

Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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Second Sunday of

Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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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.

RICHES

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution. —St. Ambrose

Religious Education

Dear Friends, happy Second Sunday of Advent! Two reminders for parents: Advent Angels toiletries donations should be returned to class this week and December 16 is our Christmas Pageant and Breakfast in Bethlehem: parents should stay with their children in grades K-5, rather than dropping them off, as this is a family event. Holy Heroes ministry for children has a wonderful, free online Advent Adventure for kids grades K-5. Daily videos and faith activities: www.holyheroes.com. Peace and every blessing, Eva



Advent Angel Tree

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!*

Réunion...a lifeline for marriages

The next program will be February 8-10 in Malvern PA. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230.

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.



Do you have gifts and talents to share? Do you need service learning hours for school?

Volunteer opportunities including serving meals, kitchen assistance, office work, preparing for retreats and light gardening. If unable to go to the Jesus House, become a prayer partner by praying for all of those that God is leading to him. Please contact 302-995-6859 to learn more about sharing your talents.

Of course, many opportunities exist within our own faith community at St. Joseph on the Brandywine, so please call 658-7017 and we'll point you in the right direction.

Pastor's Column

Awaiting the Salvation of God

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman Empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert, here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please remember all those who are sick, homebound or in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them.

Our Christmas schedule is posted on our website as well as the bulletin boards in the back of church. Extras copies are in church for you to take with you. The Christmas schedule will be in next weekend's bulletin as well.

Support Retired Religions

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 AM Mass for 12.9.18

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” is Gregorian Chant. This traditional arrangement was written by Parker-Shaw. The text of the work is based on the “O Antiphons,” which the Church has been singing since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative “Come!” embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. *While we celebrate Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, please join us for our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9 at 3 PM when we will present for the first half of the program, “Christmas Oratorio” by Camille Saint-Saens, followed by traditional carols and congregational singing.*

*Oratorio de Noël, Op. 12 by
Camille Saint-Saens and
Traditional Christmas Carols
with Audience Participation
Presented by the Music*

Ministry of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Catholic Church with Guest Soloists, Choir, Chamber Ensemble, and Organ Sunday, December 9 @ 3:00 p.m.



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! The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 18th at 7 p.m., in the Archives Building. 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, LTThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, Deputy Grand Knight, 302-753-2928, Johnstru@comcast.net.

March for Life

January 18th @ 12 noon, National Mall. U.S. Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bishops will open the rally with prayer at 12 noon. The rally will be followed immediately by the march to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court. Visit www.marchforlife.org

We Bless Objects for Many Reasons

- Blessed icons or other images or objects in the household to use as a part of regular prayer
- Tools or objects that provide an occasion to give thanks and recognize the joy and responsibility of human labor, recreation and devotion
- A vehicle that makes it possible to overcome distance and come together for meetings, visits and other forms of social contact and that are essential to our livelihood and to protect those who use them. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or request a special blessing from one of our priest, please contact the office at 658-7017.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 8 (Holy Day)

- 8:00 a.m. Sal DePaulo by family
- 10:30 a.m. Private intentions
- 5:00 p.m. Eugene Marinelli by Carl & Joyce Campion

Sunday, Dec. 9

- 7:30 a.m. Anthony Kelleher 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. 10

- 7:00 a.m. Fr. William Graney (liv) by Diocesan Finance Office
- 12:05 p.m. Bernard J. Daney by Arlene Daney & family

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- 7:00 a.m. Vincent E. Furlong by Bill & Mary Ann Santora
- 12:05 p.m. Michele Gioffre Smith by Marge Speicher

Wednesday, Dec. 12

- 7:00 a.m. Matthew B. Speicher by Marge Speicher
- 12:05 p.m. Ruben A. Teixido by Bernard Brady

Thursday, Dec. 13

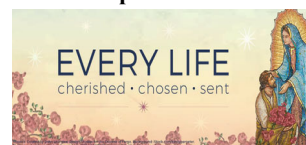
- 7:00 a.m. Paul Moncevicz by Br. Bill Moncevicz
- 12:05 p.m. Judy Sullivan by Angie & Bobbie Smith

Friday, Dec. 14

- 7:00 a.m. Garrett B. Lyons, Sr., by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family
- 12:05 p.m. Mike J. Grieco by Barb Grieco Pietropaulo

Saturday, Dec. 15

- 8:00 a.m. Evelyn Balmer by Dr. & Mrs. Garry B. Lyons & family
- 5:00 p.m. Parishioners



*Pro Life Meeting
December 13th @*

7 p.m., Family Center

All are welcome to attend

this meeting. The Pro Life Committee is responsible for initiating and organizing Pro-Life activities within our faith community. Pro-Life Coordinators, Lynelle Robuck at 610.388.1046 or Annie Jordan (302) 992.0437.