

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 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

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Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

Liturgy Notes

DECLARACIÓN DEL OBISPO MALOOLY SOBRE DACA - 9 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2017

A mis comunidades hispanas católicas en la Diócesis de Wilmington, tanto en Delaware como en Maryland: En este fin de semana, nuestras lecturas nos recuerdan cuánto Dios quiere que todos nosotros busquemos lo perdido y hagamos que todas las personas sean bienvenidas en Su Nombre, nos enfrentamos a otro desafío con el intento de cancelar el programa de DACA. La cancelación de este programa es desalentadora. Nuestros jóvenes DACA fortalecen nuestras comunidades y nuestra Iglesia. Muchos de ellos sólo conocen a Estados Unidos como su hogar y enviarlos no sólo es cruel sino que va en contra de los principios fundamentales del amor abnegado que está en el corazón de nuestra fe.

Repito el mensaje de mis hermanos obispos en los Estados Unidos de que "como personas de fe, decimos a los jóvenes de DACA - sin importar su estatus migratorio, son hijos de Dios y son bienvenidos en la Iglesia Católica. La Iglesia Católica les apoya y abogará por ustedes." Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos continuarán presionando al gobierno federal para que la legislación resuelva este dilema en una forma rápida y positiva para todos ustedes.

Permanecen en mis oraciones.

Sinceramente en Nuestro Señor, Obispo Malooly

BISHOP MALOOLY'S STATEMENT ON DACA SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

To my Hispanic Catholic communities in the Diocese of Wilmington, both in Delaware and Maryland:

On this weekend when our readings remind us how much God wants all of us to seek out the lost and make all people welcome in His name, we are confronted by another challenge with the attempt to overthrow the DACA program. The cancellation of this program is discouraging. Our DACA youth strengthen our communities and our Church. Many of them have only known America as their home and to send them away is not only cruel but it goes against the fundamental principles of self-sacrificing love that is at the heart of our faith.

I repeat the message from my brother bishops in the United States that "as people of faith, we say to DACA youth – regardless of your immigration status, you are children of God and welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you." The U.S. Bishop's will continue to lobby the Federal Government for legislation will bring this dilemma to a swift and positive conclusion.

You remain in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord, Bishop Malooly

Presider's Intentions

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

Monday, September 18

8:30 AM (SJ) Alice Juzwiak

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 AM (SR) Thomas Hannon

St. Januarius

Wednesday, September 20

8:30 AM (SJ) Dr. Mansour Saberi

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

Thursday, September 21

8:30 AM (SJ) Paul Campbell

St. Matthew

Friday, September 22

8:30 AM (SJ) Livia R. Dugan

Saturday, September 23

5:00 PM (SJ) Christina Terranova

Sunday, September 24

7:30 AM (SJ) Barbara Andre
9:30 AM (SJ) Charlie Salvaggio
11:30 AM (SJ) Eugene Storey
2:00 PM (SJ) Our Parishioners
8:00 AM (SR)
9:30 AM (SR) Cheri Blum

*25th Sunday
in Ordinal Time*

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



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***The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for September 24, 2017
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

First Reading: *Isaiah: 55:6-9*

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a*

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ

Gospel: *Matthew 20:1-16a*

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
24 De Septiembre De 2017
XXV Domingo Ordinario***

Primera Lectura: *Isaías 55:6-9*

Busquen al Señor mientras lo pueden encontrar, invóquenlo mientras está cerca; que el malvado abandone su camino, y el criminal sus planes; que regrese al Señor, y él tendrá piedad; a nuestro Dios, que es rico en perdón. Mis pensamientos no son los pensamientos de ustedes, sus caminos no son mis caminos, dice el Señor. Porque así como aventajan los cielos a la tierra, así aventajan mis caminos a los de ustedes y mis pensamientos a sus pensamientos".

Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

Segunda Lectura: *Filipenses 1, 20-24. 27*

Hermanos: Ya sea por mi vida, ya sea por mi muerte, Cristo será glorificado en mí. Porque para mí, la vida es Cristo, y la muerte, una ganancia. Pero si el continuar viviendo en este mundo me permite trabajar todavía con fruto, no sabría yo qué elegir.

Me hacen fuerza ambas cosas: por una parte, el deseo de morir y estar con Cristo, lo cual, ciertamente, es con mucho lo mejor; y por la otra, el de permanecer en vida, porque esto es necesario para el bien de ustedes. Por lo que a ustedes toca, lleven una vida digna del Evangelio de Cristo.

Evangelio: *Mateo 20, 1-16*

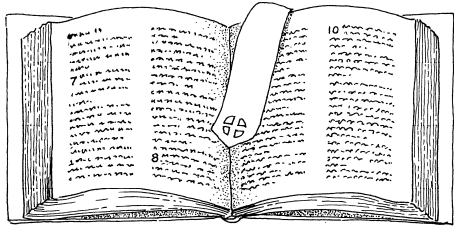
En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta parábola: "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un propietario que, al amanecer, salió a contratar trabajadores para su viña. Después de quedar con ellos en pagarles un denario por día, los mandó a su viña. Salió otra vez a media mañana, vio a unos que estaban ociosos en la plaza y les dijo: 'Vayan también ustedes a mi viña y les pagaré lo que sea justo'. Salió de nuevo a medio día y a media tarde e hizo lo mismo.

Por último, salió también al caer la tarde y encontró todavía a otros que estaban en la plaza y les dijo: '¿Por qué han estado aquí todo el día sin trabajar?' Ellos le respondieron: 'Porque nadie nos ha contratado'. Él les dijo: 'Vayan también ustedes a mi viña'.

Al atardecer, el dueño de la viña dijo a su administrador: 'Llama a los trabajadores y págalos su jornal, comenzando por los últimos hasta que llegues a los primeros'. Se acercaron, pues, los que habían llegado al caer la tarde y recibieron un denario cada uno.

Cuando les llegó su turno a los primeros, creyeron que recibirían más; pero también ellos recibieron un denario cada uno. Al recibirlo, comenzaron a reclamarle al propietario, diciéndole: 'Esos que llegaron al último sólo trabajaron una hora, y sin embargo, les pagas lo mismo que a nosotros, que soportamos el peso del día y del calor'.

Pero él respondió a uno de ellos: 'Amigo, yo no te hago ninguna injusticia. ¿Acaso no quedamos en que te pagaría un denario? Toma, pues, lo tuyo y vete. Yo quiero darle al que llegó al último lo mismo que a ti. ¿Qué no puedo hacer con lo mío lo que yo quiero? ¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?' De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos".



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Stewardship

The offertory collection last weekend was \$16,095 toward our weekly offertory goal of \$15,800. This brings our year-to-date total to \$165,999 received toward our year-to-date goal of \$173,800. The collection for Hurricane Relief was \$6,884. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

John Sanders, President, Finance Council

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT

Next week's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. Please be as generous as you can.

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 .

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.

Pat's Pizza Family Restaurant recently gave our Parish a check in the amount of \$190.04 from receipts that were collected.

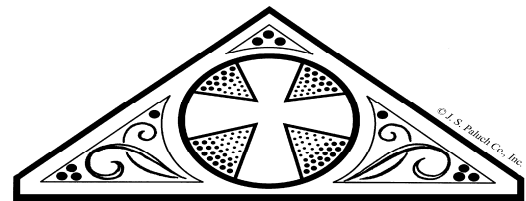
We are blessed that our local businesses continue to support our parish. Please thank them for their generosity when you visit Pat's.



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.



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Team 4 will clean on Thursday, September 21, 2017

Loretta Williams, Captain

Madeleine Toner	Ella Garvine
Doris Dill	Shirley Stafford
Peggy Calvani	Anthony Davies
Kathleen Majewski	Nancy Terranova
Arlene Lyons	Kathy Ursitti
Ed & Rose Holley	Maureen Wellik
Joe Ruff	Kathy Wisniewski
Loan Moquin	Susan Hogan

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 ***Stella Rose Potts, Charles Emmanuel Ojevwe, Jr. & Balfre Damaso*** who will be baptized this weekend. Congratulations to you, your parents & godparents. God bless you as you begin your faith journey.

NEW TO THE PARISH

The following people have registered in our parish recently:

the Santiago family of New Castle;
the Neaves family of Meadowbrook Farms South;
the Mora family of Villagebrook;
Mr. & Mrs. Hughart of Greenwood;
the Ogaro family of The Legends; and
the Emmanuel family of Middletown.

We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

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 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, 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 and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.

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

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 18

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
9:30 AM—English as a Second Language
in Rooms 3 & 6
6:30 PM—Reconciliation Parent Gathering in
Parish Hall
7:00 PM—RCIA—Rm. 1
7:00 PM—Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Rose Church
6:30 PM—Columbiettes in Rooms 5 & 7
7:00 PM—Cub Scouts in Rooms 1, 2, 4,6 & Hall

Wednesday, September 20

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
11:00AM—Diocese of Wilmington in Parish Hall
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 21

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

Friday, September 22

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

Saturday, September 23

8:30 AM—Habitat for Humanity Rms. 5 & 7
10:00 AM—Confirmation Retreat in Parish Hall
4:00 PM—Confessions in St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM—Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 24

8:45 AM—PREP Session F
11:45 AM—PREP Session G
2:00 PM—Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)

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.



BAPTISM PREP

It is always an exciting time when a family is anticipating the birth of a child, not only for the family but for our parish community as well. There are so many things to think about and prepare for during the months prior to the arrival of your child. One of those things might be the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a two-part Baptism PREP program. We have found that it is easier for the parents if they do this during the second trimester of the pregnancy. We offer our Baptism PREP classes every other month, the next classes will be in October. Classes will be held on the first and third Saturdays at 10:30 AM, October 1 & 15.

Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling Baptism PREP. **It is necessary to call the parish office, 302-378-5800, to register for the classes.** You will be given the schedule of classes when you call. Please note that Baptism dates will not be confirmed until classes are completed and all information for your sponsors has been received by the parish office.

Godparents and/or Sponsors for Confirmation must meet the requirements of Canon Law. The person who will fulfill one of these important roles must:

- Be at least sixteen years of age;
- Have celebrated all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist);
- Be living a life in harmony with the teaching of the Church

It is the third requirement that most often causes difficulty. It is generally interpreted to mean that a person is registered in a parish and, if married is in a valid marriage. This means that the marriage must have taken place in the Catholic Church or, if celebrated in the church of another denomination the couple must have received permission of the Catholic Church for this to take place. This generally occurs when in the celebration of marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic Christian the church of the non-Catholic holds particular significance for the non-Catholic party. In such a case the bishop is asked to grant a dispensation so that the wedding may be considered valid by the Catholic Church.

For those who were not married in the Catholic Church and are free to do so (meaning no prior marriages requiring an annulment) they may ask to have a "convalidation" of their marriage. This is generally referred to by most as "having their marriage blessed."

It is worth noting that divorce in and of itself does not make one ineligible to serve as a godparent or sponsor (nor does it exclude one from receiving the Eucharist). The difficulty arises when there is a subsequent marriage without seeking an annulment of one's previous bond of marriage.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR OCTOBER BAPTISMS

Please note the date for any baptisms held outside of the mass in October have been rescheduled from October 8 to October 22nd, at St. Joseph Church at 1:00 PM.

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



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"While a lone man may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken." (Eccles. 4:12) Bond yourself together as husband and wife. With bringing God into your relationship, you create a three ply cord, giving you the strength that is not easily broken.

MOMENTOS DE MATRIMONIO

"Mientras un hombre solitario puede ser superado, dos juntos pueden resistir, un cordón de tres capas no se rompe fácilmente". (Eclesiastes 4:12) Unanse como marido y mujer. Al traer a Dios a tu relación, creas un cordón de tres capas, que te da la fuerza que no se rompe fácilmente.

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.

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 24. 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.

PARENTING POINTERS

Children often complain that a parent, a sibling, or playmate is not being fair - and it may be true. Life is not always fair. Talk with your child about a time when they had an advantage or disadvantage. Share how you cope when something unfair happens.

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Los niños se quejan a menudo de que un padre, un hermano o compañero de juego no está siendo justo - y puede ser cierto. La vida no siempre es justa. Hable con su hijo acerca de una época en la que tenía una ventaja o desventaja. Comparta cómo lidia cuando sucede algo injusto.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bereavement Committee is looking for volunteers to assist on an "as needed basis" for funerals. Responsibilities would include assisting at the church as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server. If the family is having a luncheon in the Parish Hall, we would need help providing baked goods, serving and clean up. If you are willing to help with this rewarding ministry please contact Dee Headley at 302-740-4212.

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

We received \$98.30 last weekend from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. We received \$26 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.



FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Passes for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day Tuesday, October 17 can be purchased from any Columbiette. Passes are \$5.00 which entitles the pass holder to a 25% discount on most purchases on that day. Some departments such as cosmetics and fair-trade items are only discounted 10% or 15%. The Columbiettes retain the \$5.00 for their good works. This is a win/win deal, you get a discount on your purchase and help the Columbiettes.

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 24th, Father Brian Lewis, Associate Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Wilmington, will discuss the upcoming Marian Pilgrimage. 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.



Mercy and forgiveness is a central theme to Christ's message and one He expands on in this week's gospel. Christ not only reminds us of the Lord's merciful nature in forgiving our sins, but also calls us to forgive others as well. We are reminded today of the importance of spreading this forgiveness to others. It can be hard to forgive our neighbors, especially if we find that we are forgiving them consistently for the same offense. Remember; however, that Christ holds us to a higher standard, a standard that we should be thankful He keeps. How often do you find yourself struggling with the same sin? When confessing, do you find that you continue to seek absolution from God for the same offenses? Most of us do, we tend to be tempted by the same sin time and time again. How thankful we are that our Lord graces us with forgiveness, over and over again. As models of Christ we should strive to spread this forgiveness on to others as well. This week as you reflect on this message pray for a loving heart, one full of forgiveness. Spread this forgiveness on to others, regardless of how many times they may need to seek it out from you.

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.

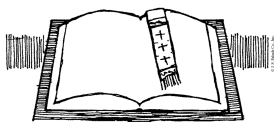
THE RCIA PROGRAM

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

I started my journey through RCIA because my husband and I wanted to be married in his faith. I had been a Methodist most of my life but had not been actively going to the Methodist church. I agreed to convert to Catholicism and my journey began. I must say at first I was a little hesitant but am so happy I decided to do this. I learned so much through the RCIA program about the Catholic faith. Each week left me wanting to know more. There is a broad range of topics covered every week and my teachers were knowledgeable and friendly. I found the RCIA program a valuable path to a better understanding of God's teachings. I am so happy and feel blessed I decided to go through the RCIA program.

Thanks,

Joy Dugan



R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program has begun. We are looking for people to make presentations as well as to act as sponsors for those participating in the program. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your Christianity with someone who desires to join our Catholic Community. Please call the parish office, 302-378-5800, or Deacon Tim, 302-376-7361 or 301-785-4330.

If you know anyone who has expressed interest in joining the Catholic Church, please ask them to call the parish office or Deacon Tim, 302-376-7361 or 301-785-4330.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans (and us) that "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord." While that is true for all of the baptized, some are called to live lives consecrated for the service of the Church as priests, deacons or religious. If you think God might be inviting you to some form of consecrated 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.cdown.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 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 @ 302-449-1498.

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

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.

SAINT THERESA "SHOWER OF ROSES CELEBRATION"

Please join us as we travel by bus to the St Theresa "Shower of Roses Celebration" at the Shrine Chapel of Saint Theresa of Lisieux at the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, PA on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Cost is \$30. There will be Mass then we will attend the Shower of Roses Celebration with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St Therese and Every Pilgrim receives a Blessed Rose. Also, a visit to the tomb of the foundress of the order, the incorruptible Mother Theresa of the Child Jesus. Food available for purchase at the shrine and a stop for dinner. Bus departs 9am- Parking Lot behind center plate at Blue Rocks Stadium and returns 8pm. To reserve call Bernadette at (302)998-1582 or 897-3022 or email marybethpayne@hotmail.com. For information about the shrine go to www.carmelite-nuns.com/Shrine_of_Saint_Therese.htm

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY IN ALL THREE COUNTIES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Sunday, October 1 is Life Chain Sunday, a national event that draws thousands of participants to rally in witness for the preborn children threatened by abortion. Participants hold pro-life signs as they stand in silent, prayerful witness along busy thoroughfares where they make a powerful impact to those driving by. Please join us for an hour or more to be a voice for the voiceless innocent babies who need us to stand up for them. Four Life Chain locations will be active in Delaware this year. Please note different times for each county.

New Castle County, Concord Pike across from Fairfax Shopping Center, **1-3 p.m.** Contact: prolifedelaware@gmail.com or 302-494-3834.

Kent County, 805 Governors Ave in front of Planned Parenthood, **12-2 p.m.** Contact: furick@hotmail.com; 302-233-4684

Sussex County, TWO locations: Route 1 in front of

St. Jude's Church and Coastal Hwy. & S. 9th St. in South Bethany. Contact:

RLeonard@beebehealthcare.org (St. Jude's event) or cdm24@verizon.net (South Bethany event) **Both held 2-4 p.m.**

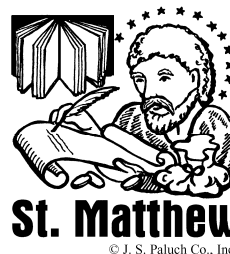
RACHEL'S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at the Franciscan retreat house, Wilmington, DE October 6-8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. For more information contact Nan Freeman at 302-528-8313 or visit rachelvineyard.org.

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

PARISH DRIVE FOR THE POOR & NEEDED

The Fall 2017 Parish drive for the poor & needy, sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be held Saturday & Sunday, October 7th & 8th at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Frazer Road at Rt. 40 in Glasgow. Items accepted include in GOOD CONDITION ONLY, clothes, furniture, house wares, small appliances, toys, bedding, etc. which will be donated to Catholic Charities Catholic Thrift Shop. Non-perishable food & personal care items will also be accepted for our Emergency Food Closet. Donations will be accepted Saturday from 5 PM—7 PM & Sunday from 8 AM—12 PM. Volunteers will be there to help load the items onto the truck and tax receipts will be available. For more information, please call 834-0225.



Job Opportunity

PART-TIME DIRECT SERVICE SPECIALIST

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities is seeking a Part-time Direct Service Specialist for Bayard House, a community based maternity home for teenage girls and women within the city of Wilmington.

For more information, list of requirements or to apply please see our posting on www.CareerBuilder.com. Visit our website at www.cdow.org