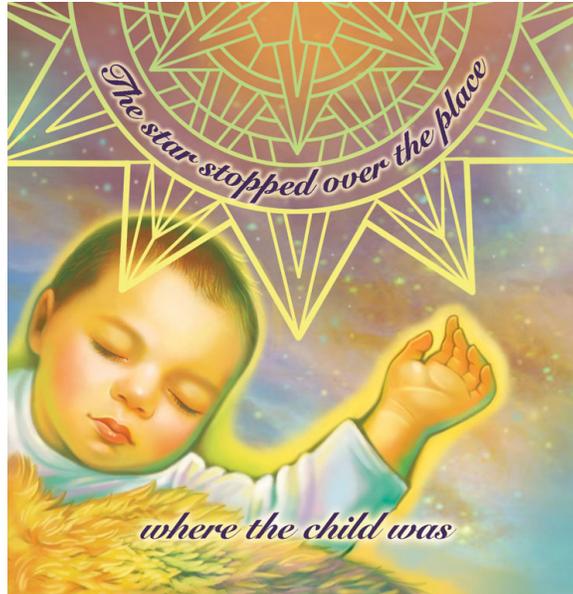


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Schedule of Liturgies

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., Family Center Conference Room. 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.

If you think God might be calling you to serve in a religious vocation, contact Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations 302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! We celebrate today God's revelation of Himself not just to the Magi who brought him royal gifts, but also to all mankind. God sent his Son *for us* - and who can resist the sweet loving smile and outstretched arms of a baby? May our words and actions today be a gift to the Christ Child.

Yes, we have class today, January 7th, but no class next Sunday, January 14th, due to the MLK school holiday.

Blessings, Eva

Adult Formation

The next meeting of the St. Joseph on the Brandywine Book Club is scheduled for Monday, January 15, at 12:45. We will be discussing Maria of Agreda: Mystical Lady in Blue by Marilyn H. Fedewa. Maria is considered one of Spain's most important mystics of the Counter Reformation. Without leaving her village, the cloistered abbess impacted Spain, the Church, and the American Southwest.

Welcome Little Sisters

The sisters will speak after masses about their work with the elderly at the Jeanne Jugan Residence on Salem Church Road in Newark. Let's welcome and acknowledge the Sisters and their good works. The second collection will be taken up for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Parish Trustee Election

Election of new trustees will take place after 10:30 mass Jan. 21st. These trustees exercise functions required by Civil Law though the Parish Council is advisory board to the pastor by church law. Trustees are: Pastor (President & Treasurer), Bishop and Chancellor and two lay trustees, Anne Wattman and Harry Gordon. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Catholic Advocacy Network

Many issues face us on a national and state-wide level. Social concerns such as health care, immigration, life issues, abortion, euthanasia, catholic schools and family issues. Make a difference - join the Diocesan Advocacy Network by visiting www.cdow.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are March 2-4 and November 2-4, 2018, in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Visit wwww-delmar.org, or call Tony & Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

Pastor's Notes

Mission Statement

WE, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Joseph on the Brandywine, founded in 1841, profess our belief in the teachings of the Church founded on the Apostles Peter and Paul. We proclaim that it is our mission to increase God's presence in the world by following Jesus and being faithful to the Gospel. Our missions calls us to:

JOIN in active, conscious participation in prayer and worship.

TEACH the way of Christ to youth and adults, imparting a sense of duty and purpose in life.

DEMONSTRATE our love for each other by reaching out to our neighbors.

WELCOME and bring together all parishioners to promote a spirit of Christian community.

PRACTICE good stewardship of the resources we hold in trust.

January: Poverty Awareness

Let's Change the Paradigm

Poverty has been a part of our human condition ever since man's fall from God's grace. In some sense, it seems we long ago came to the conclusion that, no matter what we do, there will always be poor people among us. Even Jesus said, "The poor will always be with you." Yet, helping poor people is a central tenet of Our Lord's teaching and it is a major principle of our Church's social teaching as well. Poverty is sometimes unavoidable, due to conditions or circumstances beyond anyone's control. For example, when a natural disaster occurs, sources of income and personal security are interrupted, perhaps for an extended period. We can help break the chains of dependency that endlessly shackle the poor by advocating for policies that will:

- create better paying jobs
- promote just wages that are enough to pay for basic needs without having to rely on public assistance
- provide tax incentives for employers who offer full time work and/or profit sharing plans for their employees
- change laws or regulations that will reduce employer resources that could otherwise be used to pay higher wages
- enforce and make improvements in laws that allow employees to join worker associations to improve their circumstances through collective bargaining
- help keep rents and utility costs affordable for the poor
- reduce violence and crime – www.cdow.org

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 bus is free and will be leaving from St. Joseph on the Brandywine parking lot. 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 or with any questions you may have.

Respect Life

New Year seems to offer us a blank slate, a challenge to make a positive contribution. A new year can be compared to a new life; each child conceived is God's opinion that the world should go on. As each of us begins this New Year, let us pledge ourselves anew to seeing that abortion does not thwart God's plan.

Baskets for Babies



During the month of January, we will collect items to show our affirmation and support to unwed mothers. Everyone is invited to contribute items to fill the basket in the back of church. Contact Lynelle Robuck at (610) 388-1046 or Annie Jordan (302) 992-0437. An event sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee.

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

The Knights' monthly Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 PM in the Archives Building. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Anyone interested in becoming a Knight should contact either 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.

Chandler Funeral Homes & Crematory provides sponsorship of the parish vocational calendars. Proceeds from the sale of J. S. Paluch calendars support vocation ministries across the U. S, which fosters our commitment to church vocations. We acknowledge their sponsorship to partner with our faith community. Please remember to take your calendar home with you if you haven't already done so.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 6

5:00 p.m. Anthony James Penna by the Campanella family

Sunday, Jan. 7

7:30 a.m. Helen Vincent Rizzo by the family

9:00 a.m. David Iannone by Don & Eva Lyons

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, Jan. 8

7:00 a.m. Jean Finnegan Biden by the Biden family

12:05 p.m. Dr. Vincent Killeen by Arlene & Bernard J. Daney

Tuesday, Jan. 9

7:00 a.m. Special intention by Elaine & Bill Porter

12:05 p.m. Marie Gerardi by Charlene & Fred Kreuzsch

Wednesday, Jan. 10

7:00 a.m. Timothy Joseph Quill by Arlene & Bernard Daney

12:05 p.m. Aubrey "Buddy" Ryans, Jr, by Marlene & Paul Steiner

Thursday, Jan. 11

7:00 a.m. Tim Quill by M/M Christopher Hudson

12:05 p.m. Anthony James Penna by the Rowley family

Friday, Jan. 12

7:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by Priscilla & Dale Collins

12:05 p.m. Angela & Steve (liv) Schramm by the Allen family

Saturday, Jan. 13

8:00 a.m. Ronald J. Simione by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

5:00 p.m. Tim Quill by M/M John Strusowski

Scheduled mass intentions for the week have always included deceased as well as living intentions. Sometimes announcements of names in church are inadvertently misread. We apologize if you've experienced this in honor of your loved one!

Emmanuel Dining Room - Tuesday, January 9

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 Tuesday, January 9. 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.