

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



*Saint Joseph Church*

371 East Main Street  
Middletown, Delaware

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 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:** Ed Holley (302-378-8081)

## PASTORAL OFFICE STAFF

**Very Rev. David F. Kelley, VC.,** Pastor  
**Rev. Timothy Brady, O.de.M.,** Associate Pastor  
**Tim Enright,** Deacon  
**David Feaster,** Deacon  
**Bob Altmiller,** Facilities Manager  
**Peggy Barrow** Business Manager  
**Vidette Benn,** Parish Secretary  
**Lauren Cataldi,** Organist  
**Jackie Delaporte,** Special Assistant, Sacristan  
**Diana Gotthold,** Formation Office  
**Rosemary Hadland,** Coordinator of Music Ministry  
**Mary Kirk,** Director of Religious Education  
**Antonia "Tonie" Vandenberg,** Ministerio Hispano  
**Mark Winterbottom,** Confirmation Coordinator

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

### Pastoral Center / Centro Pastoral:

371 E. Main Street

Middletown, DE 19709

(entrance on Cleaver Farm Road)

302-378-5800, 302-378-5808 (FAX)

(toll-free from Maryland: 888-433-1874)

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

### Office Hours / Horario de la Oficina:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## Christ the Teacher Regional Catholic School

2451 Frazer Road

Newark, DE 19702

302-838-8850

[www.christtheteacher.org](http://www.christtheteacher.org)

Sr. LaVerne King, RSM – Principal

## Liturgy Notes

### Presider's Intentions

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

**Monday, September 25**

8:30 AM (SJ) Intention's of Dick & Angela Morrow

**Tuesday, September 26**      *Sts. Cosmas & Damian*

8:30 AM (SR)

**Wednesday, September 27**

*St. Vincent de Paul*

8:30 AM (SJ) Luke Morrow

**Thursday, September 28**

*St. Wenceslaus  
St. Lawrence Ruiz  
and Companions*

8:30 AM (SJ) Burgon Sealy

**Friday, September 29**

*Sts. Michael, Gabriel  
and Raphael*

8:30 AM (SJ) Walter R. Schreiber

**Saturday, September 30**

5:00 PM (SJ) Edward Carey

**Sunday, October 1**

*26th Sunday  
in Ordinal Time*

7:30 AM (SJ) Albert Galgano

9:30 AM (SJ) Lila Grace O'Connor

11:30 AM (SJ) Nancy Brady Worniak

2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR)

9:30 AM (SR)

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

**Team 1 will clean on Thursday, September 28, 2017**

**Joanne Russell, Captain**

Joanne Reid      Ellen Walsh

Susan Morrotti      Jim Bosco

Kathy Van Horn      Shirley Stafford

Peggy Calvani      Anthony Davies

Audrey Taylor      Helen Moffatt

Doris Dill      Kathy Ursitti

Joe Ruff

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

## 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, October 1<sup>st</sup>, De. Lou De Angelo, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Wilmington, will be interviewed. 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.

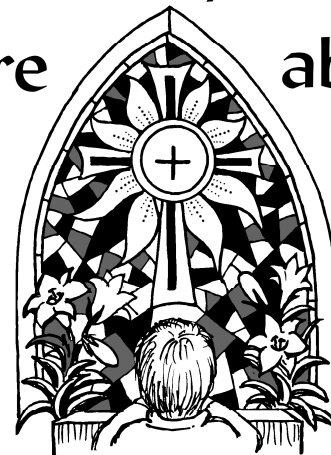
## VOCATIONS REFLECTION

In today's first reading, the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." One of the hallmarks of Christian growth is realizing that God's plan for me might be different from what I'd like to choose as a career. Sorting it all out involves discernment, and that's never easy to do by oneself. If you think God might be calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life, and if you'd like some help as you seek clarity, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

# God's ways

are

above



# our ways

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## 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.

***The Word in Our Lives:  
Readings for October 1, 2017  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**First Reading: *Ezekiel: 18:25-28***

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

**Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9***

**Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-11***

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32***

Jesus told his disciples this parable: Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:  
1 De Octubre De 2017  
XXVI Domingo Ordinario***

**Primera Lectura: *Ezequiel 18, 25-28***

Esto dice el Señor: "Si ustedes dicen: 'No es justo el proceder del Señor', escucha, casa de Israel: ¿Conque es injusto mi proceder? ¿No es más bien el proceder de ustedes el injusto? Cuando el justo se aparta de su justicia, comete la maldad y muere; muere por la maldad que cometió. Cuando el pecador se arrepiente del mal que hizo y practica la rectitud y la justicia, él mismo salva su vida. Si recapacita y se aparta de los delitos cometidos, ciertamente vivirá y no morirá".

**Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 24, 4bc-5. 6-7. 8-9***

**Segunda Lectura: *Filipenses 2, 1-11***

Hermanos: Si alguna fuerza tiene una advertencia en nombre de Cristo, si de algo sirve una exhortación nacida del amor, si nos une el mismo Espíritu y si ustedes me profesan un afecto entrañable, llénenme de alegría teniendo todos una misma manera de pensar, un mismo amor, unas mismas aspiraciones y una sola alma. Nada hagan por espíritu de rivalidad ni presunción; antes bien, por humildad, cada uno considere a los demás como superiores a sí mismo y no busque su propio interés, sino el del prójimo. Tengan los mismos sentimientos que tuvo Cristo Jesús.

Cristo, siendo Dios no consideró que debía aferrarse a las prerrogativas de su condición divina, sino que, por el contrario, se anonadó a sí mismo, tomando la condición de siervo, y se hizo semejante a los hombres. Así, hecho uno de ellos, se humilló a sí mismo y por obediencia aceptó incluso la muerte, y una muerte de cruz. Por eso Dios lo exaltó sobre todas las cosas y le otorgó el nombre que está sobre todo nombre, para que, al nombre de Jesús, todos doblen la rodilla en el cielo, en la tierra y en los abismos, y todos reconozcan públicamente que Jesucristo es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre.

**Evangelio: *Mateo 21, 28-32***

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los sumos sacerdotes y a los ancianos del pueblo: "¿Qué opinan de esto? Un hombre que tenía dos hijos fue a ver al primero y le ordenó: 'Hijo, ve a trabajar hoy en la viña'. Él le contestó: 'Ya voy, señor', pero no fue. El padre se dirigió al segundo y le dijo lo mismo. Éste le respondió: 'No quiero ir', pero se arrepintió y fue. ¿Cuál de los dos hizo la voluntad del padre?" Ellos le respondieron: "El segundo". Entonces Jesús les dijo: "Yo les aseguro que los publicanos y las prostitutas se les han adelantado en el camino del Reino de Dios. Porque vino a ustedes Juan, predicó el camino de la justicia y no le creyeron; en cambio, los publicanos y las prostitutas, sí le creyeron; ustedes, ni siquiera después de haber visto, se han arrepentido ni han creído en él".

## *Stewardship*

The offertory collection last weekend was \$16,330 toward our weekly offertory goal of \$15,800. This brings our year-to-date total to \$182,329 received toward our year-to-date goal of \$189,600.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are pleased to present a copy of the annual parish financial report for fiscal year ended 6/30/2017. As in year's past, our efforts have remained focused on working hard to reduce our debt position and strengthen our savings.

Financial Highlights include the following:

- Maintained the offertory and debt reduction payment contribution levels thanks to the support of our parishioners' ongoing commitment to our parish well-being;
- Reduced mortgage debt by \$302,223 and fully satisfied our Note payable to the Diocese (St. Joe's ceiling);
- Expenses from previous year remained essentially the same without compromise to our ministries;
- Exceeded our Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign goal by 19.43%;
- Achieved another excellent year in net proceeds from our Annual Parish Carnival;
- Completed installation of handicap access & parking lot improvements between Churches.

There were two important updates this past year. We used part of the \$290,000 received from a bequest from a parishioner to accelerate our debt reduction strategy.

Second, after many years of faithful service as business manager, Dick McAloon has officially retired and we welcome Peggy Barrow as our new Business Manager.

Other Highlights:

### **Special Collections**

Bishop's Annual Appeal-This year the goal for St. Joseph Parish was \$113,000. Total pledged came to \$134,955, by 488 families, or 16% of those registered.

Diocesan Collections-Throughout the year, St. Joseph Parish had twelve extra collections that go directly to the Diocese to help fund not only local but worldwide appeals; this past year that amounted to over \$33,900, a record amount for our parish.

Poor Box Donations- The poor box at St. Joseph church collected \$11,189.55, which went to St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those less fortunate in the area. At St. Rose those funds collected amounted to \$3,367.75, which went to Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association to help those in that community.

Parish Advisory Committee on Outreach (PACO)- Several years ago, by suggestion of Deacon Fred Wendt, the church made a commitment to enhance our contributions to charitable works that are performed by other non-profit organizations, mostly in our community, but also nationally. As we continue that commitment, the Parish donated \$6,000 last year and continues in this worthy cause.

Beyond the financials, we shared in many celebrations and special events last year. Highlights include:

### **Welcoming**

We welcomed 177 new families to our parish last year, for a total of 2,782 registered households in our parish.

### **Sacraments**

We celebrated 74 baptisms during the past year: 50 infants, 20 children and youth, and 4 adults.

2 people were welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). About 225 people attended our communal penance services. About 37 people celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing) either individually. 10 couples were married at our parish. And 38 funerals were celebrated during the year.

### Religious Education

There were 620 students enrolled in our parish religious education program, from 1st through 8th grade, 90 students celebrated First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and 91 students celebrated Confirmation. Additionally, several adult religious education sessions were offered, covering such subjects as the liturgy and sacraments.

### Liturgy

Many people were involved in all aspects of our liturgical ministries: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, servers, ushers, greeters, cantors, choir and accompanists. Along with our clergy they make our liturgies meaningful and spiritual.

There are several other noteworthy points, and as always, too many to list here. That is, the vitality and growth of our faith community is demonstrated not only by our solid financial position, but also through the countless hours of volunteerism in our parish, showing that our parishioners take seriously the need to give of themselves to continue Christ's redemptive work by giving of time, talent, and treasure.

The Finance Council aims to repeat last year's performance as good stewards and members of Christ's Church. Thank you for your commitment to our parish and Christ's mission, and may God continue to bestow His blessings upon you and your loved ones. We are humbled to serve on the parish finance council, and we hope that you will see our continued efforts to be faithful stewards of the goods entrusted to our parish.

*Charles Benn*

*Marty Desmond*

*Willie Hazzard*

*Tim Hurst*

*Dick McAloon*

*Kathy McVay*

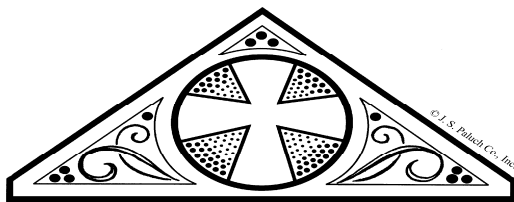
*Leonard Minner*

*John Sanders*

Finance Council Members

### SHARE IN THE SPIRIT

This 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.



### 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.

### 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.

**Thank You**

*Chuck Montgomery Insurance  
Agency, Inc.*

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.

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
As of June 30, 2017**

**ASSETS**

**CASH**

|                                       |                |                          |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Checking Accounts & Petty Cash        | \$ 4,214       |                          |
| Money Market Accounts                 | 496,545        |                          |
| Savings Accounts                      | <u>110,010</u> |                          |
| <b>TOTAL CASH &amp; MONEY MARKETS</b> |                | <b><u>\$ 610,769</u></b> |

**INVESTMENTS**

|                          |                   |                          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Certificates of Deposit  | <u>\$ 357,623</u> |                          |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> |                   | <b><u>\$ 357,623</u></b> |

**OTHER ASSETS**

|                           |                 |                        |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|                           | <u>\$ 3,450</u> |                        |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b> |                 | <b><u>\$ 3,450</u></b> |

**FIXED ASSETS**

|                           |            |                             |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Furniture and Fixtures    | \$ 377,177 |                             |
| Land                      | 734,525    |                             |
| Church Buildings          | 6,757,128  |                             |
| Rectory                   | 144,577    |                             |
| St Joseph Complex Hall    | 1,887,405  |                             |
| St Rose Hall              | 60,000     |                             |
| St Rose Cemetery          | 21,790     |                             |
| St Francis Cemetery       | 19,080     |                             |
| Land Improvements         | 37,364     |                             |
| <b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b> |            | <b><u>\$ 10,039,046</u></b> |

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| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> |  | <b><u><u>\$ 11,010,888</u></u></b> |
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**LIABILITIES**

**PAYABLES**

|                       |           |                            |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Accounts Payable      | \$ 9,909  |                            |
| Mortgage-M & T Bank   | 1,183,208 |                            |
| <b>TOTAL PAYABLES</b> |           | <b><u>\$ 1,193,117</u></b> |

**OTHER LIABILITIES (Deferred Income)**

|                          |                  |                         |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                          | <u>\$ 70,854</u> |                         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> |                  | <b><u>\$ 70,854</u></b> |

**FUND BALANCE**

|                                       |                |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Unrestricted-Net Operating            | \$ 341,639     |                            |
| Unrestricted-Net Fixed Assets         | 8,855,838      |                            |
| Restricted-Sustaining the Hope        | 234,014        |                            |
| Restricted-St. Rose Cemetery Funds    | 1,150,529      |                            |
| Restricted-St. Francis Cemetery Funds | <u>164,897</u> |                            |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>             |                | <b><u>\$ 9,746,917</u></b> |

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| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES<br/>&amp; FUND BALANCE</b> |  | <b><u><u>\$ 11,010,888</u></u></b> |
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**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH  
SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT  
7/1/17-6/30/17**

**OPERATING INCOME**

|                                |              |                            |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Parish ordinary income         | \$ 1,089,749 |                            |
| Parish special purpose income  | 155,972      |                            |
| Religious education income     | 76,197       |                            |
| Cemetery Income                | 36,890       |                            |
| Diocesan Collections           | 33,900       |                            |
|                                |              |                            |
| <b><u>OPERATING INCOME</u></b> |              | <b><u>\$ 1,392,708</u></b> |

**OPERATING EXPENSE**

|                                  |            |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Clergy/parish ministers/rectory  | \$ 105,626 |                              |
| Administrative expense           | 110,578    |                              |
| Facilities expense               | 167,593    |                              |
| Liturgy                          | 75,335     |                              |
| Charity                          | 21,157     |                              |
| Special Ministry expense         | 51,773     |                              |
| Facility Insurance Premiums      | 28,446     |                              |
| Employee Benefits & FICA Tax     | 99,996     |                              |
| Diocesan assessment              | 113,500    |                              |
| Elementary school assessment     | 15,000     |                              |
| Capital expense                  | 18,600     |                              |
| Religious education expense      | 140,093    |                              |
| Mortgage Interest                | 53,129     |                              |
| Cemetery Expense                 | 23,474     |                              |
| Diocesan Collections             | 33,900     |                              |
|                                  |            |                              |
| <b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b> |            | <b><u>\$ (1,058,200)</u></b> |

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| <b><u>NET OPERATING INCOME</u></b> |  | <b><u>\$ 334,508</u></b> |
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**LESS: NON-OPERATING EXPENSES**

|                                |              |                            |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Mortgage Principal payments    | \$ (302,223) |                            |
| Diocesan note paid in full     | (160,000)    |                            |
| Sustaining Hope for the Future | (35,733)     |                            |
|                                |              |                            |
| <b>Non-Operating Expense</b>   |              | <b><u>\$ (157,700)</u></b> |

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| <b><u>NET INCOME</u></b> |  | <b><u>\$ (163,448)</u></b> |
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## ***Parish Life***

### **WELCOME**

The people of St. Joseph Parish welcome into our family ***Alexis Marie Levin*** 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, 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 ***William P. Windish*** and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.

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

### **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.

### **MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO**

En el matrimonio a veces un compañero da más que el otro (hace más dinero, hace más tareas - especialmente los no deseados, etc.) Recientemente me rompí el brazo y mi marido se convirtió en San Jaime para mí. ¿Cuándo ha cargado tu amado la mayor parte de las cargas de la vida para ti?

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

### **Monday, September 25**

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

9:30 AM—English as a Second Language

in Rooms 3 & 6

7:00 PM—RCIA—Rm. 1

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

### **Tuesday, September 26**

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Rose Church

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

### **Wednesday, September 27**

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—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

7:00 PM—CPR/AED Training in Parish Hall

### **Thursday, September 28**

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 29**

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

### **Saturday, September 30**

11:00 AM—Wedding in St. Rose

4:00 PM—Confessions in St. Joseph Church

5:00 PM—Mass in St. Joseph Church

### **Sunday, October 1**

8:45 AM—PREP Session E

11:45 AM—PREP Session G

\*5:00 PM—Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)

**\*Please note time change**

### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

In marriage sometimes one partner gives more than the other (makes more money, does more chores - especially the unwanted ones, etc.) Recently I broke my arm and my husband became St. Jim to me. When has your beloved carried the bigger part of life's burdens for you?



## **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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church.

Please contact Director **Rosemary Hadland** at [rhadland@verizon.net](mailto:rhadland@verizon.net), or Music Librarian **Rosemarie Lamb** at [roejlamb1of7@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 27. 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**

Monday (September 25) is National Eat Dinner Together Day. Maybe you always eat dinner together. If not, make a special effort to eat together on this day. Tell stories of your day. What was the high? What was the low?

### **PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA**

Lunes (25 de Septiembre) es el Día Nacional de Comer Cena Juntos. Tal vez siempre comas la cena juntos. Si no, hacer un esfuerzo especial para comer juntos en este día. Cuente historias de su día. ¿Qué fue lo mejor? ¿Qué fue lo peor?

### **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 \$204.00 last weekend from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. We received \$22.00 from the Poor Box at St. Rose. Thank you for continuing to assist those in need.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
**302-463-6255**  
**DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THOSE**  
**IN NEED IN THE MOT AREA**

### OUR DAILY BREAD



Our Daily Bread feeds low income families, individuals, children, the elderly and those in need in the MOT communities with nutritious meals in a safe environment. They serve Lunch, Monday, 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.



## 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.

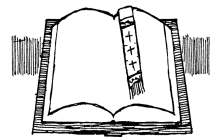
### ROSARY AT BROADMEADOW

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.

### 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.

### 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.