

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

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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

SATURDAY: 8:00AM



The desert and the parched land
will exult; the steppe will rejoice
and bloom.

*They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.*

~ Isaiah 35:1-2

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus pays a high compliment to Saint John the Baptizer: "I solemnly assure you, history has not known a man born of woman greater than John the Baptizer." John was preparing the people of his time for the Messiah's entrance into the public scene. With Jesus' miraculous accomplishments, who could doubt that He was the Savior that fulfilled Scripture? And yet, Jesus, invites us to a higher dignity when He said: "the least born into the kingdom of God is greater than John." That means that everyone who strives to follow Christ into His Kingdom is counted among the greatest. That invitation is meant for you and I... Are we prepared?

"Rejoice," the Church tells us on this, *Gaudete*, or Rose Sunday. What a wonderful time of the year we are in. But all of this is just a symbolic recognition of the wonderful time of the world we are in. The Lord is in our midst. He is among us. He is within us. The Kingdom of God is at hand and we have been chosen to be members of that Kingdom. Rejoice.

Parish Penance Service - Wednesday, December 21 from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. & that evening at 7:00 p.m. Guest priests will be available.

Flowers at the Holy Family Shrine are in memory of Joseph & Victoria Piekarski

-Fr. Joe



**ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
PARISH OFFICE**

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

First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army

are held each month at St. John the Beloved Church beginning with mass at 8:00am.

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

Prayer and Praise weekly retreat opportunity.
6pm in the Church.

*Church Staff**Mass Intentions
For The Week*

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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 December 11th

Mon	6:30 Joseph De Juliis 8:00 Eileen Hemphill
Tue	6:30 Robert James, Sr. 8:00 Jessica Appleby 11:00 Bill & Anna Lutrzykowski
Wed	6:30 Stephen J. Davis 8:00 Dan Terrizzi
Thur	6:30 Eleanor Scubelek 8:00 Deceased Members of Lutrzykowski Family
Fri	6:30 Ronald Ragan 8:00 Francis J. & Francis S. McGorry
Sat	8:00 Florence Di Costanza Mrs. Apra Cantuhos Bayking Jody Mc Caffrey Felicia Crasto Roy Callahan 5:00 Deceased Members of the Papili Family
Sun	7:00 Anna & Jesse Demurat 7:30 Frank & Mary Renai 9:30 Anna & Domenic Papa 11:30 Jody Mc Caffery 5:00 Brian Dove

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
 or any readings from the Common of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
 Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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If you have unwanted and/or broken
rosaries, please place them in the
container in church next to the
magazine rack.

11/28/16

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	\$18,183.76
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,049.75
Other:	\$ 902.70
TOTAL:	\$22,136.21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

Friday: Las Posadas begins

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.

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule**December 15 & 16****PARISH LIFE**

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.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note: During the upcoming Holiday, Advent and Christmas Season bulletins are due by:

The Christmas bulletin is due December 16th.

The New Years bulletin is due December 21st.

Offertory Counting Ministry

St. John the Beloved's Offertory Counting Ministry is looking for additional money counters to join existing teams and act as substitutes. This ministry requires attention to detail and organization. Please prayerfully consider joining our team! If you are interested please email parish@sjbde.org with your contact information.

Adult Altar Servers

We are looking for adult altar servers. Perhaps you are being called by the Holy Spirit to assist in the Liturgy of the Holy Mass. The role of an altar server is integral to the normal celebration of the Mass.

Servers can carry the processional cross and candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, and assist the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary.

For anyone who would like to volunteer please call the parish front office (302.999.0211) to make an appoint. Fr. Martin will give proper instruction on the Mass and its parts and their meaning, the various objects used in the liturgy (their names and use), and the various functions of the server. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

LEISURE GROUP

After the 11am Mass in the church on Tuesday, December 13th, Leisure Group will meet for our Christmas luncheon in the John Bosco Conference Room in the hall. All seniors and their friends are invited.

Members are asked to bring unwrapped gifts for Sojourners' Place. The gifts should be every day personal items such as toothpaste, soap, combs, deodorants and the like.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK DECEMBER 19-23, 2016

St. John the Beloved will once again be supporting Limestone Presbyterian with their week of hosting Family Promise.

Three times a year we assist by preparing the five weekday dinners. Kids Care Club, Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts have graciously volunteered to do one night each.

We are looking for donations of either a main course, salad, bread, a vegetable, a starch or a dessert for the other two nights. We prepare enough food for 18 - 20 people. Please contact (Joann Paupe) at jpaupe@gmail.com or Suzy Stepnowski at suzyqstep@verizon.net for further details. Thank you in advance for helping those in need in our community.

If you are interested in knowing more about Family Promise visit their website at: www.familypromisede.org

A Message From the SJB Kids Care Service Club: Next time you are checking out at Acme and asked if you are collecting stamps for pots and pans, say, "Yes!" If you are not collecting them for yourself, please consider donating your stamps to the SJB Service Club. We are hoping to provide pots and pans to families served by our parish outreach ministry. Stamps can be placed in the envelope in the back of church. The program runs through mid-January. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Visit SJB School on the web:
www.sjbdel.org

School News

MATH LEAGUE: St. John the Beloved School is sponsoring 7th and 8th grade Math League teams to compete against other schools in our region. The students attend weekly practices after school once a week and will compete in four competitions against other schools in our region. Students will solve a combination of geometry, algebra, logic and word problems. Depending on the number of correct problems answered at the meets the students may be invited to the 8th Grade Invitational Meet & Banquet and the 7th Grade Invitational Meet & Banquet at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover where they compete against the top scorers in the region.

SJB Parish Outreach St. Benedict Food Pantry

Matthew 25: 40(Jesus tells them) 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,^[a] you did it to me.'

Food Pantry
Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-10:30 am
Clothes Closet
Wednesday 9-10:30 am

St. John the Beloved Outreach office serves those in our community who are in need of food and clothing. The Outreach office charges nothing to our clients and relies on Parish and parishioner donations. If you are unable to provide or bring grocery items to the church please consider a monetary donation to the Outreach office. ***The Outreach Office handles donations of food and clothing only.*** You may drop off your items at Church in the vestibule bin. To serve our families each week, we need the following: (Please feel free to use this list as your grocery checklist)

Cereal	pancake mix	pasta	spaghetti sauce
Mac and cheese	tuna fish	canned meat	peanut butter
Jelly	canned fruit	rice	beans
Whole kernel corn	soup	canned vegetables	juice
Coffee	cleaning supplies	tea	toiletries
Laundry detergent	toilet paper	baby food(fruit only)	diapers (all sizes)

The Flame of Love Devotion

is based on the spiritual journal of Elizabeth Kindelmann, a Hungarian woman of great faith who struggled to raised her family during the years of Communism in Hungary. Her husband died in 1946; Elizabeth had to raise their six children as a single mother. She lost many jobs because of her faith, but she never lost her faith in Jesus Christ. Her spiritual journal has been examined and approved by the Church for our study and our growth in faith.

Mr. Anthony Mullin is the National Coordinator for the Flame of Love Devotion. He will be giving a dynamic talk on the devotion and how the Flame of Love relates to Our Lady of Fatima and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Also, visit the website at www.flameoflove.us for more information and for a free spiritual journal to follow along. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn about the Flame of Love Devotion. You are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend!!

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear
the sighs and sorrows of others.

--St. Augustine

Inspire

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

December 11: Preparation for Christmas can strain even the best relationships. Be gentle and patient with each other as you do the many tasks to prepare for Christmas.

PARENTING POINTERS

December 11: As Christmas approaches help your children prepare by urging them to choose at least one of their possessions to give away to someone who needs it more than they do.

VOCATIONS

3rd Sunday of Advent

In today's gospel reading, Jesus describes John the Baptist as the one who was sent ahead of Him to prepare His way. In our day and age, God calls women and men to prepare His way in the hearts of all people by serving as religious sisters and brothers, as deacons and as priests. If you think God might be calling you to religious life or priesthood, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). And be sure to visit our website: www.cdown.org/vocations!

Listen to Catholic Forum

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, December 18th, tune in to learn about the new book, "Angels of the Lord." 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 or iHeartRadio podcasts.

Mass is celebrated for those impacted by the sickness of addiction each Wednesday in Advent at St. Matthew Church in Newport, DE at 6:15PM. Come remember loved ones who have died from alcohol and drug addiction.



The second reading this week from James speaks of patience, which is something many of us begin to lose two weeks before Christmas. As you are out amongst the chaos reflect upon James words, "Do not complain, about one another." Ask yourself if you are experience the Joy that this season should be exemplifying or are you too focus on the complaining about the crowds? This week, despite the madness, smile and be joyful to others so other, who recognize the joy, are reminded that this is a joyful time.

Dear Parishioners,
Below is our annual operating statement for the year ended June 30, 2016.
Your continued generosity will enable SJB to meet its 2017 budget and reserve
for the maintenance of our facilities. Thank you.

St. John the Beloved Parish
Annual Report
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Income

Weekly offertory	\$ 1,100,992
Holy Days/Christmas/Easter/other	123,029
Religious education and Youth ministry	43,822
Elementary and Preschool	3,690,137
Church fundraiser: Carnival	74,434
Special purpose income	71,454
Gifts, Memorials, other	49,765
Parish outreach/St. Vincent DePaul	22,229
Total operating income	5,175,862

Expenses

Clergy Rectory expenses	a. 178,535
Church and hall operating expenses	a. 223,588
Administration and support	a.,b. 330,318
Parish payroll taxes, benefits	178,956
Social ministries (Outreach, St. DePaul)	39,095
Liturgy expenses	a. 107,769
Elementary and Preschool expenses	a. 3,689,103
Religious education and Youth ministry	a. 191,364
Other related expenses	12,830
Diocesan assessment	157,000
Athletic Association, net (income) and exp.	(28,995)
Home and School, net (income) and exp.	37,760
Parish Life, net (income) and exp.	(331)
Total operating expenses	5,116,992
Parish surplus (deficit)	\$ 58,870

- a. Includes salary and program operating expenses.
b. includes Vianney House office operating expenses.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



CHRISTMAS 2016

ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 21st

12:00-1:00 pm (Confessions only)

7:00 pm

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“O COME, LET US ADORE HIM.”

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm (Church and Hall)

6:00 pm

8:00 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th

12:00 am (Midnight Mass)

7:30 am

11:30 am



To help us maximize our seating space, please arrive early for Mass. If possible, enter with your entire family or group so we can seat everyone at the same time. We are not able to save seats and ask that our parishioners move in to the pews to help our ushers locate available seating. At the 4 pm Mass, the church doors will be locked once the church fills to capacity and those arriving after that will be redirected to the hall. We are excited to celebrate the joy of Christmas with our families, and thank you in advance for your willingness to make our Church accessible to all who arrive to celebrate Mass with us.

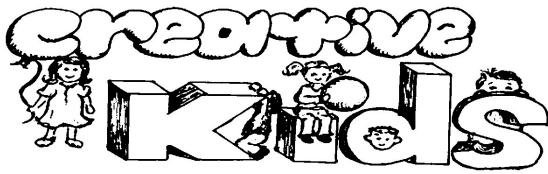
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31st Vigil Masses

5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st, 2017 Masses

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 5:00 pm



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

What are some ways you and your family are preparing for Jesus' birthday...Christmas?

Draw a picture or write about some of those things.

John the Baptist sends people to ask Jesus if He is the one they have been waiting for.

Is 35:1-6, 10

Ps 146:6-10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

Directions: Draw a picture of what you like to do when you have to wait for something or someone.



Jesus spoke to the crowds about John, "This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; He will prepare your way before you."

Directions: Circle Jesus and John the Baptist.

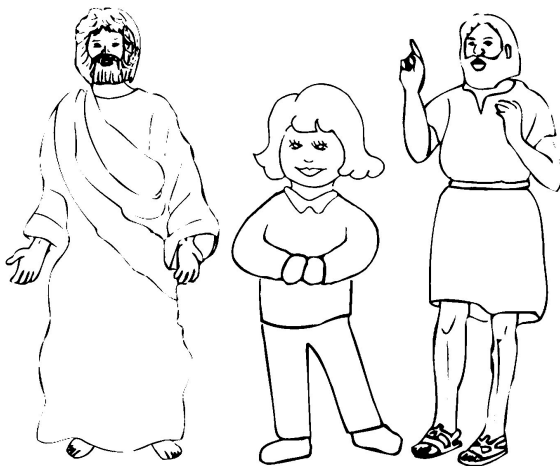
Jesus said to tell John that the blind can now see, the lame can walk, the deaf can hear, the dead are raised.



Directions: Draw a picture or write something that you could use all 5 senses to figure out what it is.

Example: Popcorn

You can see it, taste it, smell it, touch it, and hear it pop.



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