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Schedule of Liturgies

Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
First Sat. 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

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.



The SJOB Knights of Columbus council meets every third Tuesday of the month in the Family Center. Membership in the Knights is open to all Catholic men, 18 years of age or older. Those interested should contact Kyle Schindler at (302) 388-4960 or schindler.kyle@gmail.com.

"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead." James 2:26

Pastor's Column

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."



"Walking By Faith" In today's gospel, we once again hear of the disciples encountering Jesus. And Jesus calls the disciples to "tend my sheep...feed my sheep...follow Me." The disciples show us time and time again, Walking by Faith, ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things. As men and women of faith, we are like those disciples, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus who is always there accompanying us. Our Lord asks us: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters not only in our parishes and diocese but throughout the world. The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, with its theme, "Walking by Faith" challenges each of us to bear witness to our faith and open our minds and hearts to bring those less fortunate closer to God's table. To know Christ is to know His message of salvation; to love Christ is to imitate His love for all people; and to serve Christ is to manifest His teachings through acts of Christian Stewardship. This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org



The Knights of Columbus have a traveling *St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon*, which will be coming to our parish on May 31st at 5:30 p.m., with a prayer service.

There are posters at the entrance of church. All are welcome to attend – please bring a friend.

Prayer of the Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What does it mean for me to bear fruit for the reign of God?

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

The weekend of June 4/5 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.

Peter's Pence Collection – June 25th – 26th

This collection is a significant way to support the Universal Church. This collection supported by Catholics around the globe, helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. It also helps support the ongoing activities of the Holy See. Thank you for your supporting the works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection.

• *Cemetery Clean Up*

The Cemetery clears all decorations five times a year - within a reasonable time after the five special days - Christmas, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day. Management reserves the right to change and alter rules whenever it deems necessary. Families are responsible and encouraged to remove items they wish to keep in advance of clean-up. Cemetery management is not responsible for items removed, lost or stolen.

Cemetery clean up from Easter will begin soon prior to Memorial Day weekend.

To Our Graduates

Congratulations to our very special graduates.
May God's love and guidance be with you at this time.
May your graduation be a blessing. Be bold, be courageous, be your best!

Ministry to the Elderly

Two elder-care facilities fall under the auspices of St. Joseph on the Brandywine; Country House and Stonegates. Ministry at these facilities includes Mass, communion, and the anointing of the sick as needed and any other special events as requested.

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

It finally feels like spring! One of my favorite poets, Gerard Manley Hopkins, had a way with nature descriptions: "Nothing is so beautiful as Spring – / When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush; / Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush / Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring / The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing..."

Though Religious Ed has been wrapped up for most of our students, our seven second-graders have continued to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 15. Please keep them in prayer on this very special day.

In His service, Jessie



"To celebrate Memorial Day and honor those who bravely served our country, our Knights of Columbus council is once again partnering with Cub Scout Pack

graves of all veterans buried in the SJOB cemeteries. The flags will be planted shortly and will remain on the graves for a couple of weeks.

Basket for Babies will be displayed during the month of May in anticipation of accepting lovely donations for babies. Your gifts will be provided to Birthright, which is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. The Baskets for Babies Program for Birthright is sponsored by the Respect Life Committee supported by devoted volunteers and private donations.



Because of You...

Thank you to those who contributed to the success of the Mother's Day Rose sale, which supports Birthright of Delaware. We are blessed to have parishioners and friends support this cause.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 14

5:00 p.m. Novena

Sunday, May 15

7:30 a.m. Novena

10:00 a.m. Novena

Monday, May 16

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman by Marge & Emmett Speicher

Tuesday, May 17

12:05 p.m. Alexander (Lexi) Petrillo by Ed & Ann Marie Ianni

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 a.m. Beverly Quinn Cannon by Josephine & Thomas McBride

Thursday, May 19

12:05 p.m. Andy Cardinal by John & Maraleta Malloy

Friday, May 20 No Mass

Saturday, May 21

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Power in Prayer

Our faith community has a petitions book in the gathering area where any parishioner can write in a special prayer intention for the living, seriously ill or for any family crisis. The written petitions are remembered at mass during the Prayer of the Faithful as we respond, "Lord, hear our prayer" to the intercessions. Please use this opportunity to include your family and community in our prayers.

As individual followers of Christ and as a church body, our prayer group's commitment and passion to pray is a privilege and extension of God's love for us and care for one another. To submit your prayer request, please email Cindi Clare at free2day2002@yahoo.com

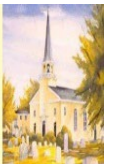
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are for companion inurnment. It is a beautiful structure of gray and deep red granites. Provision is made for Memorialization by use of bronze scrolls. Small bronze vases (optional) are also available. Call 658-7017.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Cemetery Sales Representative for the parish, please call the office at (302) 658.7017 to let us know you may be interested. An ability to serve families with care and compassion, while educating and guiding them through the process of selecting and purchasing a final resting place for loved ones in our cemetery.

Have you left something behind? Our ushers can assist you in showing you where we keep unclaimed items. Or you may simply check the black basket under the table at the entrance of church. As a gentle reminder, we occasionally empty the basket when it is filled.



Catholics of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore who are not able to attend one of the in-person Synod listening sessions, now have the option to

participate online. Individuals, couples, families, or small groups that would like to answer Pope Francis' invitation to participate in Synod 2021 – 2023 for a Synodal Church, visit cdow.org/Synod to do so.

Thanks, from the Easter Angels Ministry

We wish to warmly thank all those generous parishioners who donated complete dinners for our local neighbors in need in time for their Easter celebrations this year. Your sacrifices of time and treasure during this Lenten season resulted in the delivery of 100 bags filled with enough non-perishable groceries for a family meal and then some and almost \$3,000 to supplement the non-perishables. Our beneficiary organizations were especially grateful for our ministry this year as the numbers of needy families that they serve has steadily increased. I only wish you could witness the gratitude of those families whom you helped to enjoy an especially wonderful Easter. Our prayer is that all those who contributed were as nourished and strengthened in faith and love this Easter as those who received.

Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad An Inspirational Concert

The Music Ministry of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church presents Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad — An Inspirational Concert. The Concert features the Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Adult and Youth Choirs and Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Mary Ellen Schaubert, Director of Choirs, with organist, Michael A. Marinelli. Inspirational works to celebrate the Easter Season include, Missa Windbergensis by Joachim Schreiber; The Heavens Are Telling from Haydn's "The Creation," and choral and congregational arrangements of "Now Thank We All Our God" and "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." All are invited. 2 PM, Sunday, May 22nd in church.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

The month of May ([Overview - Calendar](#)) is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gem Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however, it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation. Excerpted from *Enchiridion of Indulgences*. <https://www.catholicculture.org>

Good Stuff

- ✓ **Wilmington Catholic Young Adults (WilCYA)** is a young adult ministry serving the greater Wilmington-Newark Area which strives to connect young adults in their 20's and 30's with the Catholic Church through spiritual, social and service events. Each Tuesday, young adults from 15 parishes throughout the Diocese gather together for events such as social nights, Mass & fellowship, Holy Hour/Happy Hour and Catechesis. They also meet up other times during the month for events such as 5ks, and service projects. More information, <https://www.facebook.com/>
- ✓ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** retreat: Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? We have adapted to several formats so that we can meet everyone's comfort level. Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage. For information, www.wwme-delmar.org (also <https://wwme.org>) or to register, call Tony and Linda Massino at (302) 648-2228.
- ✓ **May 15, 3 p.m., Concert for the People of Ukraine**, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Featuring Andrea Arena, mezzo-soprano, Lynne Claire Morse, soprano, Anne North Reed, soprano, Amelia Uro, soprano, St. Mary's Choir and Handbell Choir Accompanied by Matthew Jewell. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted during the concert.
- ✓ **The Angelus Art Gallery**, 417 W. 5th Street, Wilmington. Featuring "Mary Around the Word," artwork by Sister Mary Grace Thul, OP; woodblock prints, special fresh-water pearl rosaries from Mizu Design, other local artists, great gifts for all budgets. Call to verify hours, (347) 963-2208. All proceeds benefit Ministry of Caring. All are welcome. Visit theangelushouse.com
- ✓ **The Little Sisters of the Poor**, a nursing home which serves low-income seniors located at 185 Salem Church Road in Newark, is seeking volunteers. Flexible schedule available: Volunteer once a month, once a week, or more. Help is needed with breakfast, lunch or dinner, driving to medical appointments, kitchen prep work, folding laundry, cleaning the chapel, photography, and more. Contact Sandra Cloutier, director of volunteers, volnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org or (302) 368-5886, ext. 137.

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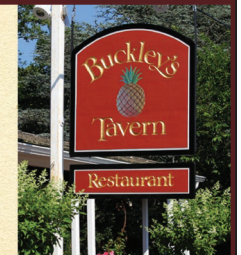
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