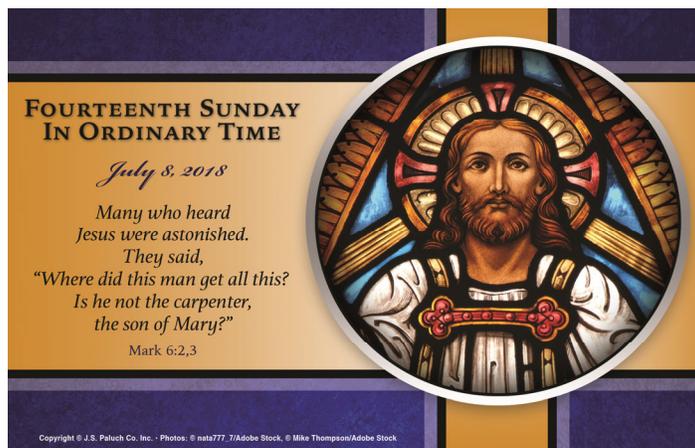


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Schedule of Liturgies

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, 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.

Only Halfway

You can only go halfway into the darkest forest; then you are coming out the other side.

Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Registration forms and information about religious education are now up and running on the parish website. Whether you are a returning family or brand new, we welcome you! Families with children in grade 2 or grade 9 who attend Catholic school, please be sure to register for First Reconciliation/Eucharist or Confirmation. In our diocese, all sacraments are celebrated at the parish to which you belong. Any questions, please give us a call: 656-7185. We look forward to talking with you. *Blessings, Eva*

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to join our parish in worship, in service or in learning more about our faith. Please visit www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org or call 658.7017 if you'd like to connect to a Pastor.

Encounter Christ in Your Everyday Life

Promote evangelization within the Parish to incite and help parishioners to: • Enrich their own spiritual lives • Reach out to inactive Catholics • Invite those outside of the Church to join our faith • *Create a welcoming presence for all!*

Corporal Works of Mercy

*Feed the hungry.
Give water to the thirsty.
Clothe the naked.
Shelter the homeless.
Visit the sick.
Visit the imprisoned.
Bury the dead.*

Home Visits, In the Hospital & the Anointing of the Sick

If you are homebound, hospitalized, or prior to hospitalization, would like a visit from a priest or need the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office. Our priests and ministers will be happy to make a visit if you wish.

The second collection will take place on July 7th & 8th to provide aid to Catholic Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Proceeds from the collection go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, and church restoration.



Pastor's Notes

Obstacles

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "hard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

*In Delaware, CALL 911 if you CAN
TEXT 911 if you CAN'T*

*Prepare Now for Severe Summer Storms
(Tips posted on the bulletin board in church)*

Looking for Excitement?

Join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware - for adults 50 and over. Call (302) 573-4417 or wilm@udel.edu.

[Stay Connected @ cdow.org](http://cdow.org) – Youth Ministry

The official website



of the Holy See
(www.vatican.va)

Summer Reading

Most schools give summer reading suggestions to the students. Adults sometimes have more time to read. Have you reviewed our literature racks in the lobby lately? The magazine collection features Marriage, Catholic Parent, Liquorian, St. Anthony Messenger, Catholic Digest. Interested in scripture? There are assorted pamphlets on various topics to help you with the daily problems of life. So stop at the Church entrance

WHILE GETTING THAT R & R, information for Masses in the area where you are on vacation can be found on the Internet by visiting www.masstimes.org.

Jesusa House Prayer & Renewal Center provides a sacred space, programs and opportunities to deepen your spirituality. They offer space for retreats; host retreats and Days and Evenings of Reflection, book studies, prayer opportunities, counseling and spiritual direction. Check out their website for details of events www.jesushousecenter.org:

- ✓ Centering Prayer, Every Monday morning, 10:30 am
- ✓ Catholic Mass, Every Tuesday, 12:15 pm
- ✓ Healing Mass, every 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Evening Centering Prayer, Every Wednesday, 7 pm



MARRIAGE
Unique for a Reason

One version of the wedding vows states: "I will love and honor you all the days of my life." But what does honor mean? Consider these guidelines: When talking give your undivided attention (make eye contact, don't interrupt. Listen

closely). Back your beloved up in front of other people, show your support. Be selfless.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 7

5:00 p.m. Francis Ramone by Pat & Cathie Ramone

Sunday, July 8

7:30 a.m. Parish

9:00 a.m. Christine A. & David O. Beatson by the Beatson family

10:30 a.m. Eleanor H. Barrett by Elaine & Bill Porter

Monday, July 9

7:00 a.m. Deacon Robert Levesque by Aline & Ed Lynch

12:05 p.m. Edward Chermol, Jr., by David & Cindy Rominger

Tuesday, July 10

7:00 a.m. Christine Treat by Marge Speicher

12:05 p.m. Loretta Anspuch DeStefano by Bill Grubb

Wednesday, July 11

7:00 a.m. Sal DePaulo by family

12:05 p.m. Joseph Blaszkwow by Elizabeth Blaszkwow

Thursday, July 12

7:00 a.m. John Cogan by Irma Lesser

12:05 p.m. Walter Z. & Dorothy D. Heldt by Bernard Brady

Friday, July 13

7:00 a.m. Robert Merreck by Angie & Bobby Smith

12:05 p.m. David Grigsby by Mary & Ed Sannini

Saturday, July 14

8:00 a.m. Gerald A. Supezu by Geraldine & Donald Klumpp

5:00 p.m. Frank Ramone by Pat & Cathie Ramone

Before You Go... keep in touch with us by visiting our website often www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org. View weekly bulletins.

Emmanuel Dining Room – Tuesday, July 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 Tuesday, July 10. 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.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com.