

Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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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.

The Glorious Bible

It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education Parents: Congratulations to our second graders who celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday. The grace of God's forgiveness is awesome!

Don't forget that this Sunday, November 18, you are invited to stay for coffee and a parent talk by Rob and Melanie Penna when you drop off your children for class. There are more details in your parent email newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity for all religious education parents to enrich their faith. See you there! Peace and every blessing, Eva



Advent Angel Tree

The Advent Angel Tree is an annual ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine. It is an opportunity to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season.

The mission of the Advent Angel Ministry is to assist the needy by offering gifts and essentials of daily living such as food and shelter. This program has been very successful in the past due to the generosity of St. Joseph on the Brandywine parishioners who donate gifts and time to this ministry.

We work closely with the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Catherine of Siena and the staff at Martha's House. Both organizations provide us gift suggestions for the individuals and families they work with -- a difficult task since the people do not ask for anything for themselves, yet their needs are many.

Parishioners are invited to take ornaments from the tree and to purchase the suggested gift. Please wrap the gift, attach the tag to the outside of the gift and return it to church no later than Sunday, December 9th. Kindly return the gifts by December 9th to allow the committee ample time to sort and deliver the gifts. Any questions please call Mrs. Barbara Vieira 302-516-7938. Monetary donations may be made by check payable to St Joseph on the Brandywine with "Advent Angel" on the memo line. Please place the check in an envelope and place it in the offertory collection or mail it to the Rectory. *Please do not wrap any cash or checks!*

Celebrating Thanksgiving by Jeanne Hunt
Thanksgiving originated at a time when the spiritual dimension of life was an integral part of people's lives. Eighteenth-century Puritan society was centered in a deep, abiding faith in God. These "pilgrim people" of America found it natural to give thanks to God for all their blessings. Thanksgiving still offers a great opportunity to reflect on all that God has done for us and to give thanks to God in recognition of that goodness and providence. On Thanksgiving, we

integrate the great blessings of our lives with the source of life, our creator. We can take an ordinary "turkey day" and weave a simple message of the sacred throughout the celebration.

Pastor's Column

Encouragement

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 20 @ 7:30 p.m., at Lower Brandywine Church. A service of ecumenical thanksgiving with our neighbors of all faiths! Together, we will combine our choirs and share in the prayer service that expresses our gratitude to Almighty God. All are welcome.

Boy Scout Religious Awards: Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.

Food Pantry

*Please return all food items
the weekend of November 25th!*

WELCOME!

If you are new to our parish, we welcome you to our faith community! May you find St. Joseph on the Brandywine a place of peace and friendship, its people kind and gracious!

THANK YOU TO those who attended CONVOCATION 150, in Ocean City, Maryland on Nov. 3rd on behalf of our faith community in an effort to deepen our ministry to missionary discipleship rooted in the Joy of the Gospel.

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YOU



Birthingright thanks all those who participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign. This season, we count our supporters as blessings, and we pray that you will all be blessed in turn.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements at 658-7017.

CYM Sports Registration Overview

The first step in getting your child involved in CYM Sports is to complete CYM Athletics at <http://www.cdowcym.org/athletics>. Once your child is assigned a Primary Affiliation, contact *St. Joseph's on the Brandywine CYM Parish Sports Coordinator, Cindy Wilkinson* by email @ cpw35@hotmail.com or (302) 656-1122 for associated fees and deadlines.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish as part of your gift to God for the good things God has given you.

Second Collection: Nov. 17-18th: Next weekend, our special collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Thank you for your support.



"Stockings for Soldiers"

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Knights of Columbus is sending some Holiday cheer to our brave troops in Afghanistan. These troops would love to receive a special stocking from home. We all can let them know that we are thinking of them while they are away from their families. These stockings are being sewn and decorated by many area volunteers. We need your help to fill them up. Thank you for helping to spread some Holiday cheer to our wonderful men and women in the military. We will be collecting donated items and cards November 3rd - November 18th at St. Joseph on the Brandywine. Suggested items are listed on than handouts at the entrance of church. Look for Red plastic bins in the church vestibule to place all your donations. The Knights will be volunteering their time stuffing stockings at the "Stocking Store" NEW LOCATION in Plaza III Shopping Center, 1851 Marsh Rd. on November 8th and 15th from 6:30-8:00 PM. Parishioners and family members are welcome to participate. Contact Paul Thorson, 302-229-5644, LTCThorson@gmail.com.



Easy as Pie Fundraiser

Please consider a donation of \$20 - \$25 by cash or check (made payable to "Ministry of Caring.") Pies can be picked up at the St. Joseph on the Brandywine Family Center on Wednesday, Nov. 21st from 10 -12 noon. Any questions please call Jane Lyons at 302.559.6559 or email glvons102@aol.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 17

5:00 p.m. Jessica Peirson by Jimmy & Kathleen Kelleher

Sunday, Nov. 18

7:30 a.m. Helen & Vincent Rizzo by family

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Edmund L. Daley by Anne Wattman

Monday, Nov. 19

7:00 a.m. David Driscoll by Alex & Annie Jordan

12:05 p.m. Joan Lukach by Carl Lukach & family

Tuesday, Nov. 20

7:00 a.m. Private intentions of St. Joseph on the Brandywine Catechists

12:05 p.m. Margot Taylor by Alex & Annie Jordan

Wednesday, Nov. 21

7:00 a.m. Doris Glenn by Alex & Annie Jordan

12:05 p.m. Patrick Dempsey by family

Thursday, Nov. 22 (*One Mass*)

9:00 a.m. Kathleen Bader Lynch by Daneen Warner family

Friday, Nov. 23

7:00 a.m. Thelma Smee by Kate Erwin

12:05 p.m. Roger Ressemeyer by Alex & Annie Jordan

Saturday, Nov. 24

8:00 a.m. Vincent McCorkle by family

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

The Book Club of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will meet on *Monday, Nov. 19th at 12:45* in the Family Center to discuss Liz Curtis Higgs' The Women of Christmas, Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna. Register at <http://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org>. Click on the Events tab on the left of the page or call Peter Fulweiler on 302-652-2264.