

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE

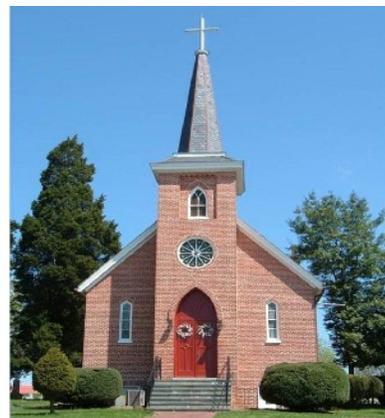


Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

DECEMBER 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

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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



4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23
5:00 PM St. Joseph

Sunday, December 24
7:30 AM St. Joseph
8:00 AM St. Rose of Lima
9:30 AM St. Joseph
9:30 AM St. Rose of Lima
11:30 AM St. Joseph (Spanish)

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24
4:00 PM St. Joseph
5:00 PM St. Rose of Lima
6:00 PM St. Joseph
7:00 PM St. Rose of Lim
12:00 Midnight St. Joseph

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25
9:00 AM St. Joseph
9:00 AM St. Rose of Lima
11:00 AM St. Joseph
2:00 PM No Mass in Spanish

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 30
5:00 PM St. Joseph

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 31
7:30 AM St. Joseph
8:00 AM St. Rose of Lima
9:30 AM St. Joseph
9:30 AM St. Rose of Lima
11:30 AM St. Joseph
2:00 PM St. Joseph (Spanish)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, January 1
9:00 AM St. Joseph
9:00 AM St. Rose of Lima

Liturgy Notes

A CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

There is an old Christian tradition that God sends each person into this world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing for others, with a special act of love to bestow. No one else can speak my message, or sing my song, or offer my act of love. These are entrusted to me.

According to this tradition, the message may be spoken, the song sung, the act of love delivered only to a few, or to all the folk in a small town, or to all the people in a large city, or even to all the people in the whole world. It all depends on God's unique plan for each person.

At this holy season of Christmas, when we recall that God so loved the world that He sent his Son into the world for us, I want tell you all:

Your message has been heard in my heart,
Your song has warmed my world,
Your love has brightened my darkness.

Thank you for your message, your song, and your love!

You will be in my own grateful heart and prayers throughout this holy season and throughout the coming year.

Peace,
Father David

Presider's Intentions

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

Monday, December 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*
8:30 AM (SJ)

Tuesday, December 26 *St. Stephen*
8:30 AM (SR)

Wednesday, December 27 *St. John*
8:30 AM (SJ) Helen Rutkowski

Thursday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*
8:30 AM (SJ) Karen McKenna

Friday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*
8:30 AM (SJ) Ellen Suzanne Roberts

Saturday, December 30
5:00 PM (SJ) Tracy Corrigan

Sunday, December 31 *The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:30 AM (SJ) Helen Rutkowski

9:30 AM (SJ) Karen McKenna

11:30 AM (SJ) John P. Butler

2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR)

9:30 AM (SR)

**MASS INTENTIONS ARE OPEN FOR
APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2018**

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Please join us on Sunday, January 7, 2018
For The Epiphany of the Lord at 5:00 p.m. in
Saint Joseph Church as members of the
Music Ministry present Our Christmas Story
Celebrating of the Season of our Savior's
Birth.

***The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for December 31, 2017
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

First Reading: *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
31 De Diciembre De 2017
La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

Primera Lectura: Génesis 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3

El Señor honra al padre en los hijos y respalda la autoridad de la madre sobre la prole. El que honra a su padre queda limpio de pecado; y acumula tesoros, el que respeta a su madre. Quien honra a su padre, encontrará alegría en sus hijos y su oración será escuchada; el que enaltece a su padre, tendrá larga vida y el que obedece al Señor, es consuelo de su madre. Hijo, cuida de tu padre en la vejez y en su vida no le causes tristeza; aunque se debilite su razón, ten paciencia con él y no lo menosprecies por estar tú en pleno vigor. El bien hecho al padre no quedará en el olvido y se tomará a cuenta de tus pecados.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 104, 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Hebrews 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19

Hermanos: Por su fe, Abraham, obediente al llamado de Dios, y sin saber a dónde iba, partió hacia la tierra que habría de recibir como herencia. Por su fe, Sara, aun siendo estéril y a pesar de su avanzada edad, pudo concebir un hijo, porque creyó que Dios habría de ser fiel a la promesa; y así, de un solo hombre, ya anciano, nació una descendencia, numerosa como las estrellas del cielo e incontable como las arenas del mar. Por su fe, Abraham, cuando Dios le puso una prueba, se dispuso a sacrificar a Isaac, su hijo único, garantía de la promesa, porque Dios le había dicho: De Isaac nacerá la descendencia que ha de llevar tu nombre. Abraham pensaba, en efecto, que Dios tiene poder hasta para resucitar a los muertos; por eso le fue devuelto Isaac, que se convirtió así en un símbolo profético.

Evangelio: Lucas 1, 26-38

Transcurrido el tiempo de la purificación de María, según la ley de Moisés, ella y José llevaron al niño a Jerusalén para presentarlo al Señor, de acuerdo con lo escrito en la ley: Todo primogénito varón será consagrado al Señor, y también para ofrecer, como dice la ley, un par de tórtolas o dos pichones. Vivía en Jerusalén un hombre llamado Simeón, varón justo y temeroso de Dios, que aguardaba el consuelo de Israel; en él moraba el Espíritu Santo, el cual le había revelado que no moriría sin haber visto antes al Mesías del Señor. Movidó por el Espíritu, fue al templo, y cuando José y María entraban con el niño Jesús para cumplir con lo prescrito por la ley, Simeón lo tomó en brazos y bendijo a Dios, diciendo: "Señor, ya puedes dejar morir en paz a tu siervo, según lo que me habías prometido, porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos; luz que alumbra a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo, Israel".

El padre y la madre del niño estaban admirados de semejantes palabras. Simeón los bendijo, y a María, la madre de Jesús, le anunció: "Este niño ha sido puesto para ruina y resurgimiento de muchos en Israel, como signo que provocará contradicción, para que queden al descubierto los pensamientos de todos los corazones. Y a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma".

Había también una profetisa, Ana, hija de Fanuel, de la tribu de Aser. Era una mujer muy anciana. De joven, había vivido siete años casada y tenía ya ochenta y cuatro años de edad. No se apartaba del templo ni de día ni de noche, sirviendo a Dios con ayunos y oraciones. Ana se acercó en aquel momento, dando gracias a Dios y hablando del niño a todos los que aguardaban la liberación de Israel. Y cuando cumplieron todo lo que prescribía la ley del Señor, se volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él.

Stewardship

Merry Christmas! And as always, a warm welcome to those visiting our parish for the holidays! Christmas reminds us of the greatest of stewardship lessons — the gift of our Savior, which is an expression of God's good will and love to us all. Let us be glad and rejoice, and be reminded that the best gift is not wrapped in paper and ribbon, rather in swaddling clothes. Warmest wishes to you and yours and have a safe and wonderful Christmas!

The offertory collection for last weekend was \$13,950. The Debt Reduction ACH monthly collection was \$1585. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

The Finance Council



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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Team 2 will clean on Thursday, December 28, 2017

Loretta Williams, Captain

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

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



Thank You

Diamond Car Wash.
for advertising in our parish bulletin.

Please be sure to visit our parish website and check out those businesses who advertise in our bulletin. Your support of these sponsors is one way to say thank you for their generosity.

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.

Parish Life

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Oremos por los enfermos:

Mary Ann Romantini, Joyce Storey, Merriam Brelsford, Joyce Asplen, Tony Dooley, John Viars, Anne White, Heather Seramone, Danielle Mundell, Michael LoSapio, Reid LoSapio, Edward Hudack, Daisy Pabon, Richard Bengermينو, Emily Knorr, Steven Brown, Lea Castelli, Ludwig Possenti, Ron Huff, Joel Rivera, Andrew Tomaino, 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, Peggy Robinson, Joseph Nelson, Joan Huhn, Connie Beardsley, 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 *Francis J. Tierney* and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



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



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This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 25

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM—Christmas Mass at St. Joseph Church

9:00 AM—Christmas Mass at St Rose of Lima

11:00 AM—Christmas Mass at St. Joseph Church

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

Tuesday, December 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Rose Church

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

9:30 AM—Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7

12:00 PM—Blood Bank 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

Thursday, December 28

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

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

Friday, December 29

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM—Mass at St. Joseph Church

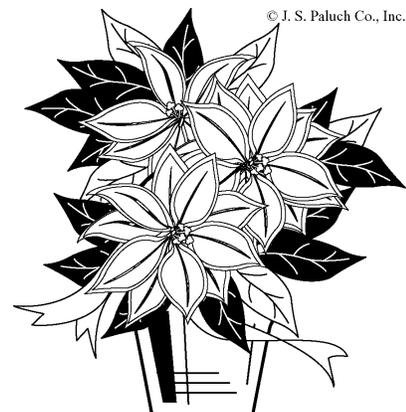
Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM—Confessions in St. Joseph Church

5:00 PM—Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, December 31

2:00 PM—Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)





This week, on the eve of Christmas, we are presented with the beautiful Gospel message that reminds us that, “The Lord is with you.” This message is central to our faith, and one that should bring us comfort. The Lord is with all of us, always and forever. Today’s message also reminds us to not be afraid. When Gabriel visited Mary it was to provide comfort and joy, a joy that is for the whole world. Tomorrow, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, reflect on this joy. Remember that Christmas is not just a day we receive presents, but it is a day that the world received Christ. Christ is the greatest gift that anyone can receive, and it is a gift that we should share with joy. Christmas day can be hectic, but remember to take a moment to reflect on its true meaning. Do not allow Christ to be taken out of Christmas, and take comfort in knowing that the Lord is with you always.



MISA EN ESPAÑOL



Misa el Domingo 12/24 será a las 11:30 a.m.

Misa en español el lunes, día de Navidad en Galena St. Dennis a las 11:00 a.m.

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

Last weekend, we received \$204.15 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph. Last weekend we received \$28, 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**

CCEA SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, January 20th, 2018
4-8 p.m.**

Chesapeake City VFW

**\$8 adult in advance \$10 at the door,
children under 5 eat free!**

**Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert, & iced tea.
VFW bar open for alcoholic beverages.**

Takeout available

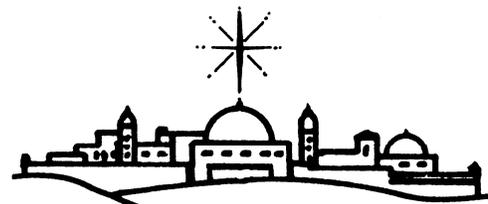
Tickets/takeout www.ccea4u.com

*All proceeds benefit the Chesapeake City Ecumenical
Association **Food Pantry** — a registered 501(3).*

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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Christian Formation

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

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.

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.

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.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

The angel Gabriel greeted Mary by saying "Hail, full of grace!" Every day, priests, deacons, religious sisters and religious brothers work to help women and men recognize and respond to God's grace in their lives. Is God calling you to serve His people through a religious vocation? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

PASS THE WORD

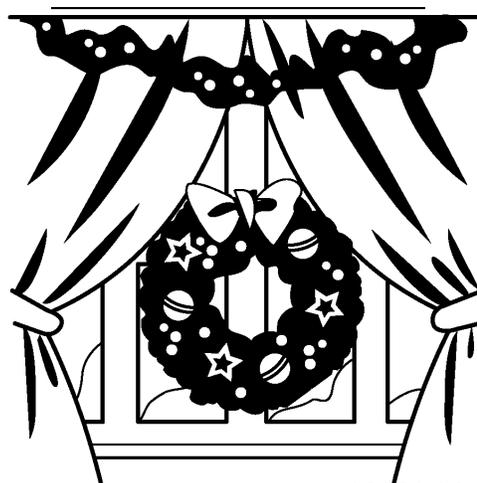
Pass the Word is an annual Diocesan Vocation initiative that seeks to introduce our young men in high school to the possibility of a vocation to the Priesthood through a day long program with the Bishop, priests and seminarians. It is on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD. Please mark your calendars and share this date with all who work with our youth. We also invite you to begin thinking about young men in grades 9th to 12th to nominate and ask you to join us in our prayers for priestly vocations. More information about the day's events and the nomination process will be forth coming in January of 2018.

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

¿Cuántas generaciones de su familia estarán presentes durante sus vacaciones? Escuche las historias de los demás. Aprende sobre el pasado y el futuro.

PARENTING POINTERS

How many generations of your family will be present during your holidays? Listen to each other's stories. Learn about the past and future.



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MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO

Nochebuena. El nacimiento de un bebé nos recuerda el pasado y nos hace pensar en el futuro. Hoy, reflexiona sobre la vida de tus antepasados y tu futuro desconocido juntos.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Christmas Eve. The birth of a baby reminds us of the past and makes us think of the future. Today, ponder the lives of your ancestors and your unknown future together.

Around the Diocese

GOOD NEWS

Merry Christmas from Catholic Forum! 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, December 31st, tune in to hear an interview with Mr. Joseph Ryan, recently retired Editor of The Dialog. 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.

AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Saint Anthony of Padua RC Church Presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors", by Gian Carlo Menotti on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 4 PM. Amahl is a charming one act operetta about a 12 year old cripple boy who is visited by the Three Kings as they make their way to visit the Christ Child. It full of fun and frolic as Amahl questions and taunts the Three Kings. It's a perfect evening for the entire family.

Amahl—David Goodall
Morthor—Andrea Arena
Balthazar—Marcel Sawyer
Kaspar—James Longacre
Melchoir—Daniel Terrazas
Page—Matthew Zimnoch

Choir and Choral Scholars of Saint Anthony Church
Dancers of the Wilmington Ballet, Louis L. Perazza,
Organist and Music Director

A \$10.00 donation is asked of the adults while children are admitted free. King Kaspar will give each child in attendance a Candy Cane !!!!

ST. THOMAS COLUMBIETTES 12374 MARCH FOR LIFE

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the *March for Life* held on Friday, January 19th. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Please contact Theresa Collurafici at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-322-2929 to sign up

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

St. Mary of the Assumption Early Education Open House is on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 10am-12noon. Registration is from January 1st-February 9th. For More Information please call Karen Rombach at 302-239-7100 ext. 34.

SAVING GRACE CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE

Saving Grace Christian Bookstore, located at 109 W Main St, Middletown, DE 19709 has in stock the St Joseph Missal, Church Advent candles, Advent calendars, Nativity sets, Rosary beads, and St Joseph Statues.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

"Catholic Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington" by Fr. Tom Peterman is now available to order as a great gift for Christmas, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and more. The cost is \$50, which includes shipping and handling. To order and pay, you can email petermanpublication@gmail.com or to Rev. Thomas Peterman, 2505 Centerville Road, Wilmington DE 19808.



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