

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

23RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 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: 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: 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
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Middletown, DE 19709

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Ministerio Hispano: 302-378-5805, Ext. 104

Office Hours / Horario de la Oficina:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Christ the Teacher Regional Catholic School

2451 Frazer Road

Newark, DE 19702

302-838-8850

www.christtheteacher.org

Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

Liturgy Notes

WELCOME DEACON DAVE FEASTER

On August 19th Bishop Malooly ordained eight men to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Wilmington at Holy Child Church. At that time, the Bishop announced that newly ordained Deacon Dave Feaster was assigned to St. Joseph Parish: Middletown. While working full-time, Dave has completed a five year spiritual, theological and pastoral formation program to prepare for his parish ministry. Dave, his wife and his young daughter live in Bear and have been parishioners at Holy Family Parish since before he entered the Diaconate program. Deacon Feaster is a Marine Corps veteran and currently is employed as a diesel mechanic. He is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. Dave began his ministry at St. Joseph's Parish last weekend when he assisted as deacon with both masses at St. Rose of Lima Church. We warmly welcome Deacon Feaster and his family to our community and wish God's blessings on his ministry in our parish.

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 this afternoon 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

Presider's Intentions

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

Monday, September 11

8:30 AM (SJ) Silvio Pico

Tuesday, September 12

*The Most Holy
Name of Mary*

8:30 AM (SR) George Shestock

Wednesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom

8:30 AM (SJ) Harry Simeone

Thursday, September 14

*The Exaltation of
the Holy Cross*

8:30 AM (SJ) Joseph Romano

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 AM (SJ) John Wirth

Saturday, September 16

5:00 PM (SJ) Frances Ann Milo

Sunday, September 17

*24th Sunday
in Ordinal Time*

7:30 AM (SJ) Florence Ferrante

9:30 AM (SJ) Karen Lynch

11:30 AM (SJ) JoAnn Coule's Intentions

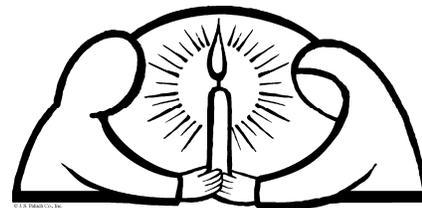
2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR) Joseph Berardo

9:30 AM (SR)

4:00 PM (SFX) Thomas Quinn

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



SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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 17, 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Sirach: 27:30-28:7*

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12*

Second Reading: *Romans 14:7-9*

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



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La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
17 De Septiembre De 2017
XXIV Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura: *Eclesiástico 27, 30-28,7*

Cosas abominables son el rencor y la cólera; sin embargo, el pecador se aferra a ellas. El Señor se vengará del vengativo y llevará rigurosa cuenta de sus pecados. Perdona la ofensa a tu prójimo, y así, cuando pidas perdón, se te perdonarán tus pecados. Si un hombre le guarda rencor a otro, ¿le puede acaso pedir la salud al Señor? El que no tiene compasión de un semejante, ¿cómo pide perdón de sus pecados? Cuando el hombre que guarda rencor pide a Dios el perdón de sus pecados, ¿hallará quien interceda por él? Piensa en tu fin y deja de odiar, piensa en la corrupción del sepulcro y guarda los mandamientos. Ten presentes los mandamientos y no guardes rencor a tu prójimo. Recuerda la alianza del Altísimo y pasa por alto las ofensas.

Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 102, 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12*

Segunda Lectura: *Romanos: 14, 7-9*

Hermanos: Ninguno de nosotros vive para sí mismo, ni muere para sí mismo. Si vivimos, para el Señor vivimos; y si morimos, para el Señor morimos. Por lo tanto, ya sea que estemos vivos o que hayamos muerto, somos del Señor. Porque Cristo murió y resucitó para ser Señor de vivos y muertos.

Evangelio: *Mateo 18, 21-35*

En aquel tiempo, Pedro se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: "Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? ¿Hasta siete veces?" Jesús le contestó: "No sólo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete".

Entonces Jesús les dijo: "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un rey que quiso ajustar cuentas con sus servidores. El primero que le presentaron le debía muchos talentos. Como no tenía con qué pagar, el señor mandó que lo vendieran a él, a su mujer, a sus hijos y todas sus posesiones, para saldar la deuda. El servidor, arrojándose a sus pies, le suplicaba, diciendo: 'Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo'. El rey tuvo lástima de aquel servidor, lo soltó y hasta le perdonó la deuda.

Pero, apenas había salido aquel servidor, se encontró con uno de sus compañeros, que le debía poco dinero. Entonces lo agarró por el cuello y casi lo estrangulaba, mientras le decía: 'Págame lo que me debes'. El compañero se le arrodilló y le rogaba: 'Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo'. Pero el otro no quiso escucharlo, sino que fue y lo metió en la cárcel hasta que le pagara la deuda.

Al ver lo ocurrido, sus compañeros se llenaron de indignación y fueron a contar al rey lo sucedido. Entonces el señor lo llamó y le dijo: 'Siervo malvado. Te perdoné toda aquella deuda porque me lo suplicaste. ¿No debías tú también haber tenido compasión de tu compañero, como yo tuve compasión de ti?' Y el señor, encolerizado, lo entregó a los verdugos para que no lo soltaran hasta que pagara lo que debía.

Pues lo mismo hará mi Padre celestial con ustedes, si cada cual no perdona de corazón a su hermano".



Stewardship

The offertory collection last weekend was \$17,060 toward our weekly offertory goal of \$15,800. This brings our year-to-date total to \$149,904 received toward our year-to-date goal of \$158,000. The collection for Debt Reduction was \$3265.00. 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.

La información generada en las sesiones parroquiales se utilizará para preparar el Encuentro diocesano que se llevará a cabo el 14 de octubre en el campus de la Academia St. Thomas More en Magnolia de 8:00 a 4:00 PM .

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Which of the 10 commandments is hardest for you (or your spouse) to keep? Do you know your beloved well enough to predict their answer? Of course there's always the Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Your spouse is your closest neighbor.

MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO

¿Cuál de los 10 mandamientos es más difícil para ti (o para tu cónyuge)? ¿Conoces bien a tu amada para predecir su respuesta? Por supuesto, siempre existe el Gran Mandamiento: "Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". Su cónyuge es su vecino más cercano.

PARENTING POINTERS

Kids make mistakes, are selfish, or sometimes just plain mean. Forgiveness does not mean there is no consequence for bad behavior. Don't fear to give a punishment, but wrap it in love and a way to earn forgiveness.

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Los niños cometen errores, son egoístas o, a veces, sencillos. Perdonar no significa que no haya consecuencias para el mal comportamiento. No temas dar un castigo, sino envolverlo en amor y una forma de ganar perdón.

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

Diamond Car Wash

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.



REMEMBER 9/11

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Team 3 will clean on Thursday, September 14

Joan Huhn, Captain

Kathy Wisniewski	Marie Kreck
Shirley Stafford	Peggy Calvani
Anthony Davies	Audrey Taylor
Kathleen Majewski	Joe Ruff
Ella Garvine	Loretta Williams
Jim Bosco	Kathy Ursitti
Donald Strong	Eleanor Knorr

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

Parish Life

WELCOME

The people of St. Joseph Parish welcome into our family **Zachary Reis Egbert & Dillon Joseph O'Reilly** who will be baptized this weekend. Congratulations to you, your parents & godparents. God bless you as you begin your faith journey.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Victoria Gotthold, Daisy Pabon, Evelyn Keller, Richard Bengermine, 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, 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 y a todos los demás que necesitan nuestras oraciones.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE

Please remember in your prayers **Ed Bisone & Cpl. Thomas Hannon** and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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

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.**

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 11

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 9:30 AM—English as a Second Language
in Rooms 3 & 6
- 12:00 PM—55+ Group in Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM—Confirmation Information Meeting for
Candidates and Parents in Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM—Finance Council in Rm. 3
- 7:00 PM—RCIA—Come & See & Prayer in Rm. 1
- 7:00 PM—Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, September 12

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Rose Church
- 10:00 AM—Prayer Shawl in Rm. 2
- 7:00 PM—Pastoral Council in Rm. 3
- 7:00 PM—Cub Scouts in Rooms 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 & Hall

Wednesday, September 13

- 8:30 AM—Mass at 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—Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition -Rm. 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
- 7:00 PM—Seasons of Hope in Rooms 5 & 7
- 7:00 PM—Charismatic Prayer in Rm. 2

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 6:00 PM—CYM Diocese Meeting, Dinner & Awards
in Parish Hall

Saturday, September 16

- 8:30 AM—Habitat for Humanity Rms. 5 & 7
- 4:00 PM—Confessions in St. Joseph Church
- 5:00 PM—Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 17

- 8:00 AM—Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
in St. Rose Hall
- 8:45 AM—PREP Session E
- 11:45 AM—PREP Session G
- 2:00 PM—Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)
- 4:00 PM—Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS
THE MUSIC MINISTRY
OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH
IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE
FORMATION OF
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.

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

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CHOIR

We are actively recruiting and invite parishioners high school age and over to join. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. No audition is required. Music reading ability is helpful, but NOT necessary. All we ask you to bring is a love of singing and a desire to serve the parish through song!

Saint Joseph Parish Choir will hold its first rehearsal of the 2017-2018 Season on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm in the church.

Please contact Director **Rosemary Hadland** at rhadland@verizon.net, or Music Librarian **Rosemarie Lamb** at roejlamb1of7@gmail.com by **September 9th**, so that we may have a music folder and materials ready for you.

If you've been thinking of joining the choir but need a little nudge, *now is the time to do it!* **All are welcome!**

MÚSICA DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN JOSÉ
SE COMPLACE EN ANUNCIAR LA
FORMACIÓN DE
CORO DE NIÑOS DE SAN JOSÉ

A partir de septiembre de 2017, el coro estará abierto a todos los niños y jóvenes de los grados 4 al 8. Los ensayos se llevarán a cabo el 1 y 3 Sábados de cada mes, de 3:30 a 4:30 de septiembre a junio. El coro cantará para la Misa de 5:00 pm el primer sábado de cada mes, comenzando en octubre. No es necesario

ningún entrenamiento vocal o experiencia musical previa. Estamos buscando a los niños que simplemente le gusta cantar! Para información adicional o para firmar a su (s) hijo (s) para el Coro de Niños de San José, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Rosemary Hadland, Coordinador del Ministerio de Música, en rhadland@stjosephmiddletown.com.

Incluya la información de contacto de los padres, el nombre del niño, la edad y el grado.

55+ GROUP MEETING

The 55+ Group will have it's first meeting of the season on Monday, September 11, at 1:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. All those 55 years of age and over are welcome to join. Dues are \$10 for the year and will be collected at the meeting. Please don't forget to bring a dish to share. For information, please call Marie Dashiell at 302-449-2496.

Breakfast

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast next Sunday, September 17 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 (12 to 18) under 12 eat free. Please come out and help support our Knights and their charitable works while enjoying a delicious breakfast.

SEASONS OF HOPE NEEDS FACILITATORS

The Seasons of Hope is a unique Christ-centered support group for the bereaved. The new season is underway and there is a need for facilitators. If you have strong faith in God, possess compassion and patience for others, listen well and can keep confidences, then this may be your calling. Please contact Dee Headley at 302-740-4212 or leave Dee a message at the Parish Office 302-378-5800 to help with this very rewarding ministry.

SEASONS OF HOPE

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. It meets for six Wednesdays, beginning September 6. The next meeting is September 13. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begins at 7:00 PM. For more details, pick up a Seasons of Hope brochure in the church gathering space or call Dee Headley at 302-740-4212.

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

We received \$787.35 last weekend from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. We received \$14.90 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 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 30th, 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 or call 302-285-9540.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

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 29th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Spartan for a Day for 8th 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.

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



“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Reflecting on this verse always provides me with reassurance and excitement. How often we forget this simple truth and act as if the Lord is only present during Mass. We, as the children of God, should never forget this truth. When you are home with you family and loved ones do you remember this truth? When coming together before meals, or praying before bed, remember that He is present. During times of distress do you turn to prayer, recognizing that He is there with you? This week as you go about your daily routine, be comforted by this fact and welcome Him in your midst.

Christian Formation

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

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

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

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

In today's gospel reading, Jesus gives his disciples the authority to forgive sins, telling them "whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Bishops and priests continue to exercise the ministry of forgiving sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you think God might be calling you to serve the Church as a priest, 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.cdown.org/vocations!



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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.

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.

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. Next Sunday, September 17th, Diocesan Development Director, Deb Fols, will discuss the Share in the Spirit campaign to aid Catholic school families. 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.

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.

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 11th 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 or email 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 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) 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).

