

# Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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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](mailto:LTCThorson@gmail.com) or John Strusowski, [302-753-2928](tel:302-753-2928), [johnstru@comcast.net](mailto: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 Pope's Monthly Intention

*Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.*



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

### Religious Education

No Class this Sunday, January 14, due to the Monday school holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In today's first reading, God had to call Samuel many times before Samuel recognized his voice and answered, "speak, Lord, your servant is listening!" Over a meal, or in the car this weekend, take some time for a conversation with your children about how God speaks to all of us all the time – we just have to pay attention to hear Him. When have we heard his voice at work, at school, on the basketball court, or at recess? How do we respond? Have a wonderful weekend off from class and don't forget that next week, 1/21, is Catholic Faith Jeopardy in the hall for grade 9. Ninth graders need to bring a parent or their confirmation sponsor with them to class.

*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.

### Is God Calling You to Be a Lector?

The Lector plays a significant role during the celebration of the Mass, proclaiming God's Word to the assembled congregation. We are now scheduling training sessions for new Lectors. If you have the talent and the interest in joining this ministry, you will find it to be an inspiring way to contribute to parish life. Lectors read every five to six weeks and know well in advance the Masses to which they are assigned. *To learn more about the Ministry of the Word and the role of the Lector, please call Loreta Carlson at 302.836.5883.*

### 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.

*Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, January 21st, tune in to hear an interview with Father Tom Peterman, a diocesan priest for 57 years, and an expert on the history of the Diocese of Wilmington.*

### Pastor's Notes

#### *The Lamb of God!*

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

#### Catholic University and Catholic Communications

The second collection will be January 20/21 for Catholic University and Catholic Communications. Catholic University of America trains priests, religious and lay leaders for spiritualized church apostolates. Please give generously. Thank you for your support.

#### *Be in the Know!*

*"Canon law (1247) states that on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. However, the law does not expect the impossible nor can the fulfillment of the obligation according to the norm of the law be burdensome or dangerous. There is no obligation to attend Mass if weather and/or road conditions are unsafe or make travel dangerous or difficult, or, if one is unable to get out of their driveway or parked space.*

*Those persons who are unable to attend Mass under such conditions may view the celebration of Mass on television, depending on local television schedules. Some time should be given to private or family prayer in order to sanctify the Lord's Day. Prayers should be offered for those affected by the storm."*

#### *Young Adult Ministry*



Young Adult Ministries throughout the Diocese of Wilmington encourages the social, spiritual, and intellectual formation of single and married young adults. They share dinner, listen to a guest speaker, and enjoy lively discussion. They also offer service opportunities. They are open to people of all faiths in their 20s and 30s. Visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) to find a group near you!

## 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](mailto:12374Columbiettes@gmail.com) or 302 322-2929 to sign up or with any questions you may have.*

## Birthright Bottles for Babies

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of Bottles for Babies in October 2017. St Joseph on the Brandywine has raised \$2,849.74. Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate every one of you.

## Baskets for Babies

We are collecting 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.

*Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat* for post-abortion healing will be held at Jesus House, Wilmington, April 6/8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. Contact Nan Freeman at (302) 307-6130 or visit [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org).

## 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](mailto:LTCThorson@gmail.com) or John Strusowski, [302-753-2928](tel:302-753-2928), [johnstru@comcast.net](mailto:johnstru@comcast.net).

## A Special Book Indeed

The *Petition Book* in the back of church is available for anyone to write a special prayer intention for the living, seriously ill or for any family member. These petitions are remembered at Mass during the Prayer of the Faithful as we respond, "Lord Hear Our Prayer" to the intercessions. Please use this opportunity to include your family and community in our prayers.

*Our offices will be closed Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will celebrate one mass at 9 a.m. on that day.*

## Vocations 2018



*Please pray for our Seminarians!*

*I will give you shepherds after my own heart  
– Jeremiah 3:15*

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 13

5:00 p.m. Tim Quill by Mr. & Mrs. Struskowski

Sunday, Jan. 14

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Lois Blackburn by the Taylor family

10:30 a.m. Bruce Christian by Mark Christian

Monday, Jan. 15 (One Mass)

9:00 a.m. Sal DePaulo by family

Tuesday, Jan. 16

7:00 a.m. Betty M. Campanella by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Anne Robuck by Annie & Alex Jordan

Wednesday, Jan. 17

7:00 a.m. Dale Farme, Sr. by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Dolores LaPenta by the Suspinski family

Thursday, Jan. 18

7:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by Dr. Bill Moncevicz & Chris Truono-Joyce

12:05 p.m. Mariann D. Venuti by Ursuline Class of '58

Friday, Jan. 19

7:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by Robert & Christina Collins

12:05 p.m. Bette Palese McNichols & Barbara Ann Deldeo by Ursuline Class of '58

Saturday, Jan. 20

8:00 a.m. Carol Young (liv) by Mary Lakhram

5:00 p.m. Anthony James Penna by Julianna & McKenna Barry

If you or anyone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy or is in need of healing from an abortion and needs to talk to someone, please call our diocesan toll-free 24-Hour confidential counseling hotline at 1-877-255-7870. Help is available. [www.cdow.org/lifeissues](http://www.cdow.org/lifeissues).