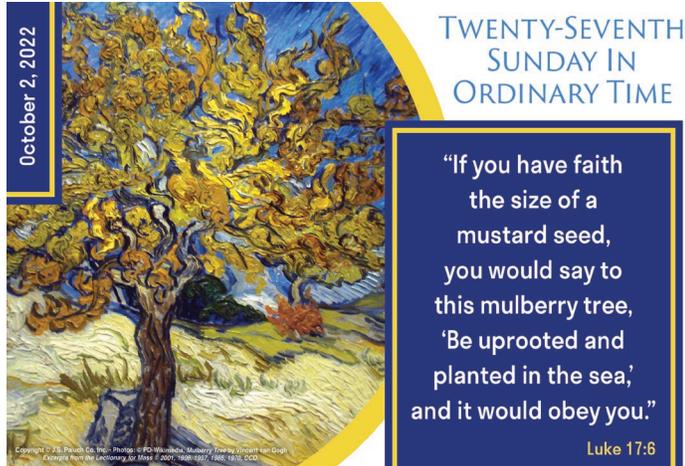


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Schedule of Liturgies

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.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).

Pastor's Column

THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

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.

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- Give your offering at Mass,
- Mail and/or drop your envelopes at the rectory drop box.
- Utilize your bank's *online bill pay feature*. *Your bank will send a check directly to us based on your instructions*. Be sure to have your bank indicate your envelope number.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Pre-Arranging your Final Resting Place
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Our columbarium offers, to those opting for cremation, an alternative to in-ground inurnment. It could be considered a mini mausoleum. It contains eighty urn niches, forty of which are for a single inurnment, while the other forty 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. For further information, please call 658-7017.

While attending weekly and weekend masses, please be mindful of those visiting our cemeteries in honor of their loved ones. *Please avoid parking in the circle of the cemetery or using the circle area as a thru way unless you are visiting the grave of a loved one.* When parking on the side streets around the church, please park in conjunction with the direction of the road. As a gentle reminder, the road in front of church is a one-way street.

Prayer of the Week

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

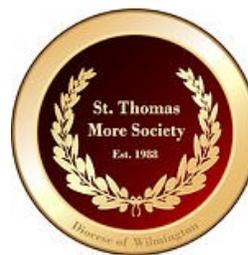
Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How has God's kindness surpassed what I think I deserve?



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan *Share in the Spirit* tuition assistance collection last week. For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or, visit the *Share in the Spirit* website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit> and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.



A Fellowship of Attorneys

Committed to the example set by Saint Thomas More

The St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Wilmington will host its annual Red Mass at St. Joseph on the Brandywine in Wilmington on Oct. 2 at 3 PM. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Koenig with concelebrant Father Joseph W. McQuaide IV as homilist. The Red Mass is celebrated for lawyers, judges, law school professors, law students and government officials, marking the opening of the judicial calendar. *Members of the legal profession request "guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice,"*

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

We had a wonderful, seamless opening day on Catechetical Sunday! I feel truly blessed. As stressful as the beginning can be, it is one of my favorite days of the school year, and this year was doubly great with fewer restrictions and more smiling faces.

There are no classes next Sunday, October 9, but we will return on October 16. If you have not yet registered, this is the last week to do so. Please reach out to the office at 302-658-7017, ext. 4 or email jcurtin@stjosephonthebrandywine.org.

In His service, Jessie



It's time once again for the October Mass Count throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Please stand up and be counted!

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS - if you have gluten intolerance and would like to receive the low gluten host, please let the priest and/or Eucharist Minister know before Mass. Thank you!

The Blessing of Animals - Sunday, October 2nd Immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass

We gather as community to ask for God's blessings for the animals that are part of our lives. We also ask God for the blessing of those who care for the animals. May we always appreciate all of creation and never take for granted the beauty of God's gift.

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!*

Save the Date: The Annual Wedding Anniversary

Mass will be held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. Contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or egaus@cdow.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 1

8:00 a.m. Anna O'Connor Koehler by Anne Wattman

5:00 p.m. Jean Petrillo Waddill by Becky Hardy

Sunday, Oct. 2

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. In memory of Capt. Christopher M. Leach by family

Monday, Oct. 3

7:00 a.m. Sisters Betty & Janice Molloy by Anne Wattman

Tuesday, Oct. 4

12:05 p.m. Alex Sarlis by Clare & Nicholas Sarlis

Wednesday, Oct. 5

7:00 a.m. Mike & Rose Grieco by John & Barb Pietropaulo

Thursday, Oct. 6

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of McCormack family by family

Friday, Oct. 7 No Mass

Saturday, Oct. 8

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.



Emmanuel Dining Room - Tuesday, October 11

St. Joseph's parishioners provide a noontime meal to Emmanuel Dining Room - East once a month. Volunteers purchase and cook 18 to 24 chicken thighs or other chicken parts and/or bring various desserts. The parish provides green beans and stuffing for the balance of the meal. Our next date to deliver this meal to Emmanuel Dining Room is Tuesday, October 11. Please bring your cooked chicken and desserts to the Family Center between 8 and 9 A.M. on that day. Thank you so much for your continuing support to this ministry. The clients are always so grateful for your generosity. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

2023 Mass Intention Book

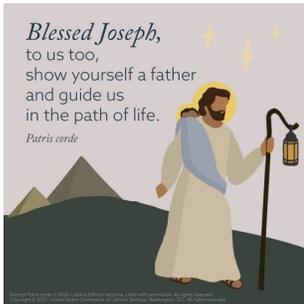
The mass intention book is now open. Personal intentions may be arranged for masses to be celebrated at St. Joseph on the Brandywine throughout the 2023 year. One mass each Sunday will be reserved for the people of the parish. We will continue to limit five masses per person per year.

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Couples learn how to build their communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888 SMS 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO") Hours: 24 hours seven days a week
200 or more languages www.humantrafficking.org

October is Domestic Violence Month. Hopefully, violence does not directly impact your marriage, but perhaps you are called to help someone else - a neighbor, relative, or stranger.



Today is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. See the bulletin for more information.

Throughout October, the Pro-Life Committee at St. Joseph on the Brandywine will be collecting gift items to support unwed mothers through Birthright of Delaware to show affirmation and support to unwed mothers. Everyone is invited to contribute. Let's fill the *Basket for Babies* with gifts to welcome a precious new child into the world. A beautiful basket can be found at the entrance of the church during the month of October.

A limited number of bottles for babies will be collected through the Religious Education Program. In addition, you will see an envelope labeled *Respect Life* in your monthly envelope packets for this purpose the weekend of October 2nd.

For further information, please contact Lynelle Robuck whitedove@abbapottery.com or Annie Jordan annierjordan@gmail.com

Footprints Ministry, through the Office for Marriage and Family Life, will be sponsoring a **Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss**. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children because of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or early infant death. The Mass will be held on October 14th at 7 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown. Our celebrant will be Bishop William Koenig.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The 50th annual March for Life, the first post-Roe March, will be held as planned on January 20, 2023, after a Rally on the Mall beginning at noon. For more information, please visit the March for Life's website: <https://marchforlife.org>. Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned and has allowed more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, there will still be a need for prayer and advocacy at the national level. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The Hyde Amendment has saved over two million lives and is the most impactful pro-life policy in our nation's history, but that cannot be taken for granted.

NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will once again take place from Thursday, January 19 through Friday, January 20 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. More details about the Vigil schedule will be shared in the coming weeks. Bishops are encouraged to concelebrate if they are traveling with their diocesan pilgrim groups to Washington, DC for the January pro-life activities.



Pope Francis greets Bishop William E. Koenig of Wilmington, during an audience with almost 200 new bishops participating in a formation course, at the Vatican Sept. 19th Looking on is Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

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