

Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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First Sunday of

Advent

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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](tel:302-229-5644), LTCThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, [302-753-2928](tel: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.

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of
which I know: His coming to humankind, His
coming into humankind, and His coming against
humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

Religious Education

Dear Friends, we have been talking a lot this year about the virtue of hope: Advent is officially the season of hope and joyful anticipation. Let's live it as fully as we are able! Students are reminded to give hope to others by bringing in their Advent Angels toiletries donations. And all of us can share in the hope spread at our annual Christmas pageant and Breakfast in Bethlehem on December 16th during classtime. Parents of students grades K-4 are asked to remain with their children on the 16th as this is a family event! May your Advent be FILLED WITH HOPE! Eva



Advent Angel Tree

The Advent Angel Tree is an annual ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine. It is an opportunity to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season. The mission of the Advent Angel Ministry is to assist the needy by offering gifts and essentials of daily living such as food and shelter. This program has been very successful in the past due to the generosity of St. Joseph on the Brandywine parishioners who donate gifts and time to this ministry. We work closely with the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Catherine of Siena and the staff at Martha's House. Both organizations provide us gift suggestions for the individuals and families they work with -- a difficult task since the people do not ask for anything for themselves, yet their needs are many.

Parishioners are invited to take ornaments from the tree and to purchase the suggested gift. Please wrap the gift, attach the tag to the outside of the gift and return it to church no later than Sunday, December 9th. Kindly return the gifts by December 9th to allow the committee ample time to sort and deliver the gifts. Any questions please call Mrs. Barbara Vieira 302-516-7938. Monetary donations may be made by check payable to St Joseph on the Brandywine with "Advent Angel" on the memo line. Please place the check in an envelope and place it in the offertory collection or mail it to the Rectory. *Please do not wrap any cash or checks!*

The Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative December 1st & 2nd

After all Masses in the Family Center, a display of a beautifully hand-carved olivewood religious articles are for sale including Nativity sets, crosses, angels. The olivewood is a beautiful hardwood that will stay intact for generations. Let us support and protect Christians in the Holy Land. Flyers are in the back of church with additional information. Visit www.holylandcsc.com

Pastor's Column

Waiting in Joyful Hope

Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Advent is a preparation for rather than a celebration of Christmas, so Advent hymns should be sung instead of Christmas carols. The first Sunday of Advent is not the beginning of the Christmas season. The Christmas celebration begins on Christmas Eve and continues for the next "twelve days of Christmas."

Purple is normally Advent's liturgical color, associated both with the sovereignty of Christ and with penitence. Deep Blue is also sometimes used to distinguish the season from Lent. As the color of the night sky, Blue symbolizes Christ who in one ancient Advent song is called the "Dayspring" or source of day. As the color associated with Mary, Blue also reminds us that during Advent the church waits with Mary for the birth of Jesus.

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. – (uscgb). The USCCB has many Advent resources, including an interactive Advent calendar, downloadable family Advent calendar, information about Advent wreathes, blessings for wreathes and Christmas trees and more.

Support Retired Religious

December 8-9 the second collection will be an appeal to assist Religious communities in caring for their elderly retired and sick members. Many who benefit from this appreciate your generosity. It is only right that we who have profited from their services help them in their time of need.

Music Corner

Choral selection at 10:30 A.M. Mass for 12.2

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," is a classic piece of the 17th century, harmonized by Bach, whose words reflect the readings of Advent that call us to be watchful and waiting for the coming of Christ, the bridegroom of the Church, "Awake, Jerusalem, at last!"

A Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 9th 3 p.m.

Presented by the Music Ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine Catholic Church with guest soloists, Choir, Chamber ENSEMBLE & Organ



Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph on the Brandywine Council # 15436: St. Joseph on the Brandywine Knights of Columbus and Stockings for Soldiers wish to thank you for all the generous outpouring of donations including cards, comfort items and financial assistance. We also would like to recognize those Parishioners who volunteered their time these past weeks at the Stocking Store. We will be able to bring much happiness and holiday cheer to so many of our deployed troops. You have helped us to let them know that we are thinking of them while they are in harms way!

Congratulations to our fellow Brother and now Sir Knight Jason Casper who recently took the final step in his quest for full Knighthood in the Knights of Columbus. Jason received his Fourth Degree with the Knights Fitzmaurice Assembly # 148 of Wilmington, DE. The Fourth Degree is the highest Degree possible bestowed on a Knight and is founded on the principle of Patriotism (love for and devotion to one's Country). Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Any male Parishioner interested in becoming a Knight should contact either Paul Thorson, Grand Knight, 302-229-5644, LTCThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, Deputy Grand Knight, 302-753-2928, Johnstru@comcast.net.



St. Patrick-Kennett Square 150th Jubilee Year 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of St. Patrick Church,

Kennett Square. Year-long celebrations will begin in December 2018. Former parishioners and alums of St. Patrick's School are welcome to participate in all Jubilee Activities, especially the "Remember When" section on our website. For more information, a calendar of events and ways to be involved, please visit www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org and click on the Jubilee tab. If you have any questions, contact parishioner Barbara Bagley at BJLB925@verizon.net. She is serving as St. Joseph's liaison to St. Patrick's for this year-long celebration.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 1

5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James & Diane Grant requested by his family

Sunday, Dec. 2

7:30 a.m. Nicholas Lingo by Jimmy & Kathleen Kelleher

9:00 a.m. Mr. John C. & Mrs. Margaret T. Janes by Joseph Janes

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, Dec. 3

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Milewski by Maureen Murphy

12:05 p.m. Hugh Christian by Mark Christian

Tuesday, Dec. 4

7:00 a.m. Charles Carr by Aunt Maddy

12:05 p.m. John A. Borneman by Carl & Joyce Campion

Wednesday, Dec. 5

7:00 a.m. Fr. William Graney & staff by the Chancery Office

12:05 p.m. Michele Gioffre Smith by Jane Newman

Thursday, Dec. 6

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Milewski by Maureen Murphy

12:05 p.m. Patty McLaughlin by Albert Sacharok

Friday, Dec. 7

7:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Farnan by Marge Speicher

12:05 p.m. Francis Dolan by Gene Dolan

7:00 p.m. Lucille Duszak (liv) by Tina & John Kojro

Saturday, Dec. 8 (holy day)

8:00 a.m. Sal DePaulo by family

10:30 a.m. Private intentions

5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James & Diane Grant requested by his family

For the holy day, Dec. 8th, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we added a 7 p.m., mass on Dec. 7th and a 10:30 on Dec. 8th as referenced above.

Remembering Loved Ones at Christmas

Mealey Funeral Homes & Crematory will hold their 21st Annual Christmas Memorial Service to honor any individual who has passed away during the past year December 2nd at 2 p.m. This program will include information on how to manage grief during the holidays, a candle lighting ceremony, prayers, musical selections, and a time for fellowship and refreshments. We encourage you to invite your friends and family.

A Glorious Light is Coming

Emmanuel Dining Room – Tuesday, December 11

Our next date to deliver our meal is Tuesday, December 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. We can always use more chicken cookers. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.