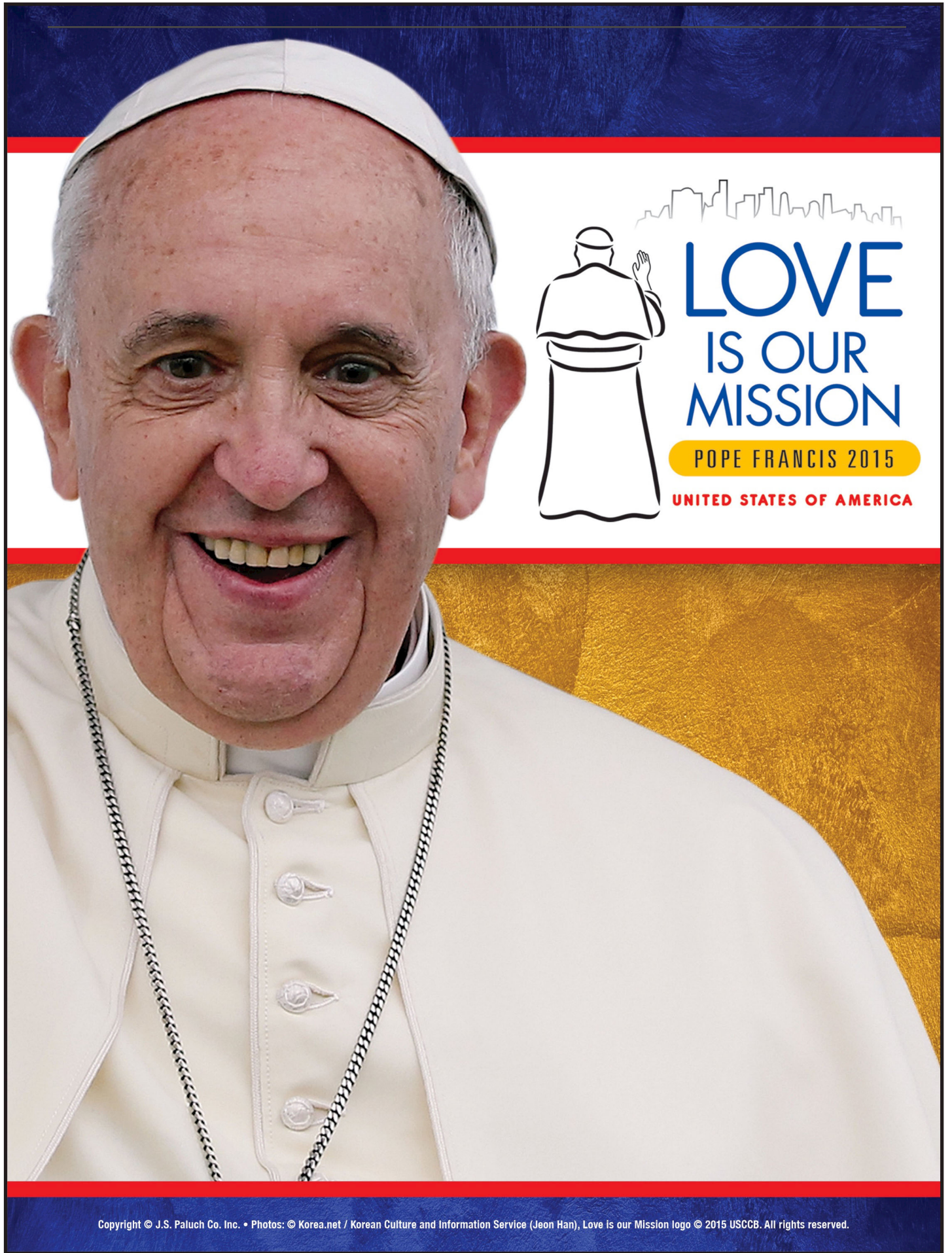




NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The arrival of Jesus, Our Messiah, was and is so dynamic, so powerful, that the world has been transformed. When Jesus ascended to the Father, He sent His Holy Spirit to continue His presence and this Spirit is poured out on all people who are receptive to the Love of God. Jesus, in today's Gospel, taught His followers, including us, to recognize the work of God from within and from outside of the immediate community. It is in this light that we should understand Ecumenism and inter religious affairs.

Jesus uses exaggerations, like when He said "it is better to pluck out your eye rather than cause a person to sin." In other words, we do more damage to ourselves when we do not recognize the "good" around us than by losing physical sight. We just need to open our eyes to the authentic good that others are doing to savor the presence of the Spirit around us.

As we unite ourselves, in a unique way, with our Holy Father this weekend, we know no two of us are alike. We come from various backgrounds, cultures, economic and educational structures and can live in harmony with the person who is different from me. Pope Francis knows this exists more and more among us and is committed to interfaith dialogue.

There is an ever increasing separation everywhere, notably within the family, where familiar elements of faith are different for each member. That is why it is important to see the good that people around us promote and let the Spirit take over; rather than squelch the potential good by condemning him/her.

May the Pope's Blessing upon our families bring us to a better tolerance of each other and openness in allowing God to do good through our lives. Instead of creating more divisions, let our prayer be to bring understanding and love to one another, especially our households and extended members, in order for the Spirit to accomplish what He wills for us in the future.

-Fr. Joe

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Masses: Saturday - 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5:00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 6:30am, 8:00am

Monday 1pm & Saturday: 8:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm

To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

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Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced

DEVOTIONS—Mondays

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REFRESH - Wednesdays

(weekly retreat with evening prayer and praise music)

Church 5:45pm-6:45pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

TUESDAYS 6:30pm-7:45pm

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LITURGICAL INSIGHTS**Celiac Disease and Holy Communion**

Canon Law, the Catholic Church's Code of Law, affirms that every baptized Catholic has the right to participate in the Sacraments so long as they are properly disposed (Canons 842.1, 843.1). In light of the prevalence of Celiac disease in the USA, many wonder of their ability to receive Holy Communion. Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder where gluten (wheat products) compromises the digestive tract. Since the Host is made of wheat, and according to Canon Law (924.2) and our Lord's own actions at the Last Supper (Mt 26 :26 ; Mk 14 :22 ; Lk 22 :19 ; 1 Cor 11 : 23), the bread to be consecrated must be made only of wheat with a little water, there is concern for those who suffer from Celiac disease.

The Church in her wisdom and mercy, however, makes an accommodation for those suffering from Celiac disease all the while adhering to Canon Law. Those suffering from Celiac disease are permitted to receive a consecrated so-called low-gluten Host, where only trace amounts of gluten are present.

Some have asked why hosts cannot be made of flours that gluten-intolerant individuals could eat instead, such as rice flour. That raises the question of what the Church considers valid matter. According to Canon Law, every Sacrament must have valid matter. In the Anointing of the Sick, for example, oil (typically olive oil) that has been consecrated by the bishop is the valid matter. Any matter other than oil is invalid and, if used, would have no sacramental effect whatsoever.

The Eucharist is comparable. Valid matter for the Precious Body is wheat and water (Canon 924), for it is these pure and simple elements that our Lord blessed, broke and shared and commanded us to do the same in memory of Him at the Last Supper. Therefore, the Church recognizes that additives, such as egg or rice flour for the bread invalidate the matter. Such amalgams do not become consecrated, even if the consecratory prayers are said over them, because they are invalid matter.

Fortunately, this is avoided by the use of the valid low-gluten Hosts provided at St. John the Beloved and many other Catholic churches. We ask that anyone suffering from Celiac disease come to the sacristy **before Mass** to inform us of their need for a low-gluten Host. At Holy Communion, please come to **the priest's line** and say you would like a low-gluten Host, and the priest will accommodate you, so that you might participate fully in the Eucharist.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens."
Ecclesiastes

Almost 31 year ago, I began a journey to which I feel so blessed to have been a part of as the Director of Religious Education here at St. John's. I feel it is now time for me to move on to a new phase in my life called "retirement". I wish to thank all the Catechists over the years for sharing their passion for passing on their faith, the many clergy who I have had the privilege to serve with for their encouragement and support, the families I have ministered to and shared many sacramental programs with, the children who have brought their smiles to brighten my day, and to the parishioners who have supported our program over these past 30+ years. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I am not leaving the Parish, so I will still be active in some of my volunteer jobs. God has truly blessed me and may He continue to bless SJB parish. I will be around until October 16th in my present role.

Replacing me will be Mrs. Dolores Ballintyn. She is no stranger to our Parish nor to this ministry. I hope that she will experience the same affection and support that I have. Please welcome her as our new Director of Religious Education.

Mrs. Pauline Berlingieri

FIRST RECONCILIATION: attention parents who have children attending private Catholic schools or who are homeschooled and have a child in the second grade that would be eligible to receive the Sacraments this year. Our First Parent Session regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 1:00 or 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

You can attend whatever time works best for you. Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information. (994-7757)

SJB BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS – Sign-ups for boys and girls basketball for the 2015 - 2016 season are open for grades K through 8, and high school students. The sign-up forms can be completed and emailed to John Parlamenti (jparlament@msn.com), who is the boys' coordinator, or Jeff Wolff (jswolff.4659@gmail.com), who is the girls' coordinator. Completed forms can also be submitted through the Parish Office.

Forms will also be available for downloading on the school website at the following location: <http://saintjohnthebelovedschool.org/forms-6> All players in 5th grade and older, must be registered on the CYM web site - <https://cymsignup.cdowcym.org/Athletics/Login.aspx> Please note that if you haven't already registered a child for the fall 2015 sports season, you will need to create a new user name and password. The fee schedule will be as follows:

In-house - K-2 and 3rd/4th grade: **\$40 per player**

JV and Varsity - 5th through 8th and High School: **\$85 per player**

All JV and Varsity players will be required to submit a separate \$50 uniform deposit check. Deposit checks will be held until the uniform is returned at the end of the season. Once all uniforms are collected, the checks will be shredded.

Fees will be collected at signups on September 29, 30, October 1, 6, 7, 8 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the SJB Sheehy Hall lobby. All checks should be addressed to SJBAA.

BASKETBALL COACHES and VOLUNTEERS - With over 300 athletes, the St. John the Beloved basketball program is always in need of coaches. Anyone interested in coaching, assisting, being a team parent or officiating in-house games for should contact the coordinators before tryouts. This year we would like to eliminate any problems of having teams put together without coaches available for them. All parents interested in coaching need to volunteer before the tryouts begin so we can work together to create the teams.

BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT - The basketball program is in need of equipment from past years. Anyone who still has basketball equipment (balls, bags, uniforms, etc.) should contact John Parlamenti at 292-2049 or you may bring the equipment to any of the sign-ups. If you have a reversible jersey that you are holding onto for a keepsake please contact John Parlamenti for a replacement.



School News

Follow St. John the Beloved School on the web:
www.saintjohnthebelovedschool.org



Remember how much fun it was making paper airplanes?

Miss Winchell's third graders put those skills to the test to show their knowledge of science.

We have been talking about how scientists conduct experiments; for example, creating a hypothesis, testing a variable, and recording data based on what was found in the experiment. To have students practice and recall these skills that scientists use, we had them pretend to be scientists for class. Students were split up into groups of four to five. They were each given directions on how to create a paper airplane. Each group had a different style plane to make. The groups worked together and even got to add their own personal touches to the planes. Each group had to make a hypothesis and a prediction about how far they thought their plane was going to fly. Once all group predictions were in and recorded, the class went outside to test the experiment. Each group had a chance to throw their plane and then one member in each group calculated the distance the plane traveled! Many groups ended up beating their predictions!! The students had fun with the experiment and really put their science skills to the test! Next time you make a paper airplane, turn it in to a science experiment!



St. John the Beloved School

OPEN HOUSE

3 year olds – 8th grade

Thursday, October 8, 2015 9:00am, or, 6:30pm

6:30 p.m. in the School Library.

Please contact Mrs. B at 998-5525 ext. 200 to let us know you are coming!

PARISH OUTREACH

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10:30am

In order to serve our families each week, we need the following: Cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, rice, beans, whole kernel corn, canned vegetables, soup, juice, coffee, tea, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, toilet paper, baby food (fruit only) and diapers (all sizes). We thank you for your generous donations each week!

If you are unable to bring groceries to the church, please consider a monetary gift to the Food Closet, so that we can replenish the shelves as needed.

Outreach Office handles donations of Food and Clothing only.

Intercultural Conference at St. Margaret of Scotland

Building Intercultural Connections (B.I.C.), a program developed by the U.S. Bishops' Conference to provide church leaders with cultural training for the growing diversity in the Church, will be presented on Saturday, November 7 at St. Margaret of Scotland in Newark, DE from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM. The conference will conclude with a multi-cultural mass.

The outstanding curriculum is thought provoking and challenging. One recent participant stated that BIC is the, "most informative and honest conference I have ever attended."

Admission is free. A \$5 donation will be requested for a magnificent multi-cultural lunch.

This conference is for all Catholics interested in building stronger, unified parishes and a more joy-filled Church!

To register or seek further information, contact Br. Chris Posch, ofm at (302) 655-0518 or chrisposch@gmail.com, or go to our diocesan web site www.cdow.org/bic. The registration deadline is October 26. Space is limited, so register today.

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

RESUMES THIS WEEK! OCTOBER 1 & 2

Donations of sandwiches are welcome from all parishioners. Delivery can be made to the hall kitchen door on Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 7:00pm and Friday morning before 9:30am. These sandwiches are taken to the Emmanuel Dining Room to help feed those in need. We are especially in need of sandwiches on the 1st and 4th Fridays of the month.

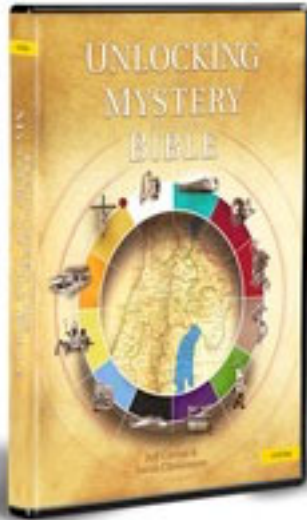
CALIX SOCIETY

Join us the Calix Society for our Annual Anniversary Mass and Celebration on Sunday October 4, at 2 pm at St. Matthew Parish (901 E. Newport Pike across from Banning Park). Calix is an international association of Catholic alcoholics who maintain sobriety in a 12- step recovery program and welcome all interested in the illness of addiction. For local information go to calixde.org. The day will include a Mass, Speaker, and Hospitality. Please RSVP with number of attending to admin@calixde.org or 302-521-9330.



Ravioli work shop will be held on Oct. 6, 20 and 27 in the Parish kitchen. We welcome anyone who wants to help. Come from 8:30 to 12 on those days. For more information call Ceil at 998-9544 or Irene at 999-7840.

“UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE.”



St. John the Beloved will offer: “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.”

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The class will be offered Tuesday evenings beginning October 6 from 6:45 until 8:15. Registering in advance will help us plan facilities and materials. For further information, or to sign up for the meetings contact Deacon Dennis at 302-981-4567 or wuebbelsdg@verizon.net.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

“in their own words...”

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the process by which a person is brought into full communion in the Catholic faith began at St. John the Beloved on Monday September 14th.

Here, **“in their own words”**, are the ways our recent candidates have expressed how their RCIA experience has impacted their lives.

“Both my wife and I want to be better Christians for our three young children... The RCIA process has been a positive and encouraging experience for both of us... It has helped us look beyond the distractions of daily life and to focus on what really matters...”

“I have attended St. John’s for 16 years with my wife... I felt I was not part of the community during Mass as I could not receive communion... RCIA has really been an enjoyable experience... Good order and the firmness of my faith in Christ is growing day by day...”

“I look forward to Monday nights at RCIA... I am learning so much... I have met some great people and parishioners have been so welcoming...”

Although the process has begun, you are still welcome to join in. Come and see for yourself. You will be glad you did! For more information please take one of the brochures found in the back of the church and contact Deacon Tom Bailey, 302-559-6458, or tmbailey1@verizon.net.

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Sincerely,
Greg Boulden
Director of Youth Ministry

Mass Intentions For The Week



Week of September 27:

- Mon St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus**
 6:30 Charles Dayett
 8:00 Poor Souls in Purgatory
 1:00 Gerard Igo
 Judith Romanelli
 Edward Gill
 Jackie Hall
 Martha Ann Fowler
- Tue Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**
 6:30 Carol Kalafut
 8:00 Eleanor Scubelek
- Wed St. Jerome**
 6:30 George H. Bullen, Jr.
 8:00 Ralph Fausnaugh
- Thur St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**
 6:30 Emma M. Monturo
 8:00 Joseph Bogia
- Fri The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday**
 6:30 John F. Grier, Sr.
 8:00 Joseph & Rose Piwinski
 9:30 Madalena Tenalio
- Sat Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday**
 8:00 Francis La Scala
 5:00 Stanley Lemiska, Sr.
 7:00 Joseph Eckrich
- Sun**
 7:30 BVM Sodality
 9:30 Our Parish Family
 11:30 Jennifer Reed
 3:00 Medal of Merit Awards Ceremony
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Office for Marriage and Family Life



BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, or 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **1:30 PM on Sunday, October 25, 2015** at St. John the Beloved Church, 907 Milltown Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. A reception with light refreshments in the parish hall will immediately follow the Mass. Certificates for 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, and 70th wedding anniversaries will be distributed in Church.. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 15** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806 or ljackson@cdow.org.



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