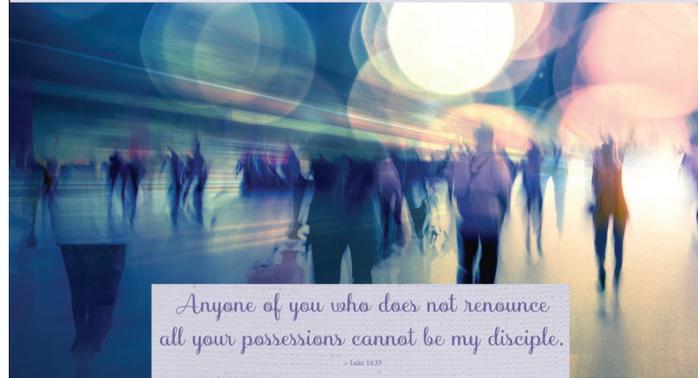


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Schedule of Liturgies

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.

HUMILITY

Humility is a divine veil that covers our good deeds and hides them from our eyes.

—St. John Climacus

Pastor's Column

LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.



Wherever you are on your faith journey, you have come to the right place. We are happy that you have joined us at our celebration of the Eucharist and come to know the great gift of a faith lived out here.

We continue to follow the path of Jesus Christ strengthened by His Sacraments, guided by his Word, both scripture and Sacred tradition, and drive to love our neighbor.

We want to personally welcome you and thank you for joining our faithful community. Through living by faith, our church family is vibrant and growing. Through the power of invitation, we encourage you to extend a simple invite to someone who may wish to return to the church.



Word of Life: For the Church: That She may steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life, in all stages and circumstances; We pray to the Lord:

Prayer of the Week

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 would be true freedom for me?



Dear Friends,

Sept. 17 & 18th parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for many struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Church has the mission to educate, and this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

I ask you to generously support next week's *Share in the Spirit* collection. God bless you for your ongoing goodness. To learn more about the *Share in the Spirit* collection and its importance, go to the diocesan website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit>

Sincerely, Msgr. John Hopkins

*View Sacred Art Reflecting
the sacraments in our church!*

<https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/sacred-art>

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

I hope everyone's return to school is going smoothly. The first day of Religious Education is September 18 (Catechetical Sunday). If you haven't yet, kindly return your registration packet as soon as possible. If you need a packet or have any questions, email jcurtin@stjosephonthebrandwine.org or call 302-658-7017 Ext 4.

The Catholic Church's theme for catechetical ministries for 2022-2023 is "This is my body given for you". I am endlessly grateful to the volunteers who are so generous with their time and resources -- our program could not run without them. If you are feeling called to do the same, please get in touch!
In His service, Jessie



With a strong tradition of outstanding music,

The Parish Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 8, in the choir loft starting at 7:15 PM. If you enjoy

singing and would like to get to know some of your fellow parishioners a little better, consider joining the choir. Reading music is not a requirement, only a willingness to share in the music ministry that has been a long tradition in the parish. We always are looking to welcome "new" voices. If you are interested, please come to the rehearsal on the 8th or contact Mary Ellen Schauber at meschauber@stjosephonthebrandwine.org if you are unable to attend, have a question, or would like more information.

The Youth Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 15 in the Parish Life Center classroom starting at 6:15 PM. We welcome new members who are able to read and enjoy singing. In addition to the weekly rehearsal commitment, the youth choir sings monthly at the 10 AM Mass and also joins with the adults for concerts and the Christmas and Easter holidays. If your child is interested in joining the youth choir, please plan to have him or her attend the rehearsal on September 15 or contact Mary Ellen Schauber at meschauber@stjosephonthebrandwine.org. If your child is unable to attend, or if you have a question or would like more information.



Emmanuel Dining Room – Friday, September 9

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, September 9. 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 3

8:00 a.m. Open intention

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, Sept. 4

7:30 a.m. Catherine Thompson by David & Gail O'Flynn

10:00 a.m. M/M John C. Janes by Joseph Janes

Monday, Sept. 5

9:00 a.m. Mike & Rose Grieco by John & Barbara Pietropaulo

Tuesday, Sept. 6

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth C. LaRocca by Sebastian LaRocca

Wednesday, Sept. 7

7:00 a.m. Dr. Francis Sarrow by Dr. & Mrs. Garry Lyons & family

Thursday, Sept. 8

12:05 p.m. Mary Avallone by Ed & Sheila Montooth & family

Friday, Sept. 9 No Mass

Saturday, Sept. 10

5:00 p.m. Margaret & Francis Kelleher by Cathy & Gene Kelleher

One Mass will be celebrated on Labor Day,
Monday, Sept. 5th at 9 a.m.

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.



We Believe in the Power of Prayer

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. Our church has a petition 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: a process through which an individual becomes a member of the catholic church.

https://www.stjosephonthebrandwine.org/documents/2022/5/RCIA_applicationform.pdf

Volunteers Needed for Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington urgently needs volunteers to help prepare and serve meals and to help with clean-up for breakfasts and midday meals at their three locations: Emmanuel Dining Room West, 121 North Jackson Street, Emmanuel Dining Room East, 226 North Walnut Street, and Emmanuel Dining Room South, 500 Rogers Road. Volunteers must be age 18 or older and must be fully vaccinated and boosted. If you or your community, business, or faith group can help, please call Emmanuel Dining Room Program Director ReeNee LaFate at (302) 652-3228 to volunteer or for more information.

Support Your Parish through Online Giving

Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality and sustainability of our parishes to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ. We ask those who are able to please continue to support our parish. Know that we are always thankful for your generosity, especially during this challenging time. We encourage you to remain in prayer in the comfort of your home and use the safety and security of this site to make your donations electronically or you can mail a check to the parish. You, your loved ones and the entire well-being and health of God's people remain in our prayers.

We are excited to offer online giving for families to easily give one-time as well as recurring gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card on our newly redesigned website. And, if you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's easy! Visit <https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/online-offertory> to get started. Thank you for your continued support.

Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day. In an emergency, please contact us at (302) 658.7017. God bless!

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, September 10th, Father Glenn Evers will discuss the findings of the Diocese of Wilmington Synod. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

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For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting on the weekend of September 17th & 18th after all Masses for their appeal in support of the magnificent work that they do to care for the neediest elderly of every race and religion with dignity until God calls them to himself. Please welcome the sisters. Your generosity is appreciated.

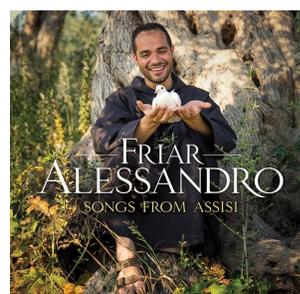


The Respect Life Committee will host a meeting on Wednesday, September 28th at 7 p.m. Family Center. All are welcome to attend! Contact Lynelle Robuck at whitedove@abbapottery.com if you have any questions.

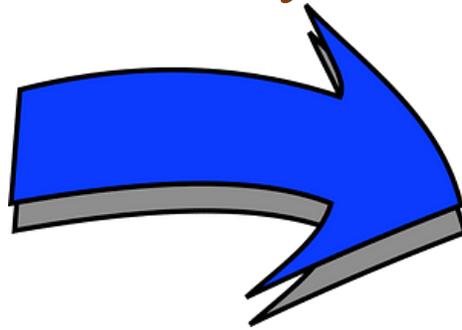
Please pick up a copy of The Dialog as you leave church today. It is our Catholic newspaper's annual "Back to School" issue and has much coverage of our schools, including profiles of some of our new principals. And don't forget to follow the Dialog online every day at www.thedialog.org

Looking Ahead

World-famous Italian tenor Alessandro Brustenghi, OFM the first friar signed by a major recording label is coming to Wilmington to give a special concert for the Ministry of Caring. Tickets on sale now for Brother Alessandro's performance at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Sacred Heart Oratory. Visit ministryofcaring.org or call Sue Harris (302) 652.5523.



Get Something Down!



Faith Formation Lecture Series
"From Age to Age You Gather a People to Yourself"
November 6th & 13th Family Center 11:15



Fr. Michael Connolly's lecture series will focus on the evolution of Eucharistic theology and praxis from 750 a.d. through to the Council of Trent 1545-1563.

With these familiar words we come to understand better how the Christian community expressed its deep belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist over the centuries.

In these two presentations, we will explore how the Christian community from the Middle Ages [750 a.d. -1300 a.d. Session 1] through to the Council of Trent [1545-1563 Session 2) contributed to the development of Eucharistic expression we have inherited and developed. You are welcome to attend both sessions or one.

All are welcome!

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter

our lives and fill us with his grace."

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