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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](mailto:Johnstru@comcast.net) or Paul Thorson, 302-229-5644, [LTCThorson@gmail.com](mailto:LTCThorson@gmail.com).

## Pastor's Column

### OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

### *Catholic Advance Health Care Directive for Delaware:*

*Every person has the right to make his or her own medical decisions. But what happens if you become so seriously ill or injured that you can no longer make your own medical decisions or communicate them to those around you? That is when an advance health care directive can be of great help. An advance health care directive, sometimes called a living will, is a legal document that allows you to give directions about your future medical care in the event you become unable to make your wishes known. An advance directive lets others know how you wish to be treated if you become seriously ill or injured and are unable to make decisions for yourself.* <https://www.cdow.org/catholic-diocese-of-wilmington>

### *Renew, Refresh, Rejoice Campaign*

#### *Church Renovations – January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>*

The restorations/renovations that are undertaking in our church (January 9<sup>th</sup>- February 20<sup>th</sup>) will ensure that our church remains a sacred place of worship, a place where we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist for years to come. Our commitment to restore and renovate St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church will honor the legacy left to us from the original founders. This comprehensive renovation plan is happening because of the support from many people.

All Masses during this time will take place in the Family Center. We will follow the regular mass schedule which is available at <https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org/mass-times>.

For those of you who have sacrificed to make this campaign a success, we thank you again. For those of you who would still like to contribute, you may do so at <https://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org>. Click the donate menu, then "Renew Refresh Rejoice Campaign." May we bless our church in fellowship and prayer!



*God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense.*

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.

### **Catholic University & Catholic Communication** *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – January 14/15*

This collection will be for Catholic University and Catholic Communications. Catholic University of America trains priests, religious and lay leaders for spiritualized church apostolates. Thank you!

### **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

#### *Washington, D.C. / January 20th*

<https://marchforlife.org>

#### *9 Days for Life Live Novena*

Join parishioners from across the Diocese of Wilmington in the Live Respect Life novena, 9 days for Life, Thursday, January 19 – Friday, January 27 at 8 pm. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) to sign up.

In all the Dioceses of the United States, January 23, 2023 the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.

## Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,

There are no classes this weekend. If you are traveling for the holiday, please stay safe! I look forward to welcoming everyone, including our Confirmation candidates, back on January 22.

“Like the early Christians, we must move into a sometimes hostile world armed with the revolutionary gospel of Jesus Christ. With this powerful gospel we shall boldly challenge the status quo.” –Martin Luther King, Jr.  
In His service, Jessie

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. The next program begins the weekend of February 10 - 12, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12th at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church, The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 noon and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however reservations are required.

You can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursestorm.com/category/family-lifeevents> or by calling the office at 302-295-0657.

**Cemetery Clean Up** - the Cemetery clears all decorations multiple times a year – within a reasonable time after the five special days – Christmas, Easter Sunday, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and Father’s Day. Management reserves the right to change and alter rules whenever it deems necessary.

Families are responsible and encouraged to remove items they wish to keep in advance of clean-up. Cemetery management is not responsible for items removed, lost or stolen.

*If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Cemetery Sales Representative for the parish, please call the office at (302) 658.7017 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.*

### “Sacredness of Life Retreat Weekend” with the Little Sisters of the Poor

A weekend for single women ages 18-35  
January 13 -15, 2023

Speakers include Sophia Mittman, Susan Middleton,  
Sarah Lage

Contact: Sister Janet Mary by January 3, 2023  
302-368-5886 or [vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 14

5:00 p.m. Mark Truono by Katie Keegan

Sunday, Jan. 15

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Timothy James Smith by the Shields family

Monday, Jan. 16

7:00 a.m. Mark Truono by Dr. Bill Moncevicz

Tuesday, Jan. 17

12:05 p.m. Abigail H. Barr by Bob & Carol Hogan

Wednesday, Jan. 18

7:00 a.m. Jim Keegan by Katie Keegan

Thursday, Jan. 19

12:05 p.m. John Chase by David & Gail O’Flynn

Friday, Jan. 20 No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 21

5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James & Diane Grant requested by the family

**TAX DONATION STATEMENTS:** If you would like to request a 2022 tax donation statement, please contact Francine Harkins at (302) 658.7017 to request a statement after January 20th. This will allow us time to ensure all 2022 donations have been processed.

*Our offices are closed for Martin Luther King Day*

*Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>*

## Looking to Travel Spain?

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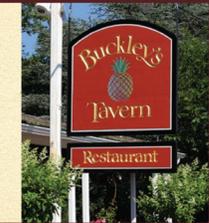
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