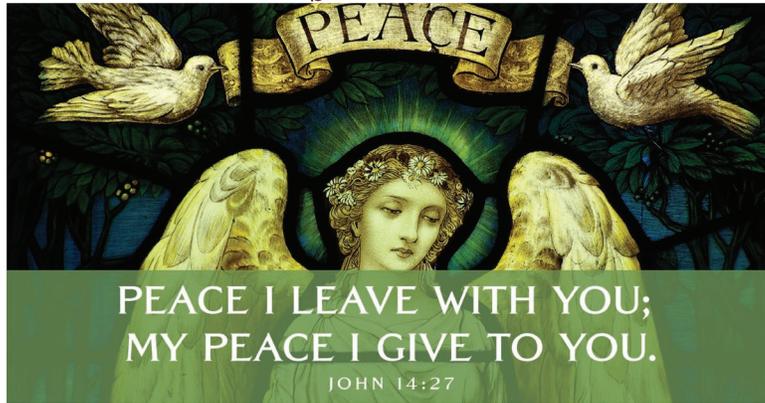


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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."



Thank you to everyone who "Walking By Faith", made a pledge to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet

participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule and doorways of the church and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal."



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.



The Power of Forgiveness, Pope Francis on Reconciliation calls the reader to explore mercy of God through the grace of forgiveness. This short compilation features impactful quotes from Pope Francis on forgiveness. The selections

emphasize our need for repentance, awareness of one's sin, God's divine mercy, forgiving others, and confession and absolution, among other topics. Visit www.usccb.org.

Prayer of the Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?

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.

Power in Pray

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

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,
Today is the feast day of one of my absolute favorite saints: St. Rita of Cascia. In 2019, I worked briefly at the St. Rita shrine in south Philadelphia. She is the patroness of impossible causes, and I was humbled by the ceaseless calls, emails, and in-person requests at the office beseeching for prayers. If you have a prayer request that seems insurmountable, consider bringing it to St. Rita of Cascia today.

Last Sunday, we were blessed with nice weather for our First Eucharist celebration. Six children received Jesus for the first time with a beautiful Mass. We have one more young man who will be receiving his First Eucharist on Sunday, May 29. Please continue to keep him in prayer.

In His service, Jessie

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.



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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.

Food Collection Date: 5/28 & 5/29

Every day, many individuals and families in our community struggle to meet their basic nutritional needs. You can make a difference right now. Your gifts of food donations can bring immediate relief and hope to a family or individual who is suffering from hunger. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, May 22

7:30 a.m. Msgr. Rebman by the Gonzalez family

10:00 a.m. Novena

Monday, May 23

7:00 a.m. Sally Glynn by Theresa & Gerard & Ann

Tuesday, May 24

12:05 p.m. Thomas Regis Heyer by Frank Aronhalt

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 a.m. Carmella Ramone DiOssi by Cathy & Pat Ramone

Thursday, May 26

12:05 p.m. Dora J. Powell by Bill Grubb

Friday, May 27 No Mass

Saturday, May 28

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.

UPDATE US WITH YOUR NEW INFO: Any changes, such as new phone number, address, or email please update at <https://stjosephonthebrandywine.org/parish/FamilyRegistrationForm>

Emmanuel Dining Room – Friday, June 10

The Emmanuel Dining Room East is grateful for St. Joseph's parishioners for their continuing donation of a chicken meal once a month. Our donors purchase and cook 18 to 24 chicken thighs or other chicken parts and/or bring various desserts.

Our next date to deliver our meal for Emmanuel Dining Room is Friday, June 10. Please bring your cooked chicken and desserts to the Family Center by 9 A.M. on that day. Thank you for your consistent support to this ministry. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

Our offices will be closed Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Thank you!

St Mary Magdalen Football sign-ups

Grades 4 – 8th

Tuesday June 7th & Wednesday June 8th

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