**Saint Joseph on the Brandywine**
*Founded 1841*

**THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL**
is the one who hears the word of the kingdom and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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.

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**K N I G H T S**

**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. Male Parishioners interested in becoming a Knight may attend any meeting or request further information via http://bit.ly/Council15436. Knight contacts are Paul Thorson, Grand Knight, 302-229-5644, LTCThorson@gmail.com or John Strusowski, Deputy Grand Knight, 302-753-2928, Johnstru@comcast.net.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus at the First Saturday of the month devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at 8 a.m. in the church.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Carroll. 302-573-3113, www.cdow.org/vocations
Religious Education
From Pflaum's Summer Family Corners, something to consider about today's Gospel: "Jesus uses stories to tell us things about faith and about ourselves. In today's Gospel, he challenges us to grow in faith. This Gospel is wonderful for families, because parents are responsible for "tilling the soil" for their children to grow strong in faith. Question of the week: How do you till your spiritual soil, making your family a place where strong faith can flourish?"

As you know, on Sunday, June 28th we began to celebrate 7:30 and 10:30 Mass in the Church and Family Center.

Our daily (Monday – Friday) 7 a.m. Mass resumed on Monday, June 29th in the church.

No Saturday Mass at this time.

Confessions will continue to be held on Saturday only from 8:30 – 9:30 in the Family Center only.

To all volunteers, thank you for the ways you serve Christ and his church. If you would like to volunteer to help during this time, please call the rectory at 658.7017 or email f.harkins@verizon.net. We may need extra hands to help keep our beautiful church cleaned and sanitized after masses as well as church monitors.

- Those over 60 and vulnerable are asked to remain homebound until the restrictions are lifted. To stay connected and worship from home, our parish will continue to video the Sunday Mass found at our website.
- A dispensation from Sunday obligation is given for the vulnerable and those still uncomfortable to be in public at this time.
- Those who show symptoms of a virus are asked to stay home. Please check your temperature.
- The faithful are asked to sit 6 feet apart from each other. Members of the same household may sit together.

Pastor's Column
GOD’S WORDS
Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).
Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).
Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).
Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary
SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)
July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs’ Shrine, traffic’s roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri’s parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of “Christian” traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri’s faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young “Lily of the Mohawks” drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does “the aroma of Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

- **Online Giving Available:** Besides giving your donation at Mass,
- mailing or dropping off your envelopes,
- you can now contribute electronically, simply
- visit www.cdow.org and click on the church logo.
- **“Your Parish Needs Your Support”** and complete the form. Be sure to indicate your parish St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Parish #30.
- Another option is to set up bill pay through your bank’s online bill pay feature. Your bank will send a check directly to us based on your instructions. Be sure to have your bank indicate your envelope number on the check.

**Pre-Need Planning Shows You Care**

By selecting your burial accommodations in a Catholic Cemetery, you demonstrate your love to one another; affirm your belief in the community of faith, and show your respect for yesterday and your hope for all that is yet to be. Call 658-7017.
**Wednesday, July 15**

7:00 a.m. Bill Porter by Rita & Bob Gutekunst

12:05 p.m. Roman & Tessie Grabowski by the Matlusky family

**Thursday, July 16**

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Havey by Dr. Bill Moncevicz

12:05 p.m. Rose Marie & Mike J. Grieco & the Grieco & Pietropaouo families

**Friday, July 17**

7:00 a.m. Julie Cawley by M/M John Cochran

12:05 p.m. Leonara Garniewski Wagnor by John & Ann Strusowski

**Saturday, July 18**

8:00 a.m. Open intention

5:00 p.m. Open intention

_During the coronavirus pandemic, all mass intentions are still being fulfilled privately by Msgr. Rebman and Fr. Evers. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call or email Francine at 658.7017 or f.harkins@verizon.net. Submission of prayer requests may be sent to the Silent Prayer Community by email to Cindi Clare at free2day2002@yahoo.com._

**Podcasts**

- **Blessed is She** – Dive into prayer together, and grow in love as daughters of the King
- **The Catholic Feminist** – a place for Jesus-loving women who want to be inspired, involved, and intentional
- **The Catholic Gentleman** – living with virtue and holiness in the modern world
- **Catholic Stuff You Should Know** – four Catholic Priests lightheartedly explore various Catholic topics
- **Fr. Mike Schmitz** – Fr. Mike’s popular Ascension Presents video series in audio form
- **The Jeff Cavins Show** – Jeff Cavins shares personal tips for living as a modern-day disciple of Jesus Christ
- **Let Love** – Looking at life through the lens of love with the Sisters of Life. You are loved. You are made in God’s image, and your life matters. Let’s talk about it.
- **Pints with Aquinas** – Every episode of Pints With Aquinas addresses a question St. Thomas answers in the Summa Theologiae, as well as other works of his.
- **The Word on Fire Show** – a weekly podcast from Bishop Robert Barron on faith and culture

**Apps**

- **Hallow (apple android)** – a subscription-based Catholic meditation app to help you find peace and grow in your spiritual journey
- **Laudate (apple android)** – a free all-in-one resource for matters of faith (prayers, Daily Readings, Liturgy of the Hours, and more)
- **Pray as You Go (apple android)** – a free daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go
- **Reimagining the Examen (apple android)** – a free app with thoughtful reflections so users can review their day with God wherever they are.

There is still time to support the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, **Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others** invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help.

For most of us, seeing Christ in some of the people we meet during our life is challenging. However, this is exactly what we are called to do, what Jesus told us to do when He said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Through the charitable, pastoral and educational ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we see the face of Christ in those served – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children and our elderly. To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.c dow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Please view the brief video offering inspiring testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries.

Visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s).
Take the pledge by visiting https://www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

I PLEDGE:

- **Civility:** To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

- **Clarity:** To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others’ experiences.

- **Compassion:** To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others’ best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

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What reading through the Bible in Chronological order will do for us

- We'll understand the whole story of salvation as it unfolds.
  - For many of us, we only have bits and pieces of the story, but when you read it in chronological order you'll see God's extraordinary planning and working out of every detail over the centuries.
  - We see how God is truly the author of the entire Bible.
  - The Bible was written over 1600 years and yet it has one voice under all the voices and one clear theme—of God seeking, saving, and restoring his lost people.

- It will help us understand the uniqueness of the Christian Bible.
  - No other religion has Scriptures written over a similar time period that are as internally consistent as the Christian Bible is. There are no other Scriptures that have historically verifiable prophecies that were fulfilled in verifiable historical settings as there are in the Bible. These are bold statements and you have to read the Bible in chronological order to see them.

- It will grow our trust and confidence in our God.
  - The same God who mercifully clothed Adam and Eve after they sinned and promised them a Savior is the same God who formed Israel, guided, and disciplined it, and who from it brought his Son into the world and who lived, died, rose, and formed his church to carry his message of salvation and his return to restore all things.

- When you see that big picture and the sometimes difficult lives the biblical characters lived in the midst of it, it can give you peace and trust to understand your part of the same great story, filled with hope and an assured glorious ending when daily trials threaten to undermine your faith.

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