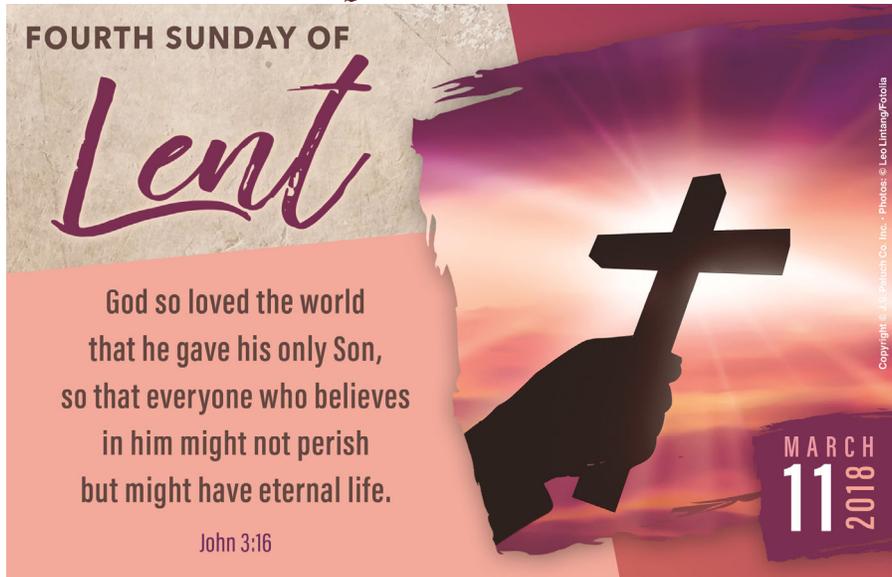


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Schedule of Liturgies

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 or John Strusowski, [302-753-2928](tel:302-753-2928), johnstru@comcast.net.

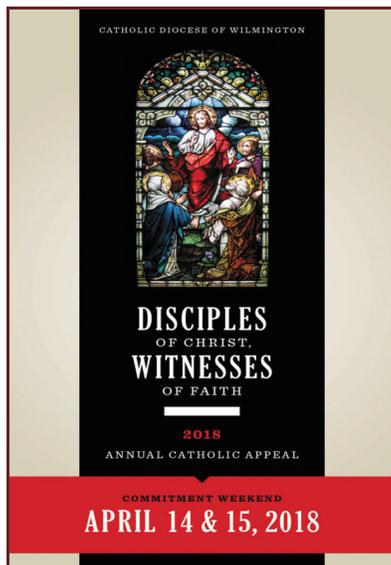
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: All are welcome to join the *Knights of Columbus Council #15436* at the First Saturday of the month devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at 8 a.m. in the church.

Reflect on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, and consider the love Jesus must have for you, in order to have suffered so greatly for our Salvation.

Religious Education

Dear Friends, Did you ever see someone holding up a sign at a sporting event that said John 3:16? This scriptural reference comes from this Sunday's Gospel and reminds us that God loves us so much that He sent his only Son to save us. Talk with your kids about why someone might decide to evangelize others by holding up a sign like that. What ways do we evangelize (show our love for God to others) every day? Evangelization does not have to involve knocking on doors and reading to people from God's Word. Every kind word or gesture is a way of spreading the light of Christ in the world.

Blessings, Eva



Diocesan Target: \$4,681,500

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Target: \$262,000

Easter Angels

Easter is one of the happiest and holiest of holidays. What better way to prepare than by sharing with others less fortunate? During this Lenten season, St. Joseph on the Brandywine will again be contributing the provisions for Easter dinners to help local families. You can play a part in this "Easter Angels Ministry" by purchasing a meal for one of many families in the wider community who might otherwise go without.

Shopping bags containing a list of nonperishable items will be available in the back of the church today and for the next 3 weeks of Lent. Kindly fill the bags with the listed items and return them to the back of the church by Palm Sunday, March 25th so we can distribute them before Easter Sunday. You can also make a monetary donation by writing a check payable to St. Joseph on the Brandywine with "Easter Angels" on the memo line and placing it in the collection basket. These funds will be used to purchase a meat entree for every returned grocery bag. Your generous donations will provide an Easter blessing to local families in need. Thank you for your continued support of this special Ministry. *Please contact Laura Davies if you have any questions at (302) 521-2678.*

Pastor's Notes

Communal Responsibility

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

For Those Who Have Experienced The Loss of a Child

The music ministry of SJOB is presenting a choral concert of Karl Jenkin's work *Stabat Mater* [on April 29 at 3:00 pm.](#) The *Stabat Mater* is a setting of ancient prayers describing the Blessed Mother and her grief at the cross of Jesus. For the concert program, a page of names will be devoted in memory of our deceased sons and daughters. If you wish to have someone included in the program, submit the name of your deceased child, along with the date of their death, to Mary Ellen Schaubert at meschauber@comcast.net by April 15th.

MAY THE
constant love
OF
caring friends
SOFTEN YOUR SADNESS
MAY
cherished
memories
BRING YOU
moments of comfort
MAY
lasting peace
SURROUND YOUR
GRIEVING HEART

Adult Formation

Illuminating Faith

The book club of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will meet on March 26th at 12:45pm to discuss *The Women of Easter: encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene* by Liz Curtis Higgs. With unforgettable insights and powerful life application for today's women, Liz Curtis Higgs delves into the biblical text to help us view Easter through the eyes of three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. The meeting will be held in the Family Center.

On Sunday, March 18th, in preparation for Holy Week, there will be a presentation by Father Michael Connolly OSFS/Salesianum on the Gospel of Mark's Passion Narrative in the Family Center 11:30am until 1:00pm. <http://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org> to register or call Peter C. Fulweiler P: [302-652-2264](tel:302-652-2264) C: [302-598-1723](tel:302-598-1723). We look forward to seeing you.

Help defeat HB 160, the so-called "End of Life Options Act," a bill that seeks to legalize assisted suicide in the First State. It has been voted out of committee and is expected to be voted upon in the House early in the session, which resumed March 6. There are several ways you can help DRTL in this effort:

- Watch for our billboards located in New Castle County (at Meadowwood, Kirkwood Hwy; in Elsmere near the McDonald's at Elsmere bridge, 4th & Kings Streets, and just below Dover in Camden on Route 13)
- Send a postcard to your representative, urging him/her to vote NO on HB160. Call and email as well. (Postcards available via email if you haven't already received – prolifedelaware@gmail.com)
- Sign the petition at www.derighttolife.org.

Next Sunday, March 18th, tune in to listen to highlights from the March 3rd Mass to celebrate the opening of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary year. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

If you are a Catholic man who thinks God might be calling you to priesthood, let's talk. You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like

yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. CAS – North will meet on March 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption in Hockessin, Delaware. Contact Father Chris Coffey at FrCoffey@sjbde.org or call 302-999-0211 or visit www.cdow.org/vocations.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 10

5:00 p.m. Ann Stewart by Frances Busse

Sunday, Mar. 11

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Gerald Micallef by family

10:30 a.m. Timothy Joseph Quill by Mary Ellen & Ed Stegemeier

Monday, Mar. 12

7:00 a.m. Bernard Joseph Daney by Marge Speicher & Emmett

12:05 p.m. Anne & Joseph Walsh by Margaret Wallace

Tuesday, Mar. 13

7:00 a.m. Mary Jane & Ed Beadle from Amy Ladd & Bill Gallagher

12:05 p.m. Edwin B. Hoffman by Mary Ellen Schaubert & Ed Stegemeier

Wednesday, Mar. 14

7:00 a.m. Private intentions of SJOB Catechists

12:05 p.m. Loretta Kelly by Angie & Bobby Smith

Thursday, Mar. 15

7:00 a.m. Loretta T. Kelly by Aline & Ed Lynch

12:05 p.m. Thomas & Claire Kerr by Bob & Eleanor Kerr

Friday, Mar. 16

7:00 a.m. Ruben A. Texido, MD by Aline & Ed Lynch

12:05 p.m. Nancy Murphy by Therese Wright

Saturday, Mar. 17

8:00 a.m. Angela Marie Sauerzoph by the Beatson family

5:00 p.m. Jason & Colleen Dunn (liv) by the Allen family