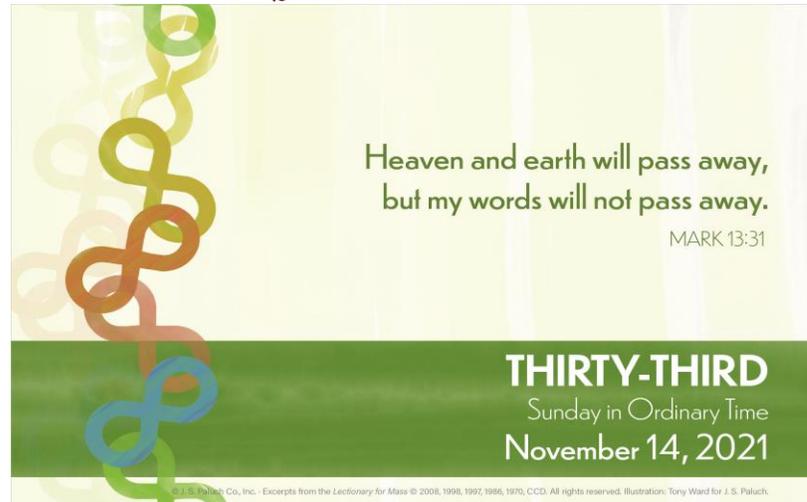


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Confessions

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

First Sat. 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 am

10:00 am

Weekday

M-W 7:00 a.m.

T-Th 12:05 p.m.

Friday - no Mass

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST: As announced

SICK CALLS: anytime

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 meets virtually the Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Male Parishioners interested in becoming a Knight may visit <http://bit.ly/Council15436> or contact Kyle Schindler, 302-388-4960, schindler.kyle@gmail.com or John Strusowski, 302-753-2928, johnstru@comcast.net.

Pastor's Column

GOD'S REIGN

Feast of Faith

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly Eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

Lectors Play An Important Role: In the celebration of the Mass, the lector plays a significant role as the person who proclaims God's Word to the assembled congregation. Proclaiming the Word of God is an inspiring way to contribute to parish life. Lectors are assigned to read every four to six weeks, and they know well in advance the Masses to which they are assigned. All lectors receive a handbook with guidance for preparing their readings as well as a parish-specific procedures guide that walks lectors through their role in the Mass. A training session of approximately one hour prepares lector candidates to participate. We are now scheduling training sessions for new lectors. We have particular need for lectors at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings and the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. We also would be happy to welcome new members to the 10 a.m. lector team. If you would like to learn more about the Ministry of the Word, please contact Loretta Carlson at lscarlson@mac.com or call her at 302.521.7936.

At the beginning of Mass, the priest made the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission “to love and serve the Lord.” Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God's continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, “Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives” (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ's own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love.

Important Updates when Receiving Communion

Gluten Free Hosts: For those communicants who require gluten-free (GF) hosts, please let the celebrant, usually our pastor, Monsignor Hopkins, (or visiting priest) know that you will be in his communion line, at the end of the line. An usher may be available to help you.

Receiving the Host on the tongue: For those communicants who receive the Body of Christ on the tongue, please receive the Host from the celebrant, Monsignor Hopkins in most instances, by using his communion line to receive; especially in our current Covid state, please position yourself at the end of the celebrant's Communion line, to receive the Host.

If you cannot come to the Altar for Communion: If you come to mass and cannot come to the altar in the Communion line we suggest:

- if you are attending mass alone, let an usher know or if you know a Eucharistic Minister, tell them that you need the celebrant or a Eucharistic Minister to come to your pew at the end of Communion.
- if you have a companion or family member who will receive Communion at the altar, they can inform Monsignor Hopkins/or visiting priest or the Eucharistic Minister as they receive the Host. Either one will be happy to bring the Host to your pew.

PRAY for OUR SEMINARIANS

Lord Jesus, I ask your special blessing on these young men preparing for the priesthood for our diocese. I pray that they will grow in faith, hope, and charity. May their hearts overflow with your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may their desire to serve you, inspire others to answer your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarians the grace to follow you more perfectly. When they are lonely or discouraged, fill them with your peace. Let them be lifted up by the fact they are never alone in Your Presence and surrounded with our prayers.

Amen



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Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

It was such a joy having students from kindergarten through ninth grade on-campus simultaneously last weekend. While COVID safeguards are still in place, the year is otherwise in full swing: Our Confirmation class has begun work on their program; our second-graders will start preparing for First Penance after Thanksgiving; and the groundwork for our Christmas pageant will be laid next Sunday!

The focus of the Gospel Weeklies this weekend is trust and hope in God, even in times of uncertainty. How can your family practice hopefulness?

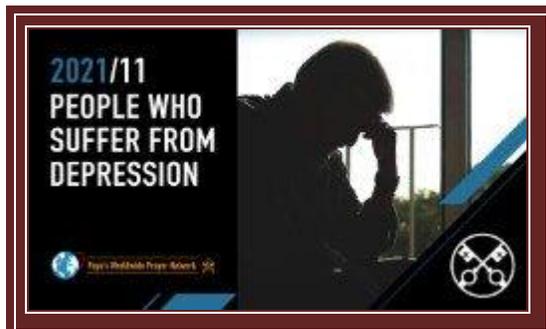
In His service, Jessie

Join the Respect Life Committee

Nov. 18th – 7 p.m. Family Center

We believe human life is a precious gift from God; each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. Please contact Lynelle Robuck at whitedove@abbapottery.com or Annie Jordan at annierjordan@gmail.com

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men's retreat on November 19-21 and the women's retreat will be February 18-20. These retreats are an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register email mcdonald@adw.org or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.



Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of November, and invites everyone to pray for and be near those who suffer from exhaustion, burn-out, and depression. <https://www.vaticannews.va>

The Gift of Life



This year the annual Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving, in collaboration with some neighboring churches, will be offered virtually for your convenience. You are welcome to worship with us from the safety of your home. The worship service will be posted on our website prior to Thanksgiving.

Sunday,

December 12th

2 p.m.



Christmas
Concert

All are Welcome!

Making Spirits

Bright

Our faith community will participate in the Advent Angel Program utilizing the same format we did last year. Look for details soon!



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

If you or a loved one needed an organ transplant to live, who would donate the organ? That's the question that thousands of people in our community are waiting to have answered. All of us hope and pray for acts of charity by strangers who make the commitment to give the gift of life. Say "yes" to donate when you renew your driver's license or sign an organ donor card and tell your family about your decision. Contact the Gift of Life Donor Program at 800- DONORS-1 or visit their website at WWW.DONORS1.ORG.



We will be collecting donated items and cards October 30th - November 14th at St. Joseph on the Brandywine. PLEASE SEE LIST OF SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS. Look for Red plastic bins in the church vestibule to place all your donations. The Knights will be stuffing stockings at the "Stocking Store" in the Brandywine Town Center, 5300 Brandywine Parkway just off Concord Pike on Thursday, November 11th and 18th from 6:30-8:30 PM. Parishioners and family members are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Kyle Schindler, [302-388-4960](tel:302-388-4960), Schindler.Kyle@gmail.com. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Your spouse may not always act like a saint. None of us do, but I bet you can find a saintly quality if you pay attention. Is he or she generous, humble, self-sacrificing, courageous...? Celebrate the saint you are living with today.

*Put God First
Treasure Others
Care for the Earth*

**World Day of the Poor
WHO LIVES IN POVERTY USA?**



poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%. In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty. Learn more about how you can encounter, educate and act at PovertyUSA.org Sources: How the US Census Measures Poverty, US Census Bureau; Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2019, US Census Bureau (p. 18-19).

All those who make less than the Federal government's official poverty threshold... which for a family of four is about \$25,700. People working at minimum wage, even holding down multiple jobs. Seniors living on fixed incomes. Wage earners suddenly out of work. Millions of families everywhere from our cities to rural communities.



*Second Collection
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Nov. 20 -21st*

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the Church's response to Americans struggling with poverty. CCHD works to transform lives and communities by partnering with poor and low income people.

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the

Giving & Gratitude

As followers of Jesus, we are called to sacrifice, to give of ourselves and our resources as a sign and sharing of Christ's love. When we contribute financial resources to the parish, we are contributing to Christ's mission of love and mercy. Your parish needs your support.

Besides giving your donation at Mass, mailing or dropping off your envelopes, you can now contribute electronically, simply visit www.cdow.org and click on the church logo.



"Your Parish Needs Your Support" and complete the form. Be sure to indicate your parish St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Parish #30.

Another option is to set up bill pay *through your bank's online bill pay feature*. *Your bank will send a check directly to us based on your instructions.* **Be sure to have your bank indicate your envelope number on the check.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 13

5:00 p.m. Carmine B. Tomaine by Marge Speicher

Sunday, Nov. 14

7:30 a.m. Mr. John C. & Mrs. Margaret T. Janes by Joseph Janes
10:00 a.m. Jack Aument by Diane & Michael Marinelli

Monday, Nov. 15

7:00 a.m. Deacon F. Edmund Lynch by family

Tuesday, Nov. 16

12:05 p.m. Ashle Wilson Bailey by Ed & Ann Ianni

Wednesday, Nov. 17

7:00 a.m. Zachery Cuzzocreo by Maureen Collins

Thursday, Nov. 18

12:05 p.m. Brian Pierse by Cathy & Anthony Poppiti

Friday, Nov. 19 No Mass

Saturday, Nov. 20

5:00 p.m. Idleodora Capuno Fonde Villa by Manny & Babes Devotta

Send Us Word -

If someone is in the hospital, let us know.

In the interest of respecting the law of privacy, the hospitals no longer inform us of parishioners in their facility.

The Anointing of the Sick may be requested after mass if you are preparing for surgery or by appointment. It

is best to do so when the person is still able to participate in the prayer.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS



It's holiday time and the world is filled with music, tinsel and glitter. Everything seems to sparkle and there is always so much to do! It is a festive time of year, filled with joyous occasions and family gatherings. But when your family circle has been broken by death, the holidays may only serve to remind you of the empty space at the table, the hole in your heart.

The holidays are a time when the past and the present collide. We either try to recreate the wonderful memories of our past or to clean the slate completely and start all over again. When the family fabric has been torn apart by death, the holiday season becomes one of the most difficult experiences the bereaved must endure. From Halloween to New Year's, it's a season often filled with despair and renewed grief. Yet, the holiday season can also be a time of reflection and renewal, of recollection and reconnection.

No one can grieve for you. We each must walk that path one footstep at a time. Handling the holidays isn't a matter of eliminating the pain, but rather how we manage the pain we experience. The most important thing to remember is that this is **YOUR TIME** and **YOUR GRIEF** and **DO WHATEVER IS COMFORTABLE AND "RIGHT" FOR YOU**. Your family and friends want to help and perhaps the best gift they could give you is the love and patience you need to help you through this season of despair.

The following are offered as suggestions for handling your holiday grief:

Become aware of your feelings and acknowledge them. Tears, depression, anger, guilt and loneliness are all a natural part of grief. These feelings may return again and again during the holiday season as well as other "earlier symptoms" you may have experienced. Once you can acknowledge them and embrace them, they will dissipate more quickly. Do not be afraid or ashamed of your emotions. Source: Darcie D. Sims Grief Inc.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held December 3-5th. Whether you are post-abortive or associated with someone who is (parent, spouse, friend), there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711(call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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