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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, 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.

BURSTING THROUGH

Nature is too thin a screen; the glory of the omnipresent God bursts through everywhere.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Our catechetical theme for the year has been *Living as Missionary Disciples*. Today's Gospel reminds us of our mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations!" The easiest and best way for us to do this is summed up in the words of a song we used to sing at Mass when I was a girl: "They will know we are Christians by our love." Keep that in mind this week – everyone who meets us should be able to tell we are followers of Christ, because we treat others with kindness and love.

Many Blessings, Eva

Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith

Participants in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

The Gift of Our Time

Service to one's church and community consists of offering one's time to serve the poor, volunteer at Religious Education, lector, be a Eucharistic Minister, bring communion to those less ambulatory, but most importantly the gift of time is allowance for prayer. Prayer is such an important part of our lives that we must make time for it in our daily but nevertheless busy lives.

Our Lady of Queen of Peace Statue "The perfect gift of love"

Remember your loved ones forever. Give the gift of a lifetime. \$100: your name placed in a time capsule within our Lady's Immaculate Heart for eternity. \$1,000: name/organization engraved on a brick permanently installed at Our Lady's feet. Contact Angel Crossing, Elsmere.

Bishop Malooly

Celebrated at annual dinner of

St. Thomas More Society.

Bishop W. Francis Malooly was celebrated for his humility, personal connection to people and leadership through difficult times as he was recognized May 20 at the annual dinner of the St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Wilmington. - *The Dialog*

Pastor's Notes

The Responsibility of our Faith

Today is a day simply to ponder the fact that in baptism we were claimed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy prompts us to fix in our hearts the truth that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth and there is no other god. Saint Paul reminds us that, because we received the Spirit of adoption in baptism, we are now children of God. In the Gospel Jesus charges us with the responsibility to make other disciples. These realities make today's solemnity a day of praise, adoration, and responsibility. It is a fitting day to thank God for the absolutely free gift of faith that we were given in baptism. It is also a day to ask God for strength to take on the responsibility of sharing that faith with others.

A Memorial Day Tribute to our Heroes

Let us take time to remember our brave military Veterans living and dead who placed their lives on the line to keep us free. As we pause to pray and thank them for their sacrifices, *please be aware that flags in our cemeteries at St. Joseph* have been placed on graves to honor those who have served in the military. If a flag has not been placed on the grave of your loved one and you would like one, please call the office at 658-7017 with his or her name and location. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, local Cub Scout Pack 959 and their families and friends. Flags were donated by the Knights of Columbus in addition to a private donation by Anne Wattman, Old Cemetery Consultant. The Cubs planted over 445 U.S. flags on the graves of all the fallen Veterans buried in our cemeteries. Thank you for your dedication, your duty, your unwavering loyalty and most importantly your unbelievable sacrifice.

59th Memorial Day Field Mass

will be held at All Saints Cemetery on Monday May 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. All Saints Cemetery is located at 6001 Kirkwood Highway in Milltown DE. Seating and protection from the weather are provided. You are also welcome to bring your own lawn chairs. Bishop Malooly is the principal celebrant and music will be provided by the students of St. Mark's High School. Mass is held rain or shine.



The basic Military Funeral Honors (MFH) ceremony consists of the folding and presentation of the United States flag to the veterans' family and the playing of Taps. The ceremony is performed by a funeral honors detail consisting of at least two members of the Armed Forces. The Funeral Honors rendered to you or your veteran will be determined by the status of the veteran. The type of Funeral Honors may be Full Military Honors, 7 Person Detail or a Standard Honors Team Detail. At least one of the funeral honors detail will be from the Armed Force in which the deceased veteran served. Taps may be played by a bugler or, if a bugler is not available, by using a quality recorded version. Military Funeral Honor Teams may act as Pall

Bearers if requested by the veteran/family.

Who is eligible for Military Funeral Honors? Military members on active duty or in the Selected Reserve.

Former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.

Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.

Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

Who is not eligible for Military Funeral Honors?

Any person separated from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions or whose character of service results in a bar to veteran's benefits.

Any person who was ordered to report to an induction station, but was not actually inducted into military service.

Any person discharged from the Selected Reserve prior to completing one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service for reasons other than a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

Any person convicted of a Federal or State capital crime sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

How do I establish veteran eligibility?

The preferred method is the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing other than dishonorable service can be used. The DD Form 214 may be obtained by filling out a Standard Form 180 and sending it to: National Personnel Records Center(NPRC) 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132. The Standard Form 180 may be obtained from the National Records Center or via the following web site: <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>

Is anyone else eligible to receive funeral honors?

Yes. Members of the Commissioned Officer Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as members of a Uniformed Service, are also eligible to receive funeral honors.

For NOAA personnel, eligibility is established using NOAA Form 56-16, Report of Transfer or Discharge. If the family does not have a copy of the NOAA Form 56-16, it may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Officer Services Division, NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center at (301) 713-7715. or by writing: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Personnel Center; Chief, Officer Services Division (CPC1) 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12100 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

For PHS personnel, funeral honors eligibility is established using PHS Form 1867, Statement of Service (equivalent to the DD Form 214). If the family does not have a copy of the Statement of Service, it may be obtained by contacting the Privacy Coordinator for the Commissioned Corps at (240) 453-6041 or writing: Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC; Attention: Privacy Act Coordinator 5600 Fishers Lane 4-36 Rockville, Maryland 20857.



A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for:

- A veteran who served during wartime
- A veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941
- A veteran who served after January 31, 1955
- A peacetime veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950

Certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951

Certain former members of the Selected Reserves

Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays.

How Can You Apply?

You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 27-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. You may get a flag at any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help you obtain the flag.

Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?

The law allows us to issue one flag for a veteran's funeral. We cannot replace it if it is lost, destroyed, or stolen. However, some veterans' organizations or other community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

How Should the Burial Flag Be Displayed?

The proper way to display the flag depends upon whether the casket is open or closed. VA Form 27-2008 provides the correct method for displaying and folding the flag. The burial flag is not suitable for outside display because of its size and fabric. It is made of cotton and can easily be damaged by weather. Call Toll-Free at 1-800-827-1000.



Food Pantry Collection- Last Sunday of May

Our food pantry volunteers wish to thank everyone for your generous donations. Donations received at St Joseph on the Brandywine are distributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine of Siena. The next collection is today. We are seeking donations of: 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. Thank you for your support!

Find the Time

Whether you are enjoying the history and natural beauty of the towns and villages along the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, or the family fun of a Delaware or Maryland Atlantic Ocean resort vacation; you'll find a Catholic community nearby ready to welcome you with open arms. <http://www.cdow.org/davinci.html>. We invite you to worship with us this vacation season. Visit www.masstimes.org

Our offices will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day. In an emergency call 658-7107. We will celebrate one Mass @ 9:00 on Monday. Thank you.

Compassion Care Hospice at St. Francis – is looking for volunteers in the hospice program. You can help by visiting patients, providing companionship, respite for family and caregivers, music therapy, pet therapy and veteran to veteran support. If you are interested or need more info, call 421-4690.

Single adults, ages 21-35, are invited to join the YAM team at St. John the Beloved Parish. This is a great opportunity to meet other Catholic young adults, like yourself. For more information please email Lara Ballintyn at lbballintyn@sjbde.org or call her at (302) 994-7757.

All are reminded to dress with reverence and respect as they come to the liturgy all year long.

The Prayer Chain

The Silent Prayer Community, with the purpose of praying for your special needs as well as those written in the book of intentions in the back of church, is ready to serve you. Notify Cindy Clare (302) 654-6344 of your special intention.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May, 26

5:00 p.m. William Mical by Gene & Cathy Kelleher

Sunday, May, 27

7:30 a.m. Paul & Frances Leahy requested by the family of James S. Grant, Jr.

9:00 a.m. Sadie D. Bockman by Don & Eva Lyons

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, May, 28 (One Mass)

9:00 a.m. Betty Nedwick by Prince family

Tuesday, May, 29

7:00 a.m. Carmine B. Tomaine by Marge Speicher

12:05 p.m. C. Jean Ianni by M/M Edmond & Ann Marie, Lauren, Christine, & Katherine Ianni & family

Wednesday, May, 30

7:00 a.m. Beau Biden by family

12:05 p.m. Richard M. Conklin by Annie & Alex Jordan

Thursday, May, 31

7:00 a.m. Bernard Joseph Daney by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

12:05 p.m. Cade Speers Schneider by David & Cindy Rominger

Friday, June 1

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Colmorgen by Martha Zazzarino

12:05 p.m. John Cogan by Annie & Alex Jordan

Saturday, June 2

8:00 a.m. The Moncevicz family by Dr. Bill Moncevicz

5:00 p.m. William Mical by Gene & Cathy Kelleher