

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8, 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

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Rev. Timothy Brady, O.de.M., Associate Pastor
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Middletown, DE 19709

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

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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

MASS AT THE SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Church (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD on Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 pm. This is the last Mass scheduled at this historic shrine in 2017. Fr. Richard Jasper, the most recent priest ordained in the Diocese of Wilmington, will be the celebrant. A first-class relic of St. Francis Xavier, on loan from Geoff and Dorcas Gamble, will be available for veneration after the service.



The Bohemia Mission was founded in 1704 by Rev. Thomas Mansell of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The plantation was clandestinely established to minister to the scattered Catholics throughout what is now Cecil County, MD, the entire Delmarva Peninsula, and southeastern PA when Catholicism was outlawed in the English Colonies. The territory was reduced in size when the missions of PA were established in the 1720's and again with the founding of St. Joseph's Mission at Cordova, MD in 1765. After the Diocese of Wilmington was established in 1868, it was further reduced from time to time as new parishes were opened. The present church dates from 1792. The roof, floor, altar and pews are not original as they had to be replaced following a fire in 1912.

The Old Bohemia Historical Society (OBHS), begun by a Catholic, a Quaker and a Methodist in 1954, bought the property's core 120 acres and now maintains the site. No money is received from the Diocese of Wilmington or any other agency or religious order 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.

For more information or to arrange a tour of the church and rectory, please call OBHS President Marji Matyniak at 302.328.4803. The church is also available for group retreats and weddings.

If you have any questions, 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, October 9 *St. Denis & Companions*
St. John Leonardi

8:30 AM (SJ) Sophia Mazurowska

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 AM (SR) Jadwiga Matkowski

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII

8:30 AM (SJ) Helen Tuttle

Thursday, October 12

8:30 AM (SJ) Josefa Tuason Molina

Friday, October 13

8:30 AM (SJ) Mary Benn

Saturday, October 14

5:00 PM (SJ) Tray Corrigan

Sunday, October 15

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7:30 AM (SJ) Barbara Wisowaty

9:30 AM (SJ) Delvin Burns

11:30 AM (SJ) Mason Scott Farro

5:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR) Anna Marie Hoover

9:30 AM (SR)

ALL SOULS DAY

On Thursday, November 2nd, All Souls Day, we will be celebrating mass at 8:30 AM at St. Joseph Church, and remembering our deceased friends and relatives throughout the month of November. We will gather for Vespers, an evening prayer service, at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 30th. At Vespers we will remember specifically parishioner family members who have died during the past year. We will include all the deceased whose funerals were at St. Joseph or St. Rose Churches in the past twelve months. We invite parishioners with family members who have died in the last year but did not have the funeral at St. Joseph or St. Rose Churches to call the parish office prior to Friday, October 27th, with their name(s) for inclusion in our prayers at the All Souls Vespers. We invite all parishioners to join us at Vespers on Thursday, November 30th as we pray for all who have gone before us in faith.

The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for October 15, 2017
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah: 25:6-10a*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."



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La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
15 De Octubre De 2017
XXVIII Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura: *Isaías 25, 6-10*

En aquel día, el Señor del universo preparará sobre este monte un festín con platillos succulentos para todos los pueblos; un banquete con vinos exquisitos y manjares sustanciosos. Él arrancará en este monte el velo que cubre el rostro de todos los pueblos, el paño que oscurece a todas las naciones. Destruirá la muerte para siempre; el Señor Dios enjugará las lágrimas de todos los rostros y borrará de toda la tierra la afrenta de su pueblo. Así lo ha dicho el Señor. En aquel día se dirá: "Aquí está nuestro Dios, de quien esperábamos que nos salvara. Alegrémonos y gocemos con la salvación que nos trae, porque la mano del Señor reposará en este monte".

Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6*

Segunda Lectura: *Filipenses 4, 12-14. 19-20*

Hermanos: Yo sé lo que es vivir en pobreza y también lo que es tener de sobra. Estoy acostumbrado a todo: lo mismo a comer bien que a pasar hambre; lo mismo a la abundancia que a la escasez. Todo lo puedo unido a aquel que me da fuerza. Sin embargo, han hecho bien ustedes en socorrerme, cuando me vi en dificultades. Mi Dios, por su parte, con su infinita riqueza, remediará con esplendidez todas las necesidades de ustedes, por medio de Cristo Jesús. Gloria a Dios, nuestro Padre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Evangelio: *Mateo 22, 1-14*

En aquel tiempo, volvió Jesús a hablar en parábolas a los sumos sacerdotes y a los ancianos del pueblo, diciendo: "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un rey que preparó un banquete de bodas para su hijo. Mandó a sus criados que llamaran a los invitados, pero éstos no quisieron ir.

Envío de nuevo a otros criados que les dijeran: 'Tengo preparado el banquete; he hecho matar mis terneras y los otros animales gordos; todo está listo. Vengan a la boda'. Pero los invitados no hicieron caso. Uno se fue a su campo, otro a su negocio y los demás se les echaron encima a los criados, los insultaron y los mataron.

Entonces el rey se llenó de cólera y mandó sus tropas, que dieron muerte a aquellos asesinos y prendieron fuego a la ciudad.

Luego les dijo a sus criados: 'La boda está preparada; pero los que habían sido invitados no fueron dignos. Salgan, pues, a los cruces de los caminos y conviden al banquete de bodas a todos los que encuentren'. Los criados salieron a los caminos y reunieron a todos los que encontraron, malos y buenos, y la sala del banquete se llenó de convidados.

Cuando el rey entró a saludar a los convidados vio entre ellos a un hombre que no iba vestido con traje de fiesta y le preguntó: 'Amigo, ¿cómo has entrado aquí sin traje de fiesta?' Aquel hombre se quedó callado. Entonces el rey dijo a los criados: 'Átenlo de pies y manos y arrójenlo fuera, a las tinieblas. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación. Porque muchos son los llamados y pocos los escogidos'.



Stewardship

The offertory collection last weekend was \$17,494 toward our weekly offertory goal of \$15,800. This brings our year-to-date total to \$214,438 received toward our year-to-date goal of \$221,200. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

John Sanders, President, Finance Council

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

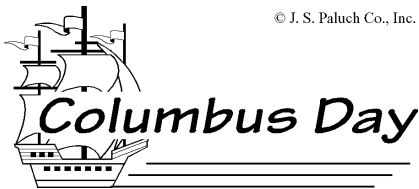
This weekend the Little Sisters of the Poor will seek your financial Support for their ministry to the elderly poor. The Sisters are committed to welcoming the needy regardless of race or religion, into their Home on Salem Church Road in Newark. They receive them as members of their large family, caring for them and preparing them for their heavenly Home when God calls them. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The second collection next weekend, October 14 & 15 will be for World Mission Sunday. Please be as generous as you can.

DEBT REDUCTION

The collection for Debt Reduction has been changed to October 21/22.



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

Saint Margaret Sunday Missal

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.

MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO

"No tengas angustia, pero ... haz conocer tus peticiones a Dios". (Filipenses 4: 6) Todos tenemos ansiedades en la vida - dinero, salud, nuestros hijos, seguridad, etc.) Su cónyuge no puede resolver todos sus problemas, pero compartir nuestras necesidades en la oración juntos puede disminuir la ansiedad.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Have no anxiety at all, but...make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6) We all have anxieties in life - money, health, our kids, safety, etc.) Your spouse cannot solve all your problems, but sharing our needs in prayer together can lessen the anxiety.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR SPANISH MASS AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH FOR OCTOBER

October 8, 2017 mass at **6:00 PM**

October 15, 2017 mass at 5:00 PM

October 22, 2017 mass at 5:00 PM

October 29, 2017 mass at 5:00 PM

Masses will return to 2:00 PM in November.

Team 3 will clean on Thursday, October 12, 2017

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 **Davis Colton Brown** who was baptized last 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:

*Mr. & Mrs. Tsushung Hua of Middletown;
the Bennett family of Middletown; and
the Metcalfe family of The Town of Whitehall;*

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:

Heather Seramone, Danielle Mundell, Michael LaSapio, Reid LaSapio, Edward Hudack, 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 our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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

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.

Breakfast

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast next Sunday, October 15th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, at **St. Rose Hall**. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon & sausage, scrapple, home fries, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost is \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 senior citizens (60+) and \$5.00 for children (10 to 18) under 10 eat free. Please come out and help support our Knights and their charitable works while enjoying a delicious breakfast.



Reflecting on this week's gospel, I can't help to think about how we treat others. While we may not be as physically violent as the tenants in this parable, we certainly can hurt others through more than just physical violence. We should remember that all that has been provided to us is from the Lord. These gifts go beyond just material possessions; they also include the world we live in and all those that live upon it. As you reflect on this truth this week contemplate how well you are treating these gifts that the Lord has provided you? Do you treat all with dignity and respect? In what way can you do a better job of showing love to your neighbors? In what way can you do a better job of caring for our Earth?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We would like to thank all of those catechists that volunteered to serve as facilitators at the "Reconciliation Parent/Child Formation Night" held on October 2nd. Special thanks go out to JoEllen Workman, Terri Sommer, Valerie Pietlock, Kim Vega, Lisa Perrucci, and Diana Gotthold. A reminder that our "Reconciliation Child Gathering" will be held on Saturday morning, November 4th, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM, in the Parish Complex.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, October 9

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 PM—RCIA in Room 1
- 7:00 PM—Finance Council in Room 3
- 8:00 PM—Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, October 10

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Rose Church
- 10:00 AM—Columbiettes in Room 4
- 12:00 PM—55+ Group in Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM—Pastoral Council in St. Rose Hall
- 7:00 PM—Cub Scouts in Rooms 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 & Hall
- 7:00 PM—Confirmation Practice in
St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, October 11

- 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 in
Room 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

Thursday, October 12

- 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, October 13

- 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church
- 5:30 PM—Wedding Rehearsal at St. Rose Church

Saturday, October 14

- 1:00 PM—Wedding at St. Rose Church
- 4:00 PM—Confessions in St. Joseph Church
- 5:00 PM—Mass in St. Joseph Church

****Sunday, October 15**

- 8:45 AM—PREP Session E
- 11:45 AM—PREP Session G
- 2:00 PM—Confirmation in St. Joseph Church
- *5:00 PM—Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)**

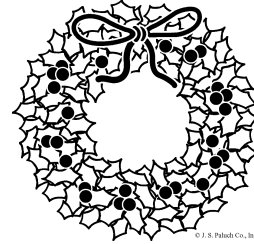
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****Boy Scouts Wreath Fundraiser after all masses
at St. Joseph Church & St. Rose Church.**

8:30-11:30 AM Pancake Breakfast in St. Rose Hall

55+ GROUP MEETING

The 55+ group will hold its October meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 12:00 noon. We will have a speaker talking about Fire Safety for Seniors. Bring a dish to share.



ANNUAL WREATH FUNDRAISER

Boy Scout Troop 125 will be selling Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, etc. at St. Joseph Church and St. Rose Church after all masses the weekend of October 14th & 15th. Orders will be taken and may be paid for by cash, check or credit card. Pick up date will be November 19th in the Parish Hall from 8AM to 1PM and St. Rose Hall from 8:30AM to 11AM. Wreaths can be viewed at www.mickman.com/fundraising.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Friday, October 13, 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of the 2nd apparition of Mary to the three children at Fatima. To commemorate this event, the Columbiettes Old Bohemia Council #6543 will pray the rosary at Noon at the Marian statue located at the entrance to the cemetery at St. Rose of Lima Church in Chesapeake City, MD. All parishioners are invited to join us for this special occasion. The event will be held rain or shine.

SEASONS OF HOPE

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is you. It meets for six Wednesdays, beginning September 6. The next meeting is October 11. 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.

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.

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

We received \$244.10 last weekend from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. We received \$16.25 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

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION

This week is our monthly canned goods collection to replenish the shelves at the food pantry. Canned goods may be brought to either St. Joseph or St. Rose church. Your donations are taken to the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association for distribution.



COLECCION DE PRODUCTOS ENLATADOS

Este fin de semana es nuestra colección mensual de productos enlatados para reponer los estantes en la despensa de alimentos. Los productos enlatados pueden ser llevados a la iglesia de St. Joseph o St. Rose. Sus donaciones son llevadas a la Asociación Ecueménica de la Ciudad de Chesapeake para su distribución.

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 SPECIAL EVENTS

On Thursday, October 12th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, the Department of Public Health will be hosting a Free Flu Shot Clinic in our Conference Room. For those wishing to participate, please enter through the door facing Broad Street. Look for the signs.

On Wednesday, October 18th, Twisted Frozen Yogurt (482 East Main Street) is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit Our Daily Bread. A portion of the evening's sales from 5:00 pm to closing will be donated to ODB. Who doesn't need a mid-week sweet treat. Thank you for your continued support of Our Daily Bread. Betsy Cave President, Our Daily Bread 302-285-9540.

ELKTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Our next date to serve at the Elkton Community Kitchen is Friday, October 13. We are planning a menu of Chili, Rolls with butter, Tossed garden salad with dressing, fresh fruit and dessert. We would appreciate any volunteers for the month of October. Please let Wilma Fitzner know if you are able to give about 3 hours on October 13 and/or are able to donate for the menu. You may respond to 410 275-1156 or wilmafitzner@gmail.com. We thank all our volunteers for your support of this ministry which is feeding so many.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Passes for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day on 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 the Columbiettes help the Columbiettes. For passes or more information, please call Betty Mousley (302-836-0887) or Janet Harden (443-553-4743). Thank you.

BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL BOTTLES FOR BABIES EVENT



Throughout October, Respect Life month, Birthright of Delaware will have its Bottles for Babies event. On the weekend of October 7 & 8 baby bottles will be distributed after all the Masses. The bottles are to be dropped off the weekend of October 28 & 29. We ask you to take one home or give it to a loved one. Please read the insert, fill it out if you chose to do so, then fill the bottle with loose change, money or checks and return them at the end of October. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their infants. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright graciously thanks 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.

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.

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, October 15th, Catholic author and humorist, Susie Lloyd, will discuss her latest book, "Yes, God." 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.

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.

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.

THE RCIA PROGRAM

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

Although I attended a Presbyterian Church as a child, I started going to a Catholic Church as a teenager. I was married in a Catholic church and raised five daughters. They all received their sacraments. When I came to St. Joseph's Church, I met many nice people who suggested I inquire about the RCIA Program. They said the program might help me understand the faith better. They were right. I started in the program three years ago and the experience was fulfilling. Everyone was so nice and welcoming. I am so blessed that now I can fully participate in Mass.

Virginia Lagarelli

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Christians at Philippi how to live so that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." A key element in experiencing that peace is seeking out God's unique plan for one's life. Where is the Lord trying to lead you? How does He want you to glorify Him? Is He calling you to priesthood, diaconate or to religious life? If you think so, let's explore that. Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS

Please note there will no longer be Charismatic Prayer Meetings. If you have any questions please call Linda Wills 302-449-1498.

PARENTING POINTERS

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor." (Mark 10:21) Invite your child to take a step with you. Each of you choose one belonging to give to a person who has less than you. If you don't know anyone, take it to Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul.

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

"Ve, vende lo que tienes, y da a los pobres". (Marcos 10:21) Invite a su hijo a dar un paso con usted. Cada uno de ustedes elige algo que le pertenece y dárselo a una persona que tiene menos que usted. Si no conoces a nadie, llévalo a Buena Voluntad o San Vicente de Paúl.

Around the Diocese

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

BISHOP'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS / SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 16** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing ljackson@cdow.org, or by calling 302-295-0657.



Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

(please print clearly)

Last Name: _____ Husband's First Name: _____ Wife's First Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone # () _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Years Married: 5 ___ 10 ___ 15 ___ 20 ___ 25 ___ 30 ___ 35 ___ 40 ___ 45 ___ 50 ___ More than 50? ___ Years

Parish: _____ Total number of persons attending (include guests): _____

In order to best plan for seating arrangements, do you and/or your spouse utilize a wheelchair ___(X)
or motorized chair ___(X)

Mail to: The Office for Marriage & Family Life (Anniversary Mass) 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

You may send the information via email to ljackson@cdow.org, or call 302-295-0657. Deadline for registration is October 16, 2017.

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON 32ND CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Wilmington is having their 32nd Charismatic Conference on Oct. 20, 21 & 22 at Holy Savior Church, 1705 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD. It begins Fri. October 20 at 7 pm with Mass. It ends on Sun Oct 22 after 10 am Mass. For more information contact Bernadette Baker at 302 562-2172 or email: wilmcathcr@gmail.com.