Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

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.

St. Joseph on the Brandywine
Founded 1841

Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

FREEDOM
Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.
—Abraham Lincoln
Religious Education

As we do not yet have diocesan direction for religious education programs, we do not have our 2020-21 calendar or registration forms up on the parish website. We are, however, actively planning and looking forward to religious education this fall at St. Joseph on the Brandywine! The most up to date information is being sent directly via email to all families currently enrolled in our program.

We would love to add you to our religious ed email list if you have a daughter or son who will be entering kindergarten or first grade in the fall, or a second or ninth grader who attends Catholic school and will be ready for First Eucharist or Confirmation. Please email Eva: diredstjosephbrandwyine1@verizon.net.

We thank everyone for your patience as we wait for this year's First Eucharist and Confirmation to be rescheduled.

About Our Great Catholic Schools...

Our Catholic schools offer a wide diversity of programs and services at the preschool, elementary, middle, and secondary levels. All Catholic elementary and secondary programs are accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Catholic schools offer a curriculum which incorporates state and national standards established for learning. Most importantly, Catholic schools provide an atmosphere for learning which is infused with Catholic virtues and which includes Catholic teaching, traditions, worship, and service. Parents, the primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith, are welcomed as essential partners in the catechetical and educational formation of their children. While all schools are uniquely Catholic, students from all faiths are welcomed and appreciated in our schools. Click cdow.org or contact the Catholic Schools Office at 302-573-3133 dwise@cdow.org.

Pastor’s Column

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it’s difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to our faith community. We are a diverse and vibrant community of people sharing faith and worship together. Our parishioners truly become part of the parish community through ministry, volunteerism, educational and social opportunities. As we slowly return to church, we will have many services and activities and encourage you to actively participate and serve in our parish life. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you would like to register, you may do so online at www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org.

Today, we begin to celebrate 7:30 and 10:30 Mass in the Church and Family Center.

Our daily (Monday – Friday) 7 a.m. will resume 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 fharkins@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.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).
Psalm — Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).
Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).
Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4a-b; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17, or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Country,” nos. 882-886, or “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday, June 27
5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James & Diane Grant requested by his family

Sunday, June 28
7:30 a.m. Open
9:00 a.m. Open
10:30 a.m. Elizabeth Aronhalt by Isabel Pearce (church)

Monday, June 29
7:00 a.m. Open
12:05 p.m. Cecilia R. Christian by Mark Christian

Tuesday, June 30
7:00 a.m. Open
12:05 p.m. Edwin R. Ward, Sr., by Mark Christian

Wednesday, July 1
7:00 a.m. Ann Kelly by Paul Grant
12:05 p.m. Hugh C. Christian by Mark Christian

Thursday, July 2
7:00 a.m. Bill Porter by Msgr. Rebman/SJOB
12:05 p.m. Gregory Johnson by family

Friday, July 3
7:00 a.m. Deacon F. Edmund Lynch by the Knights of Columbus #15436
12:05 p.m. Thomas Munoz Killen by John & Patti Shaposky

Saturday, July 4
8:00 a.m. Genevieve Stefanowicz by Ann Marie & Joe Finch
5:00 p.m. Lawrence M. Sullivan, Sr., by Kate Sullivan

All Things Summer
Torrone Italian Nuts & Candies
(Italian Festival Vendor)
Longtime Italian Festival vendor, Tony Andriola, misses seeing all of his "Festival friends" this year, who stop by his cart on Scott St. to sample these imported items direct from Italy. His products are available online at torronecandy.com
Support your parish during these difficult times.

Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality and sustainability of our parishes to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ. We understand the financial strain that many of our parishioners are now, or may soon be, experiencing. We ask those who are able to please continue to support our parishes. Know that we are always thankful for your generosity, especially during this difficult time.

To support your parish, we encourage you to remain in prayer in the comfort of your home and use the safety and security of this site to make your donations electronically. Simply select your parish on the dropdown list, please provide your envelope number, if you have one, or any additional information you wish to share. You may also mail a check to your parish office. You, your loved ones and the entire well-being and health of God’s people remain in our prayers.

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If you wish to discuss the option of electronic giving in greater detail, please contact the Diocese of Wilmington by calling Deborah Fols, development director, at (302) 573-3121 or dfols@cdow.org. Thank you from the parishes of the Diocese of Wilmington and God bless you and yours.
On first reading, our Gospel seems very harsh. The idea of taking up our cross can be fearful or have negative connotations, as if it were something only a few can do. It is also confusing. Scripture tells us to honor our father and mother, and yet here are told we must love Jesus more than our parents or children, or we are not worthy. The message that Jesus intends to convey, however, is not to give up these people, but rather to choose Christ first.

Sometimes this means being countercultural. For a family, how do we make choices to keep Christ in the picture? It could mean that when you make plans to take the family to that water park for the weekend, you should also locate the local church so you can attend Mass. Or maybe it means not placing your child on the soccer team with 10 a.m. Sunday games, or rescheduling another part of your life to keep Christ foremost. Perhaps it is something as simple as locking yourself in the bathroom for five minutes so that you have time to pray. Maybe it means listening to an audiobook of scriptures on your commute to work. All we do is for naught if we do not include Christ.

**THERE ARE MANY “CUPS OF WATER”**

Don’t get caught up in taking this scripture literally. Yes, you may give someone a glass of water, invite the staff of your parish for a meal, hand an apple or a dollar bill to a homeless person, or take a shift in a shelter. But sometimes, what is being asked for is simply a kind word or a helping hand. Seeing an elderly person having trouble and helping them through the crosswalk, calming someone’s toddler in the grocery store while they pay their bill. Offer a smile, a compliment, or a word of encouragement. Say hello to a stranger. We do not know who is parched with loneliness or feeling overwhelmed. Look for the Christ in others and respond with simple kindness and hospitality.

Today’s Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a; Ps 89:2–3, 16–17, 18–19; Rom 6:3–4, 8–11; Mt 10:37–42
