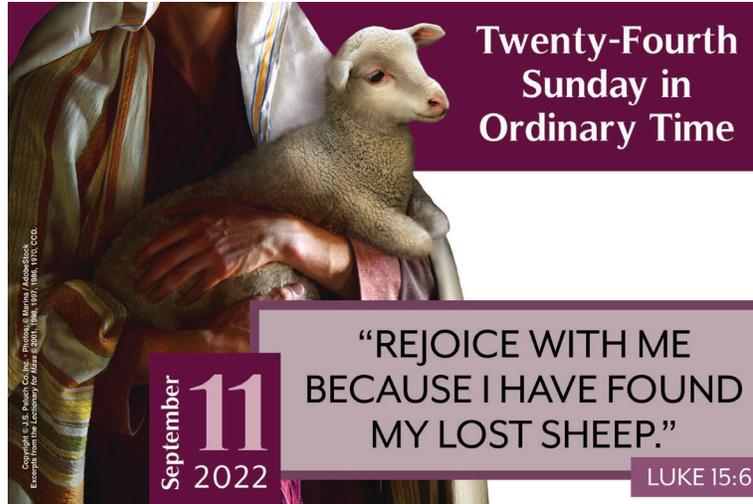


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Schedule of Liturgies

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

RELYING ON GOD'S LOVE

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace?

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.



This year, the Church will honor and celebrate your vocation as Catechist on Catechetical Sunday— September 18th - this is a time of celebration in parishes for all those who have committed themselves to teaching the faith. This year's theme—"This is my Body given for you"— invites you to reflect on your role, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The task of catechesis calls you to be more than a mere instructor, but also to be a joyful witness to the Joy of the Gospel in order to help others live their faith in a more authentic way. Everything we do in preaching the Gospel has one goal: to bring people to the Eucharist so that we can encounter Christ. It is through your example of joyful catechesis that children and adults come to know Jesus better and find themselves transformed by Him. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Do all you can to preach the Gospel and if necessary use words." I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do as a catechist, for your time and your dedication. May the Lord give you an open mind to continue to create dialogue among your community and an open heart to proclaim the love of Christ to all you meet. Let us encourage one another remembering the words of Pope Francis along the way: Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others." - Dr. MaryAnn Wallen Director Office for Religious Education Diocese of Wilmington

Prayer of the Week

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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:
In what ways do I serve God?



Dear Friends,

Next weekend, 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 www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

Sincerely, Msgr. John Hopkins



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.

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@stjosephonthebrandywine.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 resumed 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 contact Mary Ellen Schaub at meschauber@stjosephonthebrandywine.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 Schaub at meschauber@stjosephonthebrandywine.org. If your child is unable to attend, or if you have a question or would like more information.

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Saturday, September 24th, hear an interview with Father Timothy Gallagher, OMV, about his book, "Struggles in the Spiritual Life. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 10
5:00 p.m. Margaret & Francis Kelleher by Cathy & Gene Kelleher Parishioners

Sunday, Sept. 11
7:30 a.m. Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Madelyn Stumpf by Gail & David O'Flynn

Monday, Sept. 12
9:00 a.m. Claire Hanavan by Martha Zazzarino

Tuesday, Sept. 13
12:05 p.m. Joseph Bawiec by Deacon Michael & Teri Stankewicz

Wednesday, Sept. 14
7:00 a.m. Robert Griffin by Stephanie Griffin

Thursday, Sept. 15
12:05 p.m. P. J. McCormick by family

Friday, Sept. 16 No Mass

Saturday, Sept. 17
5:00 p.m. Mike & Rose Grieco by John & Barb Grieco Pietropaulo

Our Faith Community offers prayers for the victims and families of 9/11

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.

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