

Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

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By this is my
Father glorified,
that you bear much
fruit and become
my disciples.

John 15:8

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Schedule of Liturgies

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY EUCHARISTS:

7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM

DAILY EUCHARISTS:

7 AM; 12:05 (Mon. - Fri.) 8:00 AM (Saturday)

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST: As announced

SICK CALLS: Anytime

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Saturdays: 4 to 4:45 PM; Anytime by appointment

BAPTISMS: By appointment with at least one
preparation session for new parents.

WEDDINGS: Engaged couples wishing to marry in
the church should contact a Parish Priest at least one
year prior to the planned wedding date to begin the
marriage preparation process. The year-long process
includes diocesan pre-marriage classes and meetings
with clergy.



**COUNCIL #15436: Council
meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.,
Archives Building. Membership in the Knights of
Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are
practicing Catholics. Contact Paul Thorson, 302-229-
5644, LTCThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, 302-
753-2928, johnstru@comcast.net.**

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: All are welcome to
join the Knights of Columbus Council #15436 at the First
Saturday of the month devotions to Our Lady of Fatima
at 8 a.m. in the church.**

SMALL TASKS

**Each small task of everyday life is part of the
total harmony of the universe.**

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Religious Education

Dear Friends, this Sunday is our last class for the year. Our children preparing for First Eucharist have several activities left after today, but everyone else is finished until the fall. I ask the prayers of our St. Joseph on the Brandywine parish family for all of our catechists and assistants, who have given selflessly of their time to teach our children. Our program could not exist without these wonderful people, who are truly angels in disguise. We praise God together for a wonderful year!

On Sunday, May 13, immediately following the 9am Mass, is our annual parish May Procession. All children of the parish are invited to participate. *Many blessings, Eva*

Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church Music Ministry Presents

STABAT MATER BY KARL JENKINS
SUNDAY, APRIL 29th @ 3 p.m.

This piece centers on the grief and suffering of Mary, Mother of Jesus, but also her example of faith, acceptance and hope in the Resurrection. It will feature soloists and the choir, accompanied by a chamber ensemble and organ. The moving and dynamic music includes sections from the 13th century prayer, Stabat Mater, the Epic of Gilgamesh and a poem by Rumi, and many lyrics are in Arabic, Aramaic, Greek and Latin. It is dedicated to all families who have suffered the loss of a child.



The Easter Season Continues through Pentecost Sunday, May 20th

Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor. 15:14)

Choose a Sacred Space

Our columbarium has been installed for about a year and a half now. It offers to those opting for cremation an alternative to in-ground inurnment. It could be considered a mini-mausoleum. It contains 80 urn niches, 40 of which are for a single inurnment, while the other 40 are for companion inurnment. It is a beautiful structure of gray and deep red granites. Provision is made for Memorialization by use of bronze scrolls. Small bronze vases (optional) are also available. Call 658-7017.

Pastor's Notes

Living Branches

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes can be found in church. Thank you for your generosity and support. To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal". We are still accepting pledges for the campaign.

Emmanuel Dining Room Friday, May 10

St. Joseph's continues to provide a chicken meal to Emmanuel Dining Room once a month. Volunteers purchase and cook 24 chicken thighs and/or bring various desserts (stuffing is made the morning of delivery). Our next date to deliver our meal for Emmanuel Dining Room is Friday, May 11. Please have your cooked chicken and desserts at the Family Center by 9 A.M. on that day. If you would like to assist in making the stuffing, we meet at the Family Center at 8 A.M. to do that. We can always use more chicken cookers. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

GET CONNECTED TO RESOURCES TO HELP YOU AGE IN PLACE AT HOME

Presented by Saint Francis LIFE, Griswold Home Care and Delaware Hospice Tuesday, May 22nd at 10 a.m. St. Helena's Masci Hall. Call 302-0325 x104

Adult Formation

The book club of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will discuss Peace of Soul by Fulton J. Sheen. We will meet in the Family Center on Monday May 21st 12:45pm. In this book, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen examines the vast differences between the benefits of psychotherapy and true confession that leads to conversion. While one may help the patient gain some peace of mind, the Christian gains something far greater through the grace of Confession: peace of soul.

Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph on the Brandywine Council # 15436

Congratulations to the following SJOB Religious Education students who submitted winning essays in the annual Knights of Columbus Vocation Essay Contest: *Overall Winner of a \$100 Gift Card - Peter Connelly; Runner-up Winners of a \$25 Gift Card - Catherine Bree and Andrew Shepard.* The Knights also wish to thank all the students who participated in the competition and Ms. Eva Lyons, SJOB Director of Religious Education for her assistance with the program.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL

Mother's Day Novena

If you wish to enroll your loved ones in the Mother's Day Novena, you may do so now by filling out the remembrance envelopes in the pews.

Gentle Reminder: The two tall black stands as you enter church are umbrella stands that have been placed there so that you have a place to put wet umbrellas on those rainy/snowy days! Take a peek; the cans actually have a cut out of an umbrella on them – pretty snazzy! We have placed a small label on the cans so that they are clearly marked. Thank you for keeping our church neat & tidy!

Pray for our Priests

Seminarians & Religious

Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen. Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations.

Italo-Americans United, Inc. In 1977, a group of individuals in Delaware of Italian descent gathered to form a non-profit organization, now known as *Italo-Americans United*. IAMU is currently seeking new membership. We are especially looking for Young Adults of Italian heritage (although not required, but you must appreciate Italian culture and customs) to seek interest in our organization. Membership is only \$40 per year and includes many benefits. Contact Anthony Giliberto Jr 302-218-2009.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 28

5:00 p.m. Alice Mical by Gene & Cathy Kelleher

Sunday, April 29

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by the Matlusky family

10:30 a.m. Edith Clement by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

Monday, April 30

7:00 a.m. Robert Steele Appleby by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by M/M Salvatore DeAngelo

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Linda Ferrara (liv) by Dr. Bill Moncevicz

12:05 p.m. Tom Boyle by Gene Dolan

Wednesday, May 2

7:00 a.m. Robert E. Simone by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Juanita Glover by Gloria Pierse

Thursday, May 3

7:00 a.m. Mrs. Lou Currin by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Vida Ruppe by Ann Marie & Joe Finch

Friday, May 4

7:00 a.m. Patrick J. Mulvena by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Robert Glover by Gloria Pierse

Saturday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Josephine Moncevicz by Dr. Bill Moncevicz

5:00 p.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by M/M Edward J. Burke, III & M/M David W. Patton

Food Pantry: Our next collection is April 28th & 29th. Your generous donations are truly a blessing. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Creating Your Exit Plan in Light of the New Tax Code, sponsored by St. John the Baptist-Holy Angels Parish, Newark, May 16, 6:30-8:30pm: Is there a way to reduce taxes? The event is free. Contact 302-731-2200 or phyllis510@comcast.net.

FAMILY FUN at St. Helena's Carnival, Monday, April 30 through Saturday, May 5. Prizes! Food! Baked Goods! Basket Raffles and much more!

Wilmington Garden Day
Saturday, May 5 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Featuring both houses & gardens.
Benefits underserved children since 1947.