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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.

THE GREATEST NEED

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Religious Education Schedules and registration forms should be up on the parish website later this week. You may choose to register online or print out a form and mail it in. At the religious education office, we are working hard to get ready for the fall, and it helps us when you register as soon as possible. Thanks so much for your help! Questions? Please give us a call: 656-7185. Blessings, Eva

Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal was conducted in all diocesan parishes the weekend of April 14 and 15. St. Joseph on the Brandywine is truly blessed with many generous people, who, despite many economic challenges, have supported this year's campaign with their pledges and gifts.

To date, \$255,173.42 has been received against our goal of \$262,000. We are short of our goal by \$6,826.58. Please consider supporting this important effort with a pledge or one-time contribution. Annual Appeal pledge cards are available in church. Visit www.cdow.org and click on *Giving - Annual Catholic Appeal*. May God bless you for your goodness!

Air Conditioning Collection

You will see an envelope in one of your upcoming packets. Some use it and some don't! Churches, businesses, and homeowners face higher energy costs. We are asking everyone to help with the added expense of utilizing the air conditioning which we all enjoy!

Peter's Pence Special Collection 6/23-24

The second collection will support Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Be a witness of charity.

SPONSORS/GODPARENTS - to be a godparent for Baptism, a person must be 16 years or older and *a practicing and fully initiated Catholic, having completed the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If married, the union must be recognized by the Catholic Church.*

Birthright wishes to thank both the volunteers and the parishioners of St. Joseph on the Brandywine for their support of our Mother's Day Rose Sale.

Pastor's Notes

John the Baptist

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!



There are many issues facing us on a national and state wide level. Social concerns such as health care and immigration, life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, Catholic schools, family issues, poverty and so much more. That's all it will

take to join Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington as members of the Catholic Advocacy Network. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family. Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today at cdow.org

Have you seen the lovely Baby Basket?

We are pleased to accept baby gifts in support of the Baskets for Babies Program, a charity that is sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Council #15436

Volunteers Needed to Assist Military Veterans: The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is seeking interested individuals to serve as drivers to transport area veterans to and from their homes and medical appointments at the Elsmere VA Hospital or other medical facilities in the greater Wilmington area. The base of operations for this volunteer activity is the DAV office at the Elsmere VA Hospital. Vehicles (small passenger vans) are provided by the VA and DAV. Flexible schedules are available. Interested individuals must be at least 25 years of age, in good health, and a licensed, insured driver in the State of Delaware. Contact Kristin Miller, at the Elsmere VA Hospital, Monday through Thursday, at (302) 994-2511, Ext. 4061.

July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 9 a.m.: Mass of Remembrance for the Recently Deceased, Cathedral Cemetery Queen of the Apostles Crypt Chapel, Contact (302) 656-3323.



Your heartfelt generosity in giving to the poor is very much appreciated by St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Catherine of Siena. Please continue to donate your gifts of food in the summer months. Suggested items are: whole grain breakfast cereals, old fashioned oats, add water pancake mix, coffee, tea, low fat evaporated milk, flour, protein bars, dried fruits, nuts, peanut butter, jelly, low sodium hearty soups, canned meats and fish, rice and beans, pasta and crushed or diced tomatoes, canned lite fruit, natural low sugar applesauce, canned low sodium vegetables, olive oil or canola oil, bar soap, shampoo, toilet paper and toothpaste. Our next collection is June 30th.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 23

- 5:00 p.m. John & Frances Brown requested by the family of James S. Grant, Jr.
- 7:30 a.m. Paul & Frances Leahy requested by the family of James S. Grant, Jr.
- 9:00 a.m. Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by M/M Edward J. Burke, III & M/M David W. Patton

Monday, June 25

- 7:00 a.m. Margaret G. Tomaine by Marge Speicher
- 12:05 p.m. Casimer Scott by Ed, Ann Marie Ianni and family

Tuesday, June 26

- 7:00 a.m. John Cogan by Aggie Kuhn and Pam Hoy
- 12:05 p.m. Tinh Thi Nguyen by David & Cindy Rominger

Wednesday, June 27

- 7:00 a.m. John Cogan by Dale and Priscilla Collins
- 12:05 p.m. John Cogan by Kelly Freeberry

Thursday, June 28

- 7:00 a.m. Richard Prince by the Prince family
- 12:05 p.m. Kenneth Patchel by Steven Patchel

Friday, June 29

- 7:00 a.m. Michael John Herz by M/M Edmond Ianni & family
- 12:05 p.m. Bernard Barrosse by Annie & Alex Jordan

Saturday, June 30

- 8:00 a.m. Shirley Bonner by Bob Krebs
- 5:00 p.m. Philomena "Meno" Ciarlo by John & Ann Strusowski

Diocesan 150th Anniversary Calendar of Events

Oct. 6th: Annual Marian Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace at Holy Spirit Church

Oct. 26th: 150th Anniversary edition of The Dialog

Nov. 3rd: Convocation 150, Ocean City Convention Center, Ocean City, MD.