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Pastor's Column

A COMPASSIONATE GOD

Today's reading from the book of Wisdom presents an image of a patient God who "rebuke[s] offenders little by little" (Wisdom 12:2), an image endorsed by the psalmist, singing of how the LORD is "slow to anger and of great kindness, and compassionate toward all his works" (Psalm 145:8, 9). The crowd with Jesus, however, grumbles when they see Jesus's kindness and compassion extended to Zacchaeus, who was not just a tax collector, but the "chief tax collector"—a title that surely emphasizes his standing as a sinner to be scorned. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Thessalonians to be "worthy" of God's calling, so that "the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you" (2 Thessalonians 1:12); such people, unlike the crowd in the Gospel, would rejoice at Zacchaeus's determination to change his life after encountering Jesus.

Come Right In

If you are new to our parish, we welcome you to our faith community! May you find St. Joseph on the Brandywine a place of peace and friendship, its people gracious and kind.

You may register online at
<https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/parish-registration>.



Second Collection – November 5th & 6th

The second collection will be for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains. It receives no funding from the US government or US Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it relies on the generosity of individuals, foundations, and organizations whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs, and services. More information can be found at <https://www.milarch.org>. There are also some flyers at the entrance of church.



Prayer of the Week

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.
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 does it mean to offer God right
and praiseworthy service?



Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit, and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.
<https://www.usccb.org>



All Saints' Day is a solemnity celebrated on the 1st of November in honor of all saints known and unknown. **We will celebrate a 12:05 & 7 p.m. Mass.**

All Souls' Day is November 2nd. We will have mass at 7 a.m. and 12:05. We remember loved ones and all those who have passed. For those who wish to honor loved ones, you will find novena envelopes in your monthly packets and some at the entrance of church. Please place them in the collection basket.

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

This Halloween weekend, remember that the name of the holiday is a contraction of “All Hallows’ Eve”: the eve of All Hallows’ (Holys’) Day or All Saints’ Day. After your children shed their costumes and sleep off their sugar rush, don’t neglect the Holy Day of Obligation on November 1. St. Joseph on the Brandywine will celebrate Mass at 12:05pm and 7:00pm.

I am looking for an assistant catechist to help with the Confirmation classes this year. Classes are 1-2 Sundays a month from 11am-noon. If you are available and would like to help, kindly get in touch.

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.

Support Your Parish through online giving

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> or contact Melissa at mmorri@stjosephonthebrandywine.org or 658.7107, press 5. Thank you for your continued support.

Supporting Mothers in Need

We are still collecting for Baskets for Babies for Birthright. Your gifts through the month of October have been magnificent. Thank you to those who have placed beautiful gifts in the basket at the front of church. Your generosity is appreciated as we support mothers in need.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 29

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, Oct. 30

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Haley by Supinski family

10:00 a.m. Jan Percival by Joe & Ann Marie Finch

Monday, Oct. 31

7:00 a.m. Catherine Piendak by Theresa Glynn

Tuesday, Nov. 1

12:05 p.m. Novena

7:00 p.m. Novena

Wednesday, Nov. 2

7:00 a.m. Novena

12:05 p.m. Novena

Thursday, Nov. 3

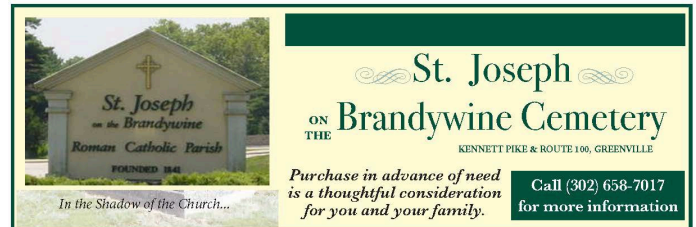
12:05 p.m. Novena

Friday, Nov. 4 Novena

Saturday, Nov. 5

5:00 p.m. Novena

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.



Cemetery Visitor Safety Tips

- ✓ **Sinking Hazards** – Rain can create muddy conditions around gravesites that will not support a person’s weight. Avoid puddled areas or ground depressions to prevent injury from sinking.
- ✓ **Exercise Caution** – Uneven ground and settling soil around gravesites can create walking hazards throughout the cemetery.
- ✓ **Concealed Hazards** – Snow or grass clippings can conceal walking hazards such as: raised markers, uneven surfaces, ground depressions, and decorations.
- ✓ **Slippery Surfaces** – This cemetery contains polished granite and bronze markers that are flush with the ground. Granite and bronze surfaces are slippery when exposed to rain, frost, snow, and grass clippings.
- ✓ **Roadside Visitation** – To avoid potential injury when ground is snow covered, visits are limited to roadside only.

- ✓ **Walk the Range or Row** – Avoid walking between the headstones and markers. Walk the center of the range or row to prevent injury.
- ✓ **Avoid Damages** – Avoid u turns on the cemetery roadways. Cemeteries have narrow driveways unlike public streets, u turns can lead to damage to your vehicle, a tree, a sign, a trash bucket, or water faucet located alongside the driveways.
- ✓ **Secure Vehicle and items** – Cemetery grounds are open to the public each day for visitation, during moments of prayer at the gravesite there's less attention to our surroundings. Even in grief, we can help prevent theft by securing our vehicle and personal belongings when out in public.
- ✓ **Turn off Faucets** – Saving water resources is commendable. Helping to prevent WEST NILE or the ZIKA virus from breeding mosquitos is helping us all. Please assist with turning off water faucets.
- ✓ **Have all four tires on the pavement** – Cemetery curbs and lawn surfaces can get damaged from improperly parked vehicles. Tires can be damaged as well from mounting or rubbing alongside curb surfaces. A well parked car arrives and leaves safely! Help protect the cemetery lawns and curbs from damage. Thank you.
- ✓ **Before Decorating** – Review the cemetery rules and regulations for planting, decorating, visiting, as well as understand the cemetery expectations.

*Daylight Saving Time
Change Your Clock
Change Your Batteries*

ends at 2:00 AM on

Sunday, November 6th

*May God bless our neighboring parish
St. Mary of the Assumption
as they continue to celebrate
250 years of faith.
Congratulations!*



So he ran ahead
and climbed a sycamore tree
in order to see Jesus
Luke 19:4

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 30, 2022

Zacchaeus was a tax collector and a wealthy man; it is likely he had amassed his wealth by charging more taxes than were due. While materially wealthy, he was derided by his fellow Jews, known as a sinner, isolated from the company of his people. He had become curious about Jesus. So much so that he climbed a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. And from that vantage point, he saw his weaknesses and failings clearly. When Jesus called, he responded, a changed man. Are we ready to go up in a tree of prayer and reflection, peer into our hearts and lives, and grow in readiness to change?

COME DOWN QUICKLY

"Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Jesus' call to Zacchaeus was likely as surprising to Zacchaeus as it was to those who watched this encounter. The Gospel story is not only about Zacchaeus' change of heart. It is also about Jesus'

eagerness to bring Zacchaeus into the fold, to show him mercy and forgiveness, to "seek and to save what was lost." Jesus calls us out of our sinfulness, too. He is ready to forgive and to stay with us, to be near to us as we embrace new life as his disciples. Zacchaeus claimed his sinfulness and named what he would do to repair his relationship with God and others. This is what we do in the sacrament of Reconciliation—we name our sins, make a promise to do penance, repair our relationship with God and others, and receive forgiveness, restored in our relationship with Christ. Reflect on Zacchaeus' example: what failings and sinfulness to you need to claim? Are you ready to hear Jesus' call to you? Come down quickly. Receive the mercy of the Lord and know that salvation can be yours.

Today's Readings: Wis 11:22 — 12:2;
Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10
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Special Food Drive to

Benefit Saint Patrick's Center

Weekend of November 12 – 13th



We encourage you to join other community members whose kindness and caring have helped to bring light and hope to the people served by Saint Patrick's Center.

We are seeking non-perishable items such as:

- Canned green beans, peas, cranberry sauce, and corn
- Stuffing (Stove Top) and corn bread mix
- Small boxes of rice and/or macaroni
 - Canned soup
 - Instant potatoes

In addition, some fresh items such as:

- White or sweet potatoes and yams
- Apples, bananas, oranges & pears

And there is always a need for socks

A bin will be at church clearly marked for St. Patrick's Food Drive

Other ways to donate to St. Patrick's Center can be found at <https://www.stpatrickscenter.org>

St. Patrick's Center relies on the generosity of individuals and church, civic, corporate, and business groups who provide a significant portion of our general operating budget.

Tidbits about Saint Patrick's Center

- **Senior Nutrition Program** – Congregate midday meals are served almost every day of the year for seniors age 60 and older in the dining room, and meals are delivered to homebound individuals. Over 9,000 meals are served annually and over 10,000 meals are delivered. Program provided in cooperation with City Fare.
- **Commodity Supplemental Food Program for Seniors** – USDA food boxes are distributed monthly to seniors who register for the program and meet income criteria. Over 2,500 boxes are distributed annually. Program provided in cooperation with the Food Bank of Delaware.

Fast Approaching

"From Age to Age You Gather a People to Yourself"

November 6th & 13th Family Center 11:15

Fr. Michael Connolly's adult formation 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!

Stockings for Soldiers

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The St. Joseph on the Brandywine Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Stockings for Soldiers Program for brave soldiers around the world. Stockings are being sewn and decorated by area volunteers. We need your help to fill them up. We will be collecting donated items and cards (October 30th – November 13th) at St. Joseph on the Brandywine church. Look for red plastic bins in the church vestibule to place your donations. Flyers are in church. For more information, contact Paul Thorson, (302) 229.5644, or paul.thorson@gmail.com or visit <https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/news>.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving

Prayer Service

A service of ecumenical thanksgiving with our neighbors of all faiths! On Tuesday, November 22, at 7 PM, Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Parish will host an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service in church. Ministers, members, and choir members of area churches will join Msgr. Hopkins, our parishioners, and choir in this service of prayer and music. The service will be approximately one hour and will be followed by fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Although we will also celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m., the Prayer Service offers us an opportunity to pray with our neighbors of different faiths and to enjoy the rich choral traditions of our churches.

Holiday Hope As a service to the community, Doherty Funeral Homes is pleased to host a complimentary bereavement program designed to support and guide those coping with grief this holiday season. "Holiday Hope" will take place on Sunday, November 13th from 1:00-3:30pm at the Christiana Hilton in Newark. Refreshments will be provided. Visit www.dohertyfh.com or call 302-999-8277.

A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of November 14-16. This retreat is for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. o Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com

The Diocese of Wilmington will administer the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at our diocesan and parish high schools (Padua Academy, Saint Elizabeth High School, Saint Mark's High School, Saints Peter & Paul High School) the second weekend in November. The HSPT is a key step in the process of successful admission and placement in a Catholic diocesan or parish high school. This test is used for admission, scholarship, and placement decisions. Visit <https://www.cdow.org> for more information.



Voices of Christmas

One Prayer, Many Voices

Reflecting International Carols & Customs

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Christmas concert, presented by our Adult & Youth Choirs, is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m.

All are welcome to attend this magnificent Concert!

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: <https://marchforlife.org>.

Making Spirits Bright



The *Advent Angel Tree* is an annual ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine. It is an opportunity to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season. The mission of the Advent Angel Ministry is to assist the needy. This program has been remarkably successful in the past due to the generosity of St. Joseph on the Brandywine parishioners.

We work closely with the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Catherine of Siena and Corpus Christi and the staff at Martha's House to help many families.

We will be collecting gift cards and checks. The most needed gift cards are Walmart, ShopRite, Aldi, Walgreens, Wawa, and Dollar Tree.

New this year, you will be able to make monetary donations through our website at <https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/adventangel>. Money raised will be used for rental and electric assistance for our families in need. In addition, you may also continue to make checks payable to St. Joseph on the Brandywine with ADVENT ANGEL in the memo line.

All donations are due by December 11th, and may be placed in the Mass collection baskets, mailed, or placed in the locked drop box at the rectory anytime. Please place all donations and or gift cards in an envelope clearly labeled ADVENT ANGEL. Feel free to take a red envelope from our display in the back of the church and return your donation soon.

Thank you for your continued generosity & support to Advent Angels. Questions: call or text Jeni Bufano (302) 893-0614.



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