

# Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF

## Easter

MAY 6, 2018

No one has greater  
love than this,  
to lay down  
one's life for  
one's friends.

John 15:13

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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.



**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](mailto:LTCThorson@gmail.com) or John Strusowski, [302-753-2928](tel:302-753-2928), [johnstru@comcast.net](mailto: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.

### WONDER

People go abroad to wonder at the height of  
mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without  
wondering. —St. Augustine

## Religious Education

Dear Friends, this weekend our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders celebrated Jesus Day, their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist retreat. We praised God in song, baked bread to share with our families, made our banners for sacrament day, took a “behind the scenes” church tour with Msgr. Rebman, and learned more about receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive our Lord for the first time next Saturday. *A reminder that all children in the parish are invited to participate in the May Procession following 9am Mass next Sunday, 5/13. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist students are invited to wear their fancy outfits from sacrament day.*

*Congratulations to Mrs. Pamela Barry, who will receive the CYM Volunteer of the Year award for our parish in recognition of her years of service as a catechist, and Joseph Davies, who will receive the St. Timothy National Youth Award for our parish, in recognition of his generous facilities help with religious education and his work with the Thanksgiving Food Collection and Easter Angels program. Our congratulations also go to Margaret Roesser who will receive the St. Francis de Sales Award for Ursuline Academy. Blessings, Eva*



*Birthright of Delaware will hold its Annual Rose Sale. Please support Birthright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you.*

### *Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund*

The weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> we will hold a special collection for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. This fund is becoming vital as more and more of our priests reach the age of retirement. Your donation will be used to support the many fine priests who have dedicated their lives to service of the faithful of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Please be as generous as possible

### *Rite of Confirmation*

The Bishop celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation each year for *those adults who have not yet completed their initiation on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm Saint Margaret of Scotland* These celebrations are for those over the age of 18 who have already been baptized and received their first Communion. Please contact 658-7017 if you are interested.

### *Mother's Day Novena*

*If you wish to enroll your loved ones in the Mother's Day Novena, you may do so now by filling out the remembrance envelopes in the pews.*

*If you have unwanted or broken rosaries, please place them in the back of church in the small basket.*

## Pastor's Notes

### *Love One Another*

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

### *The Essence of a Spiritual Pilgrimage*

One Hundred Thirty Five people from throughout the diocese participated in a 10-day pilgrimage to Annecy, France and Rome and Assisi, Italy led by Bishop Malooly. Welcome back *Martha Zazzarino* and *Peter Fulweiler*, parishioners of St. Joseph on the Brandywine who made the spiritual journey. May you continue to share your journey with our faith community.



*God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense.*

### *Look What's Cooking*

*in our Kitchen on Friday, May 11*

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 is **Friday, May 11**. 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.

### *Flu Season Winding Down*

Since the flu season appears to be winding down, we will resume communion under two species at St. Joseph on the Brandywine. You may continue to reframe from the handshake at the sign of peace if you wish or if you are ill. A simple smile or nod of the head would be perfect!

*On the May 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Catholic Forum, Mr. Michael Connelly, Coordinator of Safe Environments for the Diocese of Wilmington will discuss parish safety issues and what is being done to address them. Listen Sunday mornings at 10:06 on WDEL 1150AM and 101.7FM in Wilmington or wdel.com.*

### *Adult Formation*

The book club of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will discuss *Peace of Soul* by Fulton J. Sheen. We will meet in the Family Center on Monday May 21st 12:45pm. In this book, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen examines the vast differences between the benefits of psychotherapy and true confession that leads to conversion. While one may help the patient gain some peace of mind, the Christian gains something far greater through the grace of Confession: peace of soul.

*St. Joseph on the Brandywine Knights of Columbus Council # 15436.* The Knights' monthly Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in the Archives Building. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Anyone interested in becoming a Knight should contact Paul Thorson, [302-229-5644](tel:302-229-5644), [LTCThorson@gmail.com](mailto:LTCThorson@gmail.com) or John Strusowski, [302-753-2928](tel:302-753-2928), [johnstru@comcast.net](mailto:johnstru@comcast.net).

### *Treasures from our Tradition*

The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as "love's month," while in England, more practical farmers called it "Three Milks," since the cows grazing on springtime's bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with Maytime frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month's prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary's place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary's role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary's Cantic of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ's birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church.

- James Field

### *Congratulations*

to those graduating from pre-school, kindergarten, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, college and graduate school. Be assured of a prayerful remembrance by our parish. Whether you are moving up the educational ladder or out into the business world know you have a sense of accomplishment and your parents and family members are proud of you.

*St. John the Beloved Carnival will begin on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.* Save the date for a week of fun, food, games, music, and of course carnival rides. Carnival hours are 6 – 10 p.m., Monday through Friday and 6 -11 p.m. on Saturday. Family night is Tuesday, June 5, which includes unlimited rides for \$20.00 and Thursday, June 7, is Alumni night with drink and food specials all night.



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. 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 at [cdow.org](http://cdow.org)

*Proponents of Delaware House Bill 160, the "End of Life Options Act," have once again failed to gain enough support for the bill to bring it to a vote.*

*If you are experiencing a crisis pregnancy or are grieving after an abortion and need to talk to someone about it, call the toll-free, 24-hour confidential pregnancy/post-abortion counseling hotline at 1-877-225-7870.*

### *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, May 5

5:00 p.m. Mia Shorteno Fraser by M/M Edward J. Burke, III & M/M David W. Patton

Sunday, May 6

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by SJOB Religious Education families

10:30 a.m. Marilou Bockstie by Pete & Betty Ferrario

Monday, May 7

7:00 a.m. Richard J. Gessner, Sr., by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons and family

12:05 p.m. Loretta Teresa (Azar) Kelly by the Beatson family

Tuesday, May 8

7:00 a.m. Helen Lloyd Kitchel Gawthrop by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons and family

12:05 p.m. Sister Michael Theresa Brauer SND by Mark Christian

Wednesday, May 9

7:00 a.m. Anthony James Penna by the Baldwin family

12:05 p.m. George A. Wilson by Bob & Louise Hammond

Thursday, May 10

7:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. members of the Wallant family by Dr. Bill Moncevicz

12:05 p.m. Sal DePaulo by family

Friday, May 11

7:00 a.m. Bernard A. Barrosse, Jr. by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Bernadette Mansi by Mark Christian

Saturday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Robert M. Hammond, Sr., by Bob & Louise Hammond

5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James & Diane Grant requested by his family