

Third Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Feed my sheep.”*

John 21:17

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

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April 10, 2016

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The faithful, throughout the state of Delaware and Eastern shore Maryland, of our Diocese are asked to contribute to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. I ask you to seriously donate to this Appeal because it is the collective way that we follow Christ's teaching of the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-12). Specifically in this Year of Mercy, we are reminded "Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

I know that there are important ways of showing mercy at home, work, and recreation. Yet, often people want to support charitable work in addition to what we come in contact daily. Seeing so many needs throughout the world and inside our communities, those with a good heart want to help them but may wonder what the best way is? Numerous needs are mailed to us and touch our hearts on media and in regular encounters on the streets. Naturally feeling somewhat responsible to help them, we often wish we had limitless resources to assist them all.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal takes on this charitable responsibility, collectively, for our local Church. Each parish has a studied target, our target this year for St. John the Beloved Parish is \$176,000. United as a parish we also unite with all the other diocesan parishes to create a resource that support the Church's Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Your participation enables the Diocese to reach out in mercy and love to those in need --- the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children and our elderly.

Please consider a contribution toward this Appeal in this year of Mercy. Together we can influence more lives in the name of Christ.

Sincerely,

Father Joe Piekarski

Parish Office: 302-999-0211 Fax: 302-999-9184

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

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

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

Saturday: 8:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm

To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact parish priest or deacon one year prior to the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or in learning more about the Church? For information please call the parish office.

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced

DEVOTIONS— Mondays

Adoration, 6:00pm

Novena and Benediction, 7:00pm

PRAYER GROUP - Tuesdays

Bible study, praise music, intercessory prayer

St. John Bosco Conference Room
9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcomed.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

meets the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 am mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

REFRESH - Wednesdays

(weekly retreat with evening prayer and praise music)

Church 5:45pm-6:45pm

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LITURGICAL INSIGHTS

It's Still Easter

Even though Easter Day was celebrated in the Western Church on March 27, the Solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord is celebrated for longer than a single day, since it holds primacy as the greatest celebration in the Church. Easter is, thus, the "Solemnity of solemnities" (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* # 1169).

As such, from Easter Sunday through the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), the Church celebrates the Octave of Easter, eight days, as if it were one long Easter Day.

Yet, even after the Octave, the observance of the Easter Season continues, for a total of 50 days, at which time the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, the fulfillment of our Lord's promise of the Holy Spirit to His Apostles.

Therefore, this weekend, a fortnight after Easter Day, is rightly called the Third Sunday of Easter. In fact, every Sunday might be rightly considered a "little Easter," since every Sunday is a remembrance and a celebration of the day the Lord rose from the dead. It is why the Apostles and earliest followers of Christ, who were Jews, celebrated the Lord's Day not on Friday / Saturday when pious Jews gather at synagogue for worship, but rather on Sunday, the first day of the week but simultaneously the eighth day of Creation, the unending day of eternal life, the day that the Lord has made in which we are to rejoice (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1166).

As Catholic Christians for whom the promises of Easter hold prime of place in our faith, we are called to celebrate truly this 50-day long observance with joy and thanksgiving, for, in the words of Jesus Himself, "Can you make the wedding guests fast when the Bridegroom is with them?" (Luke 5:34, see also Mark 2:19, Matthew 9:15).

Our Christian sisters and brothers in the Eastern Church, that is, the Orthodox Church, calibrate the day of Easter differently than we in the West. They will, therefore, celebrate Easter, what they call "Pascha" (think, Paschal candle) on May 1 this year. That we Christians might all be united in one common celebration of the central feast of Christianity, the Solemnity of solemnities, Easter, let us pray that the current efforts of the Church in the West and the Church in the East to agree on a common date for the celebration of Easter might come to a resolution soon, for we are all invited guests to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

PLEASE NOTE

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Server Schedules are online.

www.sjbde.org/liturgical-schedules

Catholic Cemeteries

All Saints: 737-2524

Cathedral: 656-3323

Gate of Heaven: 732-3690



Week of April 10:

- Mon 6:30 Louise Parry
8:00 Anne Hutchison
- Tue 6:30 Paul & Vera Dolan
8:00 Adrienne Suarez (living intention)
11:00 Mary Lu Seelig
- Wed 6:30 Deceased Members of the Dolan Family
8:00 James Gallo
- Thur 6:30 Joe & Bunny McPolin
8:00 Lauren Cherico
- Fri 6:30 Keith Andrew Milan
8:00 Max D'Souza
- Sat 8:00 James Cannon
Camillio Dellabarba
Vincent Mercante
Joseph Mahaney
Mildred Claudio
5:00 Ethel Brown & John Collins
7:00 Frank & Mary Renai
- Sun 7:30 Mary Lu Seelig
9:30 Marina Capparuccini
11:30 Our Parish Family
5:00 Gutmann Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a;
Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Live Updates from campus.

www.facebook.com/sjbde



3/27/16

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish as part of your gift to God for the good things God has given you.

Offertory	\$19,675.96
Easter:	\$13,338.00
Other:	\$ 5,511.04
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TOTAL:	\$38,525.00

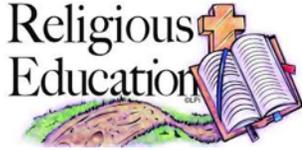
Bulletin Announcements

Due Friday, 10 Days before announcement to appear. Please see: www.sjbde.org/submit-bulletin for more details.

WWW.SJBDE.ORG/BULLETINS

Bulletins must be electronically transmitted

Papers/Faxes will not be accepted.



The Religious Education office extends a very grateful thank you to the St. John the Beloved Enrichment committee for their generous gift that made it possible for our office to replace many outdated VHS tapes with DVD's. This incredible gift makes it possible for both the School and Religious Education programs to benefit from this critical upgrade. Thank you so much.

Registration for Vacation Bible School and next year's Religious Education program is ongoing. If you need the information for registration, please visit the RE webpage. We look forward to welcoming you and your child(ren) to our program. We are also seeking more catechists and aides for these programs. Contact Mrs. Ballintyn at dballintyn@sjbde.org if you are interested in serving. We will provide training and all materials to make this a wonderful service for you to our students.



The Confirmation registration program is on-line via the RE webpage. All currently enrolled eighth grade students in the RE program and School received this information electronically as of March 22. We are not sending any registration material via the mail as we are using an electronic registration form to capture the necessary information. Please contact us with any questions. We look forward to welcoming your family to this process. If you have not received this information via email and are interested in enrolling your student, please contact the RE office at 302-994-7757. We will be happy to forward that information to you.

"ROOTED IN FAITH; GROWING DISCIPLES."

Retreat for Girls

Malvern Retreat House is holding a retreat for girls in 3rd through 8th grade on Sunday, May 15 from 1pm to 4pm. The retreat theme of "Just As You Are" will celebrate the dignity and beauty of being created as a daughter of a loving and merciful God. The retreat will be directed by Jeannine Peters, who has a background in adoption advocacy, education and faith formation. The cost is \$20 per student and includes snacks. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

Ministry Minute

Young Adult Retreat



Malvern Retreat House will hold an overnight retreat for adults ages 20-35 on May 6-7. The retreat will focus on the Year of Mercy and will be led by Fr. Chris Walsh, who is presently pastor of St. Raymond of Penafort parish in Philadelphia, PA. Early bird registration for the retreat (by April 22nd) is \$65. After April 22nd, the cost is \$80. To register, please visit malvernretreat.com register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

Pitcher and Basin

Sunday, July 31 thru Saturday, August 6, 2016. Pitcher and Basin invites young people from around the Diocese of Wilmington to join together with their friends to give back to the community.

There will be one week in Cambridge and Easton, MD where we partner with Habitat for Humanity Choptank to continue the good work started in those community in 2007. Participants must be 16 years old or older to participate in Cambridge. More information on registration will be announced in the coming weeks.

Youth Ministry Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday 6:30pm-8:00pm in the John Bosco Conference Room (Hall)

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Caitlin Donnelly received the Service and Leadership Scholarship to Padua Academy. Congratulations!

McKenna Keomanikoth placed third in the “Kids Safe Online” Poster Contest sponsored by the State of Delaware Dept. of Technology and Information. Her poster will now be entered in the national “Kids Safe Online” poster contest. Great work and good luck!

Thanks to our three year participation in Hour of Code through code.org, St. John the Beloved won a set of 4 Sphero programmable robotic balls, and a Star Wars BB-8 app-enabled robotic ball. The total value of this prize is over \$600. These will add more programming opportunities to Tech classes and Activity Periods next year!

Middle School has added an activity period once a week. Here are some of the things they are learning: Yearbook Photographer, SSR, Study Skills, Scrabble, Chess, Board Games, Lego Robotics, French, Dance, Cyber Patriot training, Crochet, crafts for service project, Cooking’s Cool, Choir, 5K training and Art through Discover your Palette for Kidz. Big thanks to Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Polito, Mrs. Fannin, Mrs. Gallmann and Mrs Sardo for volunteering their time.



SJB CHEERLEADING SIGN-UPS FOR 2016-2017 SEASON

Cheerleading sign-ups will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in the Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please have your daughters attend the sign-ups that evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm as we will do some cheerleading basics. No experience necessary to join the team!!! Students entering the 4th through 8th grades in September 2016 are welcome!!! Girls must either attend St. John’s school or be enrolled in CCD classes at St. John’s in order to participate. Any questions, please email or call Mary Hall at mhall@mnat.com or 302-559-5752.

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD’S CHILDREN

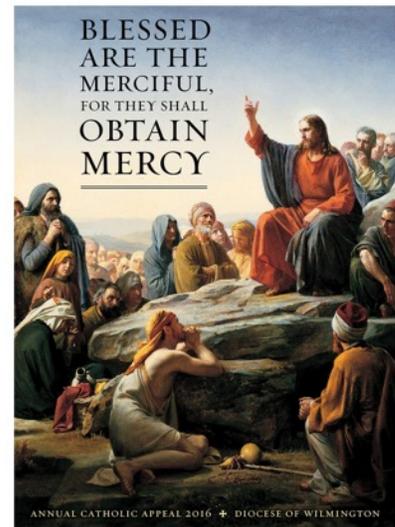
The Diocese of Wilmington has codes of conduct that adults must follow to create safe environments and protect children (Volunteer Covenant). Reading and following the code in all situations creates a culture of protection and keeps our children safer. (www.cdow.org scroll to For the Sake of God’s Children link; scroll to Section One: Volunteer Covenant) Questions call: Coordinator of Safe Environments 302-295-0668.

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal
“He Reveals Himself in the Breaking of the Bread”

In today’s Gospel, St. John tells us of the Risen Lord revealing himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.

Jesus chose the Apostles as witnesses to His mission and true identity. If anyone among them thought that Jesus had some other way of telling the world about Himself, these thoughts were dismissed when they realized that they were the means; they would be God’s instruments.

As followers of Christ, we too become God’s instruments. We are challenged to live as Jesus did with an outpouring of love and compassion for others.



The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *“Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy”* invites each of us to help bring Christ into the lives of those who seek His presence. It is an opportunity for each of us to unite as a Catholic community and to reach out to serve others – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children, and the elderly.

This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this year’s campaign.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal”.

OUTREACH
SPECIAL THANKS FROM

ST. JOHN’S OUTREACH PROGRAM

A heartfelt thank you to all of our parishioners whose generous donations enabled us to provide more than 125 families with a meat entrée and other food for their Easter meal.

Many thanks also to Pauline Berlinger and Kathy DeFlaviis, who lovingly created 105 Easter baskets for our families with young children, including some small baskets for adults; to Dolores Ballintyn and the students in the Religious Education Program; to Lynne Carmack; to St. John’s students who created special spiritual messages to accompany the Easter baskets; to Christie Pastro and some St. John’s students who helped transport the Easter baskets; and to Barbara Vetter and all of the Outreach volunteers who worked tirelessly for the Easter distribution.

In addition, so far in 2016, the Outreach Program has distributed 923 bags of food, which translates into portions of food for 3,740 men, women, and children, and Outreach has provided innumerable pieces of clothing and household items through our Clothes Closet. Again, this is made possible by our parish’s remarkable ongoing charity and the dedication and efforts of our Outreach volunteers.

Your contributions at Easter, and throughout the year, truly exemplify the Christian spirit in action. May God bless you and your families.

VOCATIONS

The apostles experienced great joy through teaching in the name of Jesus, even though they were persecuted for doing so. Every day, religious sisters and brothers, along with deacons and priests, teach in the name of Jesus, despite all sorts of difficulties. Maybe God is calling you to join in that great venture. If you think so, please call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Mass with Bishop Malooly.

You are invited to the Annual Diocesan “Celebrate Life Mass,”

a celebration for persons with special needs and their families/ friends/caregivers. This event will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear, DE on Sunday, May 1, 2016. The day includes a gathering at 12:30pm, Mass at 1:00 pm, and a light lunch following Mass. We ask that if you are able to attend, please bring 2 or more cans of food for the parish food closet. To register, please email Debbie Ciafre at dciafre@comcast.net or call her at (302) 275-8717. Please respond no later than April 10th.



DVD Screening of EWTN’s Journey Home

with special guest

Steve Mosher

President of the Population Research Institute

A Catholic convert and advocate for human rights in China

talking on life issues and how it affects Social Security

Monday, April 25, 2016

7-9 P.M.

St. John the Beloved

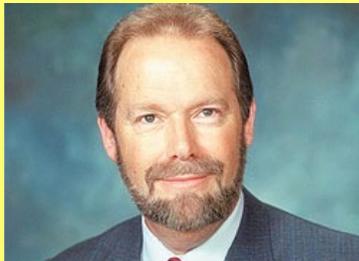
7 P.M. Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary in the Church

Followed by screening of Steve Mosher

in the Bosco Conference Room

Sponsored by Catholics United for the Faith, Inc.

Our Lady of Peace Chapter



Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

April 14 & 15

Eucharistic Ministers

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.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, April 24th, learn about Saint Francis Hospital's LIFE Program when Amy Milligan and Maria Miller will be the guests. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at catholicforumradio.libsyn.com or search "Catholic Forum Radio" on iTunes podcasts.

LEISURE GROUP

After the 11am Mass on Tuesday, April 12th, Leisure Group will meet in the hall for lunch.

Following lunch, we will have our annual flea market/auction. Bring new or gently used items

to sell...and money to buy these treasures. No clothes or shoes. Bring a friend!!!

Come join the women of Parish Life at our April 27th open house from 6:30pm to 8pm in the St. John Bosco Conference Room. Learn about who we are and what we do.

PARISH LIFE HELP

We will be making ravioli spaghetti for the carnival on the following days, May 3rd, 17th and 24th from 8:30 until noon in the hall kitchen please join us, any help is needed. For more information call

Ceil at 998-9544 or Irene at 999-7840.

ABOUT PARISH LIFE

Parish Life Association is a women's organization whose purpose is to promote interest in parish life by building a sense of community while fostering spiritual growth. It welcomes new members to the parish by mailing information about all the Parish organizations and making a follow-up phone call to establish personal contact with the new Parishioner.

Parish Life sponsors such activities as the Fall Consignment Sale, Holiday Craft Show, Spaghetti/Ravioli Dinners, Lenten Luncheon, various parish receptions and also assists other social concern organizations with their projects.

Volunteers cook, deliver and serve hot meals at two Emmanuel Dining Rooms each month.

Spring Grief Support Group

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center offers a series of eight evening sessions for grief support beginning on Thursday, April 21, 2016 and continuing through June 9, 2016.

This series of Grief Support Group meetings will be hosted in Nazareth House at the Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center on Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. The dates are: April 21 and 28; May 5, 12, 19 and 26; June 2 and 9.

Mrs. Frances Castello, M.Div., B.C.C./Ret. (National Association of Catholic Chaplains Board Certified, Retired Hospice Chaplain) and Mrs. Angela Malmgren, M.S. in Pastoral Care and Certified Spiritual Director, will co-facilitate the group process.

Members of the support group will have the opportunity to share as they feel comfortable, while addressing the emotional issues and challenging changes surrounding the death of a loved one. Also included will be such practical considerations as how to cope with anniversaries, birthdays, holidays, and memorials, as well as learning about the possible behavioral, cognitive, emotional, physical and spiritual responses one can experience in grief and helpful means to understand the bereavement process.

Participation is open to adults who are coping with the recent or long standing loss of a loved one. To register or to obtain more information, please call Frances Castello at (201) 669-0566 or (484) 732-8026 and/or Angela Malmgren at (302) 650-0066.

MINISTRY OF CARING

September 19-29: 11-day Tour of Alpine Europe, Travel to Frankfurt, Salzburg, Munich during Oktoberfest and much more. Tickets are \$3,309 and include airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner, sightseeing in a luxury motor coach, admission to many sites, and a professional tour escort the entire trip. Proceeds benefit The Ministry of Caring programs for the poor. For more information contact Deborah Philips at 302-652-5523 or dphilips@ministryofcaring.org.



St. Paul tells us to be careful in the way we live. Do we listen and follow God's voice so we can discern His will in our own lives and marriage relationship? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for **November 4-6 in Rehoboth Beach, DE**. For more information, visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony & Linda Massino @ 302-220-9833.

Saint Edmond's Academy Presents: "Seussical"

Wacky, wild, and wonderful all describe the theatrical creation based on the works of Dr. Seuss known as "Seussical". Saint Edmond's Academy, noted for their exceptional musical theatre productions, will recreate this magical world with their whimsical and colorful performances of "Seussical, Jr." on April 15 and 16 at 7:30 PM and April 17 at 2:00 PM. Featuring a cast of forty-seven performers, the show promises to be engaging and entertaining for the young and young at heart. Tickets are \$10 sold at the door. Doors open at 7:00 on the evening performance and 1:30 on the matinee. Mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed theatrical event!

Adult Confirmation

Are you someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you are 18 or over we offer an opportunity to complete this sacramental process for confirmation and full membership in the Church.

Beginning on Monday April 25th, and continuing on May 2nd and May 9th pre-confirmation classes for adults will be held at St. John the Beloved from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. These classes will lead to confirmation by Bishop Malooly at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Pentecost Sunday May 15th.

To register for these classes or for more information please contact the church office at 302-999-0211.