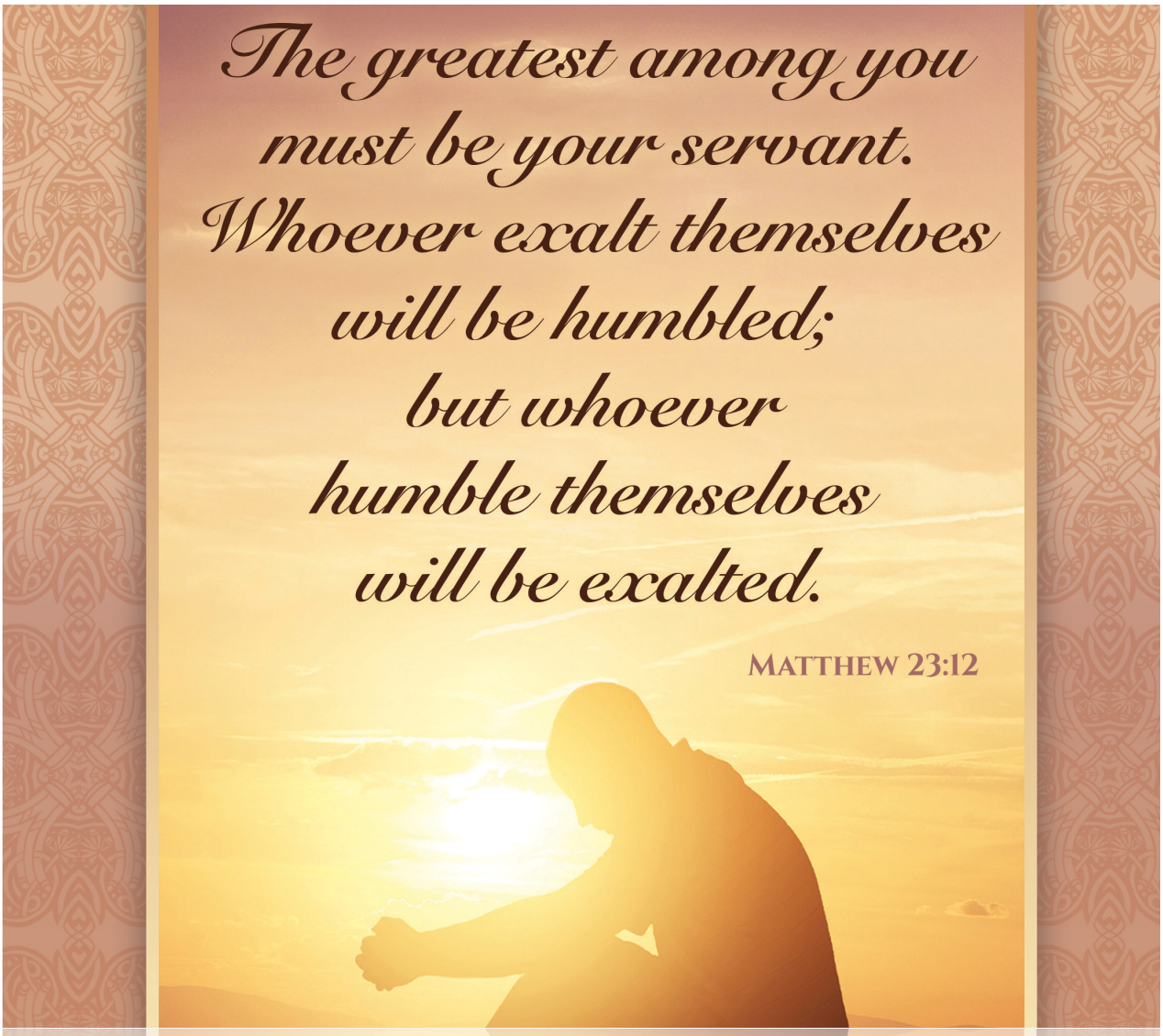
St. John The Beloved Parish



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Rev. Joseph Piekarski, Pastor
907 Milltown Road
Sherwood Park
Wilmington, DE 19808

Parish Office: (302) 999-0211

Liturgy Schedule
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses
Mon - Fri 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

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Our Parish Office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Find Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Server Schedules online at www.sjbde.org/liturgical-schedules.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. 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.

HOLY DAY MASSES As announced

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.

DEVOTIONS - Mondays

Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
Novena and Benediction, 7:00 p.m.

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.

First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army are held each month beginning with mass at 8 a.m.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 a.m. mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

Legion of Mary meets at the Vianney house every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Catholic Cemeteries
All Saints: 737-2524
Cathedral: 656-3323
Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Today's Gospel is often used by fundamentalists as the reason why a priest should not be called "father." Maybe; but like any interpretation, the Bible has to be translated in how, when, why, where, for whom the passages are written in a span of thousands of years. Today's message is about our relationship with God, and our own views of ourselves.

Jesus is not banning the use of the term, "Father." In fact, Jesus expects us to respect our physical fathers and to call them "father." He also tells us to respect our spiritual ancestors calling many of them, "Father." Abraham is often referred to as Father Abraham. St. Paul will often remind people that he is their spiritual father. In today's Gospel, Jesus also tells His disciples to call no one teacher. But the New Testament continually refers to God's appointing some to be teachers.

In *Matthew 23*, Jesus is focusing on the Pharisees who were a sanctimonious sect of 1st century Judaism. They exalted themselves, looking for new ways to demand that people respect them. They wear headbands with pieces of cloth hanging on them called phylacteries, on which they write words of scripture so that every time they turn their heads the Word of God will literally be before their eyes.

The trouble was that the Pharisees were seeing God's words but were not keeping God's words. They were just putting on a show of holiness so that others could be enlightened as to what wonderful people they were. Jesus' point was that the Pharisees were making religion about themselves, not about God.

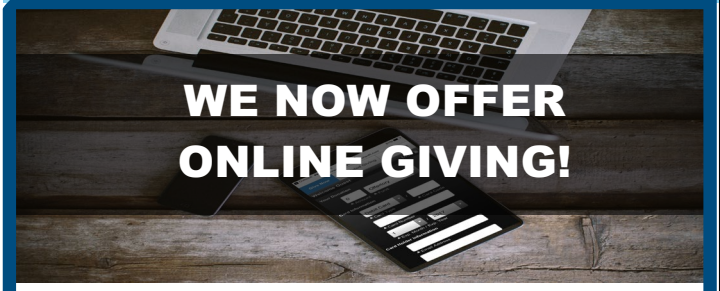
Here, too, is the caution for each one of us not to serve our own ego instead of serving God. We all have authority, some as priests, some as teachers, some as parents, some as catechists, others as coaches, etc. The basic message of today's gospel is that everything we do must be about Jesus Christ, never about ourselves. We have to understand that we are His servants.

We do not go to church to trumpet our own self worth. We go to church because we need God. We are Catholic because Catholicism is the authentic way of finding God. We know what we are like without Him. But we also know the wonders that He works through us.

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

10/22/17	
Offertory	$14,966.78
Other	$ 782.12
TOTAL:	**$ $15,748.90**

Have you registered? **To become a member of our Parish family visit SJBDE.org** and click **"Connect Now."** Only registered parishioners can obtain letters of eligibility for Godparents and sponsors. If you have already registered with the Parish Office, please take a minute to update your information online. Thank you!



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St. John the Beloved Catholic School is now enrolling new family 3 & 4-year-olds and Kindergartners for the 2018-19 school year. Visit sjbdel.org for details.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Week of October 29

Sun: **The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends**
7:30 Tommy Thiemann
9:30 Adeline Sarro
11:30 Stephen Szewczyk
5:00 Theresa Schiavello

Mon: 6:30 Rowland Swartz
8:00 Francis J. Grimes

Tue: **Election Day**
6:30 Christopher McClafferty
8:00 Rose L. Morelli

Wed: 6:30 Marie & Francis Murray
8:00 Thomas W. Kelly

Thur: **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
6:30 John Punzica
8:00 Lynessa Lobo

Fri: **St. Leo the Great**
630 James Centini
8:00 Danielle Servos

Sat: **St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day**
8:00 Andrea Williams
Anthony Bove
Russ Ruark
Joan Panaccio
Phil & Renne Muhlmichl
(Living Intention)
5:00 Jason & Aleen Smith

SunThe 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
7:30 Gloria Moglioni
9:30 Dolores Connolly
11:30 Frank Pullella
5:00 Gloria Ciccolella

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

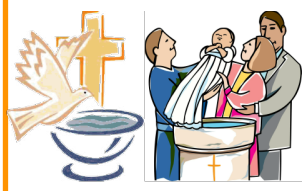
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

PARISH NEWS:



We welcome Drew Thomas Wharton and Matthew Ryan Amandola, Jr. into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The Giving Quilt is now in the Church vestibule. Please take a tag from the display in the vestibule to purchase a gift for a child, or a gift certificate for a senior citizen or a family. (Feel free to take more than one tag.)

- All gifts must be wrapped, and gift cards should be placed in an envelope.
- Tape the "Giving Quilt" Tag to the gift package or gift card envelope.
- All wrapped and tagged gifts must be returned at the Masses by the weekend of December 9 and 10th.
- You may leave gifts in the Lay Sacristy (on the left as you enter the Church vestibule).

If you miss getting a "Giving Tree" Tag, please consider obtaining a gift or item of clothing for a child. Wrap the gift and attach a note on the outside indicating the clothing size, age level, and whether it is appropriate for a boy, a girl, or either. **Please note,** due to space limitations and other factors, we are no longer able to accept or give large ticket gift items such as bicycles, electronics, or small appliances.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Special Visit from Santa, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, November 11

* Profits enable the Parish Life Organization to provide monthly meals for the Emmanuel Dinning round support the SJB Food Closet.

Family Promise Week is November 20 – November 24, 2017 SJB 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 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 Suzy Stepnowski at suzyqstep@verizon.net or Joann Paupe at jpaupe@gmail.com 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.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS?

More than 100 local families need assistance this Christmas. Perhaps a group at your workplace, several neighbors, or members of one of your social groups might join together to be a family's sponsor. If you would like to sponsor a family by providing gifts for the children and a small gift certificate for the parents, call **Carol at (302)235-8622 or Janice at (302)235-2748.** Please provide your contact information and the size of the family you wish to sponsor. Submit your adoption pledge **no later than Monday, December 4. Gifts are due by the weekend of December 9 and 10.**

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

November 9/10

Lectors

Donations of sandwiches are welcome from all parishioners. Delivery can be made to the hall kitchen door on Thursday evenings 6:30-7:00 p.m. and Friday morning before 9:30 a.m. at the Outreach Office. The 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.

PJ's and Pancakes with Santa

Dec. 3rd 6:00 P.M. in the St. John the Beloved Hall
$8 per person (Children 3 & under are free)
R.S.V.P. November 20th
Meal provided by Aramark and will consist of the following:
Pancakes, sausage patty, fresh fruit and assorted cookies
Milk, apple, orange juice and coffee
Please register for this event at: http://ow.ly/EhmB30fLW3s and make checks payable to St. John the Beloved Church. Tickets will be issued upon receipt of payment. No tickets sold at the door. Bring your camera and take your family's picture with Santa!
Have your child write Santa a letter and leave it in his special mail box that he will take with him!
Activities and crafts will be available for children!
All are invited to celebrate in your favorite pajamas.
*Information to follow in regards to a professional photographer and raffle items

Please donate to Parish Outreach:

___ canned tuna, fruit, soups, vegetables

___ boxed mac & cheese, rice, beans, pasta

___ personal hygiene items

Scan here for more information ——>
Thank You!

INSPIRE

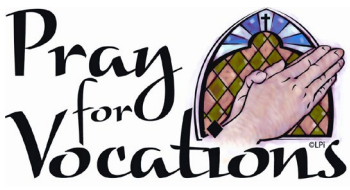
Vocations: Today's readings remind us that priests are called to serve God and His people humbly and faithfully. As we pray today for God's blessings on our priests, please pray too that God call many healthy men to serve as priests in the Diocese of Wilmington. If you think God is calling *you* to the priesthood, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

General Intersession: That as we begin National Vocation Awareness Week, that all of God's holy people examine their response to God's call and in particular send His blessings on our Catholic Elementary School Vocation Day this coming Wednesday in Dover, DE; we pray to the Lord!

This week's gospel message is reminiscent of the saying, "Do as I say, not as I do." The Pharisees, at the time of Christ, were focused on their position in society and looked for the honor and privilege that their position provided. They focused on following the letter of the law, but struggled to allow the truth to be embedded in their hearts. The Lord has provided us with rules and guidelines to follow, but if one only focuses on following them externally, one misses out on the greater truth revealed to us through Christ. These rules, that direct our behavior, should also open our hearts. Take a moment this week to reflect on your faith. Ask God to open your heart to the meaning behind the guidelines, and pray they will bring you closer to God.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS You can watch a favorite program together, but beware of TV or videos stealing time from being together.

PARENTING POINTERS Honor those you know who have died. Perhaps try a dinner prayer like, "Dear God, we thank you for the life of _____ who taught us to _____. Include pets if you wish.
by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net



Priest: Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians, and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen. (please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations.)

Prayer for Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations: O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen. (Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.)

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

Saturday, November 18, is the 2nd running of the Bishop's 5K Run/Walk for the benefit of Catholic Charities. The race will kick off at 10 am at Bellevue State Park. Following the run/walk, race participants, family, and friends are invited to take part in a fun event. To learn more about the Bishop's 5K, and learn how you can sponsor this first time event, visit Catholic Charities website at cdow.org/charities. Register for the race and the post-event celebration at bishops5K.com.

Did you know that one out of every 10 residents of the Diocese receive at least one service each year from Catholic Charities? The Bishop's 5KRun/Walk will bring attention and resources to assist Catholic Charities.

St. Helena's Old-fashioned Christmas Bazaar & Huge Flea Market, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington. Saturday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.Attic Treasures, Baked Goods, Crafts, Gifts, Book Sale, Raffles & much more! The Food Court is open all day Saturday with takeout available. Sunday Breakfast Buffet starts at 8.

Coming Up... < November >

12 ● Mass 7:30am - 8:30am @ Church ● Mass 9:30am - 10:30am @ Church ● Sunday School (R.E) 9:30am - 10:30am @ School ● Mass 11:30am - 12:30pm @ Church ● Basketball Practice (B & G) 1:00pm - 10:00pm @ Hall ● Mass 5:00pm - 6:00pm @ Church	**13** ● Daily Mass 6:30am and 8:00am 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church ● Adoration 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Church ● Cheer Practice 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Hall ● Legion of Mary 7:00pm - 9:30pm @ Vianney Sitting Rm ● RCIA 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only) ● Basketball Practice (B & G) 7:30pm - 10:00pm @ Hall	**14** ● Daily Mass 6:30am and 8:00am 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church ● Prayer Group 9:30am - 11:00am @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only) ● Leisure Group Mass 11:00am - 12:00pm @ Church ● Leisure Group Meeting 12:00pm - 2:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only) ● Basketball Practice (B & G) 6:00pm - 10:00pm @ Hall ● Deacon's Class 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only) ● Religious Education (R.E.) 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ School	**15** ● Daily Mass 6:30am and 8:00am 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church ● Knights of Columbus Dinner 6:00pm - 9:00pm @ Hall Kitchen ● Knights of Columbus Dinner 6:00pm - 9:00pm @ Hall ● Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ Church	**16** ● Daily Mass 6:30am and 8:00am 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church ● Parish Life 2:00pm - 5:00pm @ Hall Kitchen ● Cheer Practice 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Hall ● Choir Practice 6:30pm - 9:00pm @ Church ● Deacon's Class 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only) ● Basketball Practice (B & G) 7:30pm - 10:00pm @ Hall	**17** ● Daily Mass 6:30am and 8:00am 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church ● Basketball Practice (B & G) 6:00pm - 10:00pm @ Hall	**18** ● Daily Mass 8:00am 8:00am - 9:00am @ Church ● HSA Fitness Fundraiser 8:00am - 10:00am @ Hall ● Mass 5:00pm - 6:00pm @ Church
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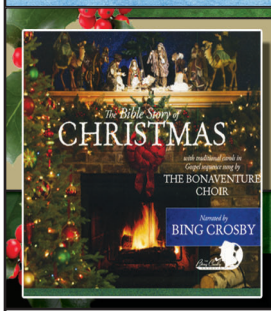

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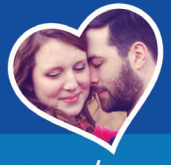
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