

Saint Joseph on the Brandywine

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:1

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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

HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Cemetery Christmas Decoration Program



We are now offering an online Christmas Decoration Program featuring fresh evergreen blankets or decorative cemetery logs for cemetery sites, and artificial niche vase arrangements for Columbarium Mausoleum.

We even do the decorating for you! It's easy to take advantage of this convenient

way to remember your loved ones.

Christmas Decorations are available for order until Thursday, December 1
Decorations will be placed beginning December 1.

To get started visit:

[https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/cemetery-christmas.](https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/cemetery-christmas)

Kind Words to our Faith Community

"We would like to express thanks to you and the entire St. Joseph Community. Your generosity is essential to the growing number of individuals who come to our doors seeking assistance." - St. Patrick's Center

"All you parishioners are sharing in our work of love. Your contributions will be used to help us continue the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan." - Little Sisters of the Poor

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.



Upcoming Holiday Day & Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

- DECEMBER 8: 12:05 PM / 7:00 PM *Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
- DECEMBER 24: 4:00 PM / 6:00 PM / 10:00 PM The choir will sing carols starting at 9:30 PM and will sing at the 10 PM Mass.
- DECEMBER 25: 9:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God

- DECEMBER 31: 5:00 PM
- JANUARY 1: 9:00 AM

<https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/mass-times>

Those who wish to honor loved ones in a novena for Christmas may do so by returning the novena envelopes in your monthly packets.

Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,
Happy second Sunday of Advent! I hope you are all as pleased as I am to be back on campus after Thanksgiving break. Our students are preparing for our little Christmas pageant on December 18 as well as the birth of our Lord. This week also marks the beginning of preparation for First Penance in February.

The focus of the Gospel Weeklies this weekend is peacemaking. In the first reading today, Isaiah describes a Prince of Peace who will create a kingdom where a lion and a lamb can rest together. How can we, like Jesus, make peace in our families, communities, and world?

In his service, Jessie

Next weekend December 11th @ 2p.m. is our Christmas Concert. All are welcome to attend this special event.

Emmanuel Dining Room Monthly Meal Donations – Friday, December 9: Our next date to deliver this meal to Emmanuel Dining Room is Friday, December 9. Please bring your cooked chicken and desserts to the Family Center between 8 and 9 A.M. on that day. The clients are always so grateful for your generosity. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

The Knights would like to thank everyone for the generosity shown in support of Stockings for Soldiers program. We are blessed.

Season of Giving - can I make a pledge with a stock gift to the church. Yes, gifts of stock not only benefit the church, but can have significant tax advantages to the donor. In addition to receiving a tax deduction for the current value of the stock, a donor avoids paying capital gains on stock that may have increased in value over the years.

Around Town

The Cathedral of St. Peter invites you to a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m.

You're invited to a Meet & Greet with W. Bruce Ingram in celebration of 150th anniversary of birth of St. Therese of Lisieux - Monday, January 21 – 3 pm. St. John the Beloved.

St. Mary Assumption will host a women's retreat on January 21st 9 – 3 p.m. Register at <http://www.smachurch.com/retreat>

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. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or egaus@cdow.org

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, Dec. 3
5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James & Diane Grant requested by his family
- Sunday, Dec. 4
7:30 a.m. Dolores F. Nagowski by the Supinski family
10:00 a.m. Olympia Ganoudis by John & Allison Aiello
- Monday, Dec. 5
7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Kowrey by Dave & Cindy Rominger
- Tuesday, Dec. 6
12:05 p.m. Elizabeth C. LaRocca by Sebastian LaRocca
- Wednesday, Dec. 7
7:00 a.m. Francis Dolan by Gene Dolan
- Thursday, Dec. 8
12:05 p.m. Anthony Stefanowicz by Joe & Ann Marie Finch
7:00 p.m. Novena
- Friday, Dec. 9 No Mass
- Saturday, Dec. 10
5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Religious Retirement Collection 12/4

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and necessities. Please give to the second collection on December 3 & 4. Visit cdow.org

The *Advent Angel Tree* is an opportunity to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season. 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, Corpus Christi, and 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. Donations can be made 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. **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 located in church.**

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