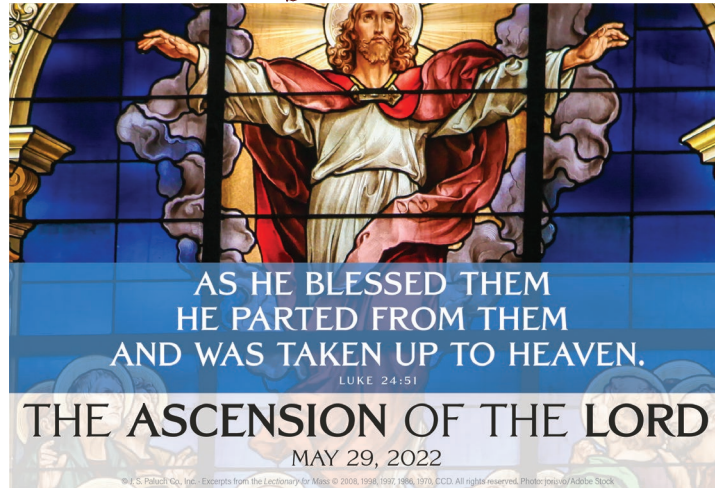


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Schedule of Liturgies

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

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel must wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.



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."



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Individuals, couples, families,

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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

The Ascension of the Lord
At the Mass during the Day
Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
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:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

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.

Learn about respect life activities in the Diocese of Wilmington, including a listing of pregnancy centers in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, plus Catholic Charities' 24-hour toll-free pregnancy counseling hotline – 877-225-7570. Visit cdow.org

Words To Live By

Parental words that sustain and heal: "It's normal." "I'm proud of you." Look for an opportunity to say something like this today.

*They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause
they died to save.*

—Francis Marion Crawford

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

I am so grateful to all of you for a successful, (mostly) in-person Religious Education year. As the academic year wraps up, take some time together with your loved ones to enjoy the sun's warmth and the other gifts God has given us.

A Prayer of Summer Joy

Loving God, we give you thanks for the beauty of summer. Let us join with other creatures in emerging from winter darkness into the full light of the season. May love emerge in us as well, giving rise to praise for you and for the gifts of your creation. Help us to weather the storms that hit without warning and do damage to heart and soul. Turn our faces towards the sun and let joy be the mantle we carry throughout this blessed time. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

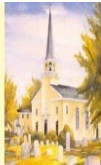
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If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Cemetery Sales Representative for the parish, please call the office at (302) 658.7017 to let us know you may be interested. An ability to serve families with care and compassion, while educating and guiding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

Making A Connection

We honor those who served in the military and are buried in St. Joseph on the Brandywine cemeteries by placing flags on their graves for Memorial Day. Thank you to the Knights and the Cub Scouts for their volunteer service to our faith community.

Veterans' Benefits

St. Joseph on the Brandywine is a modern cemetery with a traditional setting, located in the Heart of the Historic Brandywine Valley. We allow for Veteran's markers for your loved one based on current VA eligibility/guidelines. Your Funeral Director can facilitate the application process for you or you may visit <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/headstones-markers-medallions>.

Who is eligible? • To be eligible you must be a veteran discharged or separated from active duty under conditions

other than dishonorable and have completed the required period of service. U.S. Armed Forces members who die on active duty are also eligible, as are spouses and dependent children of eligible living and deceased veterans, and of current and deceased armed forces members. Contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at (800) 827-1000 for more information.

Fly it Pretty

A United States flag can be flown over the United States Capitol in honor or memory of a person or special occasion. All flags flown over the Capitol are accompanied by a certificate of authenticity. Flags may be flown for a particular person, event, or organization. If you would like a special gift for a patriotic American you know, then consider purchasing a U.S. flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., in honor of the gift recipient. <https://www.carper.senate.gov>.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, May 29

7:30 a.m. Patricia Ann Julian by the Julian family

10:00 a.m. Margaret & Kim Coskey by family

Monday, May 30

7:00 a.m. Beau Biden by the Biden family

Tuesday, May 31

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Kowrey by Dave & Cindy Rominger

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 a.m. Doug Tibbetts by Grace & Paul Kupcha

Thursday, June 2

12:05 p.m. May Jane DeMatteis by Karen & Mike Soja

Friday, June 3 No Mass

Saturday, June 4

8:00 p.m. Josephine Moncevicz by Dr. Bill

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

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.

One of our Downtown Churches

If you need of a mass intention that we cannot accommodate, you may want to contact St. Paul's Parish in downtown Wilmington. They have a severe shortage of mass intentions for 2022. Please contact St. Paul's office at 302-655-6596 e-mail: saintpaulrectory@gmail.com.

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.

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



Parish Online Registration

To register or update your information please visit <https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/parish-registration>. Thank you for your parish registration and welcome to our Church and faith community.

+ Prayers for the Victims of Gun Violence

In response to the shootings in Buffalo, NY and Laguna Woods, CA, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered the following statement from its spokesperson, Chieko Noguchi, director of public affairs. "The U.S. bishops join with others throughout the country in offering prayers for the support and healing of the families, friends, and communities of those impacted by these violent incidents. We pray especially for those who were injured and particularly for those who lost their lives. We pray also for those on the front lines who risk their lives in responding to the calls for help, and to those in the medical fields who minister to those who have been harmed." "The bishops again call for an honest dialogue rooted in Christ in addressing the persistent evil of racism in our country. The Catholic Church has been a consistent voice for rational yet effective forms of regulation of dangerous weapons, and the USCCB continues to advocate for an end to violence, and for the respect and dignity of all lives." "We pray for and support the healing of the communities impacted and for all the victims of violence and that Christ's peace be upon all affected."

+ Help Ukrainians and other displaced people on World Refugee Day in June!

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Saint Mark's High School to Host Second Annual Esports Tournament

CyberClash 2022 is an esports tournament hosted by Saint Mark's High School, in partnership with The Esport Company. Registration is open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders. There is no cost to enter. The deadline to sign up is July 10. The tournament will start July 25 and will include six weeks of competition. For additional information and to register for CyberClash 2022, visit <https://theesportcompany.com/saint-marks-cyberclash-2022/>.

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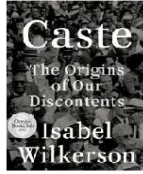
Stay connected with us by visiting our website *often* www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org. View weekly news to keep you in the know.

ALWAYS IN GOOD TASTE!

Dress and attire show our reverence and respect for the special presence of the Lord found in Church. A gentle reminder is needed at this time of the year that dress and attire, (young & old) should not reflect that we're headed to the beach, gym or pool.

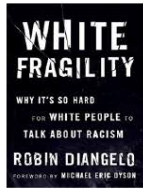
Our offices will be closed Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Thank you!

Good Reads For Peace & Justice



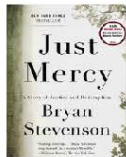
Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. She points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity. Beautifully written, original, and revealing, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.



White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

In this "vital, necessary, and beautiful book" (Michael Eric Dyson), antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and "allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to 'bad people' (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.



Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship — and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

Random Acts

of Kindness

Write down what you're grateful for, capture acts of kindness you've performed for others, and place them all in a rustic-style Gratitude Jar. Keep the thankfulness momentum going by trying a 30-day challenge and watch your family's mindset change toward showing appreciation and expressing gratitude. Gather in a special place to review what you've written — you'll be reminded it's the simple things that make life worth living.

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