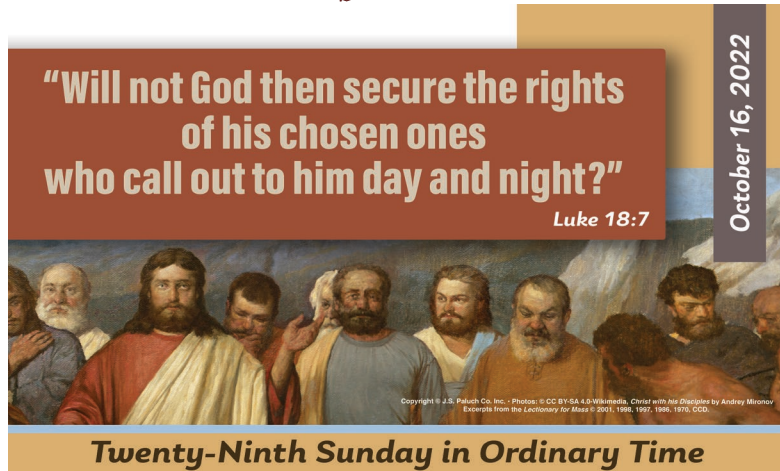


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Schedule of Liturgies

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.



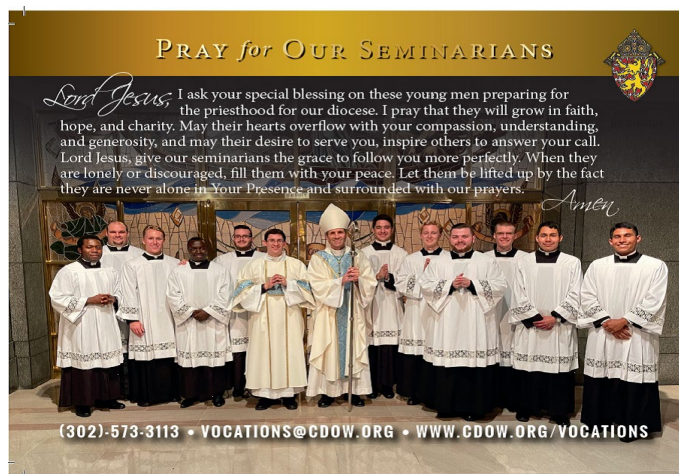
Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Council #15436 meets in the Family Center bi-monthly at 6:00 PM for one hour. Male Parishioners interested in becoming a Knight may attend any meeting or request further information via <http://bit.ly/Council15436>.

For upcoming meeting dates, please contact either John Strusowski, 302-753-2928, Johnstru@comcast.net or Paul Thorson, 302-229-5644, LTCThorson@gmail.com.

Pastor's Column

PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the LORD's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the LORD's favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses's presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty.



Second Collection October 22/23 will be for World Mission Sunday and Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in the second collection.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

Share in the Spirit

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 visit <https://www.cdown.org> 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 appreciated, and we thank those who already contributed.

Prayer of the Week

Twenty-Ninth

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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:

When do I resist conforming my will to God's?

Our faith community continues to pray for those dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. As we present our requests to God, may we intercede on behalf of our brothers and sisters.

Catholic Charities USA has set up a webpage so you and your parishioners can make a secure, online donation to aid those who are suffering in the wake of Hurricane Ian. You may visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/> or the diocesan website at <https://cdow.org>

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We need individuals that would like to join our Ministry especially to serve at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. If you are interested or would like more information, please email me at loesleinbarbara@gmail.com.

Upcoming Holy Days & Special Masses

All Saints NOVEMBER 1: 12:05 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
All Souls NOVEMBER 2: 7:00 a.m. 12:05 p.m.

Be in the Know with Gentle Reminders!

"Canon law (1247) states that on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. However, the law does not expect the impossible nor can the fulfillment of the obligation according to the norm of the law be burdensome or dangerous. There is no obligation to attend Mass if weather and/or road conditions are unsafe or make travel dangerous or difficult, or, if one is unable to get out of their driveway or parked space. Those persons who are unable to attend Mass under such conditions may view the celebration of Mass on television, depending on local television schedules. Sometime should be given to private or family prayer in order to sanctify the Lord's Day.



Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

We will reconvene classes this weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone back. Next Sunday, October 23, is the initial meeting for our Confirmation students. If you have a ninth grader, there is still time to register for Confirmation! Please email me at jcurtin@stjosephonthebrandywine.org for more information.

This Saturday, October 15, is the feast day and memorial of St. Teresa of Ávila, also known as St. Teresa of Jesus. This line from one of her many letters is a statement that I take to heart as your DRE and that inspired my sign-off below: "You should know that as long as I live, I desire to do something in God's service." *In His service, Jessie*

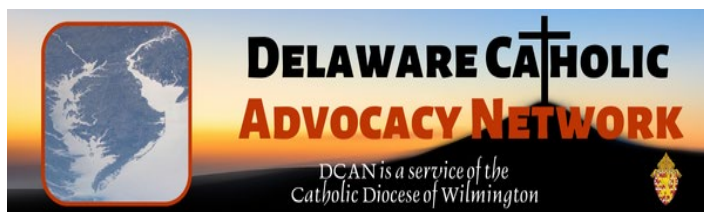
Food Pantry – Oct. 30th – 31st

Donations received at St Joseph on the Brandywine are distributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine of Siena. We are seeking donations of whole grain breakfast cereals, oatmeal, pancake mix (add water only), coffee & tea bags, canned low fat evaporated milk, power bars, nuts, dried fruits, canned fruit in juice, natural applesauce, canned low salt vegetables, canned tuna, salmon, or chicken, canned soups, stew, or chili, rice & canned beans, pasta & tomato sauce, peanut butter & jelly, all-purpose flour, olive or canola oil, shampoo & bar soaps, toothpaste & toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry detergent.

EDR Monthly Meal Donations - Friday, Nov. 11th

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 Friday, November 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. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Cemetery Sales Representative for the parish, please call the office at (302) 658.7017, press 1 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. Training will be provided.



<https://www.cdow.org/join-the-delaware-catholic-advocacy-network/>

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 15

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, Oct. 16

7:30 a.m. Bauduy R. Grier, Jr. by Aline Lynch

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

Monday, Oct. 17

7:00 a.m. James Campanella by the Davis family

Tuesday, Oct. 18

12:05 p.m. Antoinette "Netty" Marie Pedante by Clarence & Gilda Gallo

Wednesday, Oct. 19

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman, V. G. by Deacon Michael & Teri Stankewicz

Thursday, Oct. 20

12:05 p.m. Tyler McAloon by Pat & Cathie Ramone

Friday, Oct. 21 No Mass

Saturday, Oct. 22

5:00 p.m. Angeline A. Celao by Pat & Cathie Ramone

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.

*For those nearing the end of life,
May they receive care that respects their dignity
and protects their lives
as they place their hope
in the promise of eternal life;
We pray to the Lord*

A Special Book Indeed

The Petition Book in the back of church is available for anyone to write a special prayer intention for the living, seriously ill or for any family member. These 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.

Are you looking for a unique way to mark a birthday, graduation, wedding, anniversary, or other special occasion in the life of a loved one? Ministry of Caring Bread cards and special occasion cards might just fit. You may honor a deceased person with bread cards also. A free will offering is appreciated. Visit <https://www.ministryofcaring.org> or contact Sue Harris (302) 428.3702.

The Pro-Life Committee at St. Joseph on the Brandywine is 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 continue to 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. *An envelope labeled Respect Life was included in your monthly envelope packets for this purpose.* For further information, please contact Lynelle Robuck whitedove@abbapottery.com, Kate Cogan at kate.cogan@yahoo.com or Annie Jordan annierjordan@gmail.com.

Promising Events

- ❖ **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!*
- ❖ **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 <https://www.ministryofcaring.org> or call Sue Harris (302) 652.5523.
- ❖ **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** The 50th annual March for Life, the first post-Roe March, will be held as planned on January 20th, after a Rally on the Mall beginning at noon. For more information, please visit the March for Life's website: 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 2 million lives and is arguably 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. The bishops of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities strongly encourage continued diocesan participation in the National March for Life and the National Prayer Vigil for Life, as well as the needed development and expansion of local state marches for life and local prayer events. The goals of these continued national efforts are not only to change laws, but to change hearts and minds to usher in a culture of life.
- ❖ **ANNUAL WEDDING MASS WITH BISHOP:** The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. For information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or egaus@cdow.org.
- ❖ **Wilmington Catholic Young Adults (WilCYA):** A young adult ministry serving the greater Wilmington-Newark Area which strives to connect young adults in their 20's and 30's with the Catholic Church through spiritual, social and service events. Each Tuesday, young adults from 15 parishes throughout the Diocese gather together for events such as social nights, Mass & fellowship, Holy Hour/Happy Hour and Catechesis. <https://www.facebook.com>.

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 6th, at 2 a.m.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 5th

Clocks in the United States might "fall back" for the final time in November if legislators vote to make daylight saving time permanent. Several states have enacted legislation in support of never again switching the clocks an hour backward, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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