacer lo mismo. Jeremías trata de negar la voluntad de Dios para él al tratar de permanecer callado; Pedro -quien ha sido hecho cimiento de la Iglesia- totalmente niega la enseñanza de Jesús, por lo que hoy es llamado "Satanás". Por suerte para nosotros, Jeremías se llega a dar cuenta de que tener la Palabra de Dios en el corazón significa que será inútil tratar de permanecer en silencio, aunque ello signifique el desprecio y la burla de los que te rodean. Felizmente Pedro al final volvió a la fe que profesó en el Evangelio de la semana pasada, y llegó a comprender nuestra necesidad, como bautizados seguidores de Cristo, de seguir su camino, aunque signifique seguirlo hasta la muerte.

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# *Christian Formation*

## **BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP**

We are studying "The Bible and the Virgin Mary". Our group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. Please call Jan Faust at 302-584-8703 for more information. All are welcome!

A second group, hosted by Ed Sumner & Ellen Losse, meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss the readings for the following Sunday. Please call Ed @ 302-449-2387 or Ellen at 302-449-5532 for directions.

## **RCIA**



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Thinking about becoming Catholic? Now is the time to "Come and See". RCIA is open to all non-baptized, baptized and those who desire to be confirmed in the catholic faith. St. Joseph Parish welcomes you to "Come and See" September 11, 2017, where you will have an opportunity to meet with clergy and non clergy members of the RCIA team. We invite you to bring your questions or just listen as we share what it means to be a Catholic. To register please call Deacon Tim at 302-378-5800. Or just stop by on September 11, 2017 from 7-8pm. Children are welcomed. Refreshments will be provided.

### **THE RCIA PROGRAM**

This is a reflection of my experience in the RCIA program at St. Joseph Parish.

The RCIA experience was very rewarding and beneficial to the Givler family. This experience helped bring our family closer together by highlighting the importance of having a never ending bond with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our family has always been very strong and well connected, but we were lost spiritually, and as a father and husband, I felt this was a burden I was obligated to fix. To see my family respond in a positive manner and become more excited to learn about the Catholic faith really helped us grow stronger and become more educated on the true meaning of life. It is an honor as a father to see my family understand the true meaning of the Catholic Faith.

Thanks,

Gabriel Givler

## **VOCATIONS REFLECTION**

St. Paul's words in today's second reading are as timely for us as they were for the Romans to whom he originally addressed them: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God." The most important thing we can do is discern God's will for our lives and then work toward carrying it out. And that requires allowing God to transform our minds, so that the most important question changes from "what do I want to do with my life" to "what do You want me to do with my life, Lord?" If you think God might be inviting you to priesthood or religious life, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS**

Come and see what a Charismatic prayer meeting is all about. The next meeting will be Wednesday at 7:00PM, in the parish complex. There is usually a brief teaching on one of the charismatic gifts or aspect of faith, followed by singing and praising the Lord. If you have any questions, call Linda Wills @ 302-449.

## **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.

## *Around the Diocese*

### **GOOD NEWS**

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, September 9th, tune in to hear Bishop Malooly's homily recorded at the August 19, 2017 ordination of permanent deacons. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALLS**

Pro-Life Articles is an organization that furnishes Pro-Life information to Catholic Churches at no cost. We need volunteers to telephone Catholic Churches to obtain correct email addresses when these churches change their email addresses. This requires the use of Microsoft Excel software. Volunteers make about 20 telephone calls per month. Please contact Martin Reiser at [reiser33@gmail.com](mailto:reiser33@gmail.com).

### **BILTMORE HOUSE & GARDENS BUS TRIP**

Join us for a holiday bus trip featuring a candlelight Christmas tour of the beautiful Biltmore House & Gardens! Registration forms and an itinerary can be found at [www.ministryofcaring.org/christmas-at-the-biltmore](http://www.ministryofcaring.org/christmas-at-the-biltmore). It is for 6 Days and 5 Nights, from December 4-9, 2017. The deadline to register is September 5, 2017.

### **M.O.T. SENIOR CENTER HEALTH FAIR**

Learn more about your local healthcare providers, services offered to you in New Castle County and the State of Delaware, get a flu shot, the Pneumonia and Whooping Cough vaccine and lots more. It is on September 14, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Main Dining Room of the M.O.T. Senior Center.

### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR NUN RUN**

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to run or walk the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Nun Run 5k. Registration is now open to walkers and runners of all ages in one of the largest 5k's in the area. It starts at 9:00am on Saturday, September 16 (registration opens at 7:30am). It is being held at the Jeanne Jugan Residence at 185 Salem Church Road Newark, DE 19713. Parking is at both the residence and at Christiana HS, directly across the street. The cost is \$25 (before 8 am Sept 15) & \$30 (day of race). For more information or to register, visit [www.NunRun5K.org](http://www.NunRun5K.org) or email [race@NunRun5k.org](mailto:race@NunRun5k.org).

### **REFLECTION AND GROWTH FOR PRO-LIFE LEADERS**

Once again this year 40 Days for Life and Rachel's Vineyard will be sponsoring a day of reflection and growth for pro-life leaders and for all who are committed to the cause on Saturday, September 16, in Masci Hall at St. Helena's Church on Philadelphia Pike in North Wilmington.

This year's speaker is Terry Beatley, head of the Hosea Institute. Her book "What If We've Been Wrong," was written in fulfillment of a promise to Dr. Bernard Nathanson on his deathbed -- to tell the true story of the abortion deception.

Terry will speak at 2:30 p.m. and answer questions on the theme:

In her after dinner remarks, following Mass at St. Helena's, she will give her personal testimony.

Registration begins at 2:00. The cost for the day and the dinner is \$20 per person, \$10 children aged 5-12, with a \$60 maximum per family.

For reservations, go to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/preview?eid=36692460136>

Or contact Pat Radell at [patradell@reagan.com](mailto:patradell@reagan.com) or 302-723-9254.

### **DAY OF REFLECTION: CARMELITE PRAYER**

On Tuesday, September 26, from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm there will be a Day of Reflection: Carmelite Prayer with Mary An Love. One of the most misunderstood aspects of Carmelite Spirituality is John of the Cross's concept of the Dark Night of the soul. In this session, we will examine John's life and poetry with an eye to understanding what the dark night means for spiritual seekers today. There will be plenty of time for discussion and reflection. Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) for more information.

### **VENDORS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

Vendors of crafts are wanted for a **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**, hosted by Brother Vincent Columbiettes at the Delaware State Troopers Association Route 13 (Messina Hill Road), Dover, on Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9AM to 2PM. Any vendor interested call Jill Mercer (302-653-3836 or 518-795-7579).



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