# St. John The BelovedParish

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

# Easter

APRIL 29, 2018

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 15:8

**Rev. Joseph Piekarski, Pastor**
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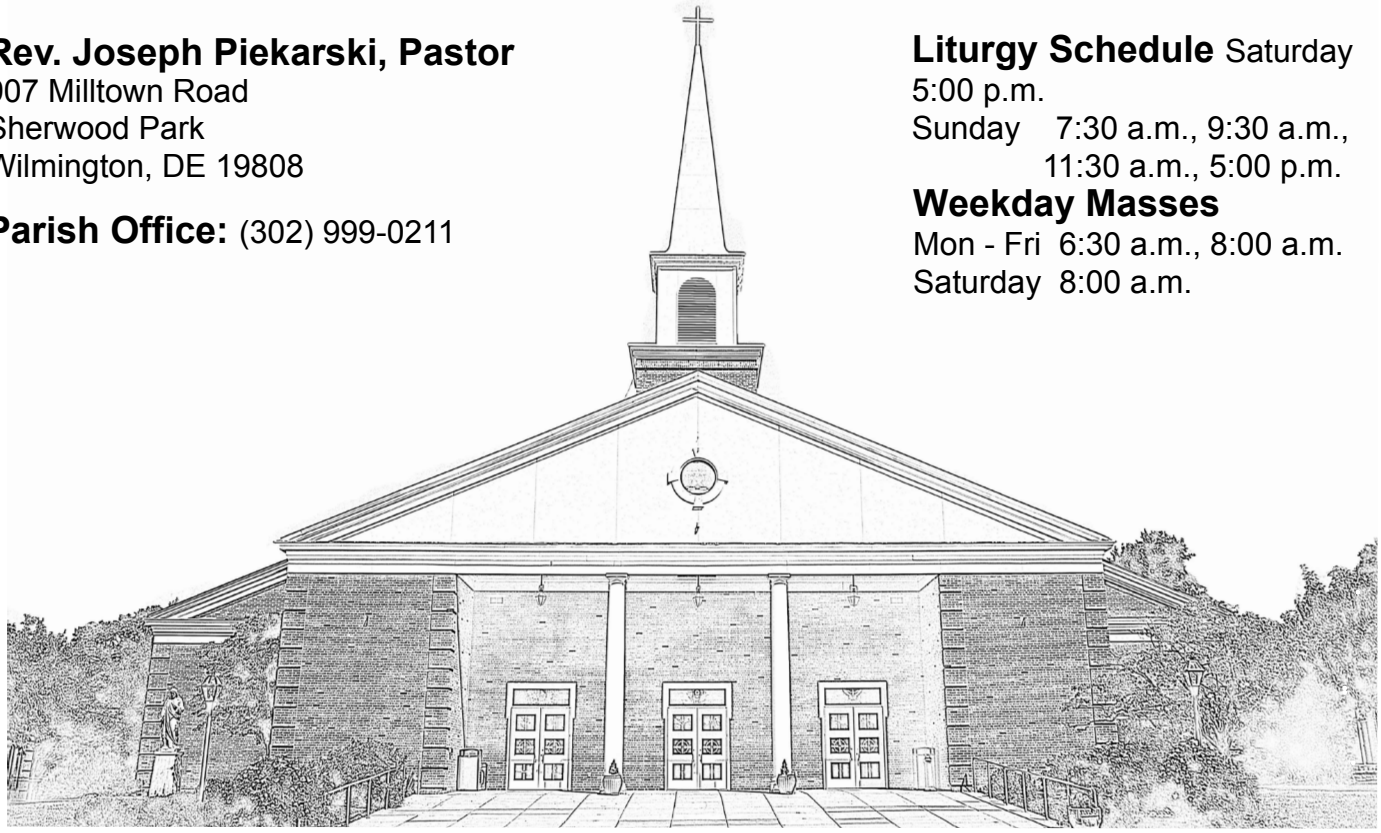
**Liturgy Schedule** Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

**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

**DEVOTIONS - Mondays**
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
Novena and Benediction, 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Prayer Group** - Tuesdays
Praise music and intercessory prayer meeting in 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

# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It is that time of the year when we get serious about planting the outside garden. Today's Gospel relates to that natural tendency to see nature grow. Our patron, Saint John, knew the Lord very well and he writes: Jesus said to His disciples, "I am the true vine, you are the branches. No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from Me." How true! A delicate seedling or even a mature plant once separated from the root and stem, withers and dies.

This Sunday is a good time to ponder the Words of Christ. Sometimes we resent being told what God expects from us, or we figure that Christ's commands are irrelevant for our times or "Me" personally. The dictates of modern life demand that I accomplish many things and be at different places and subsequently have less or no time to keep my relationship with Jesus grounded and growing. Being nourished by Word and Sacrament is not real enough to continue in "my busy life." Often, our participation in the Life of Christ loses its fervor in the grace and power that it offers when we actively live out our beliefs. For example, The Eucharist is the sacrament of immortality. It can give life or take it (I Corinthians 11:29-30).

The results are always devastating…faith is weakened, spirituality is suffocated and hope is only found in a tangible world that eventually fails us. And it doesn't take long. Just like the branch that is separated from the vine, our discipleship dries up and dies. WE cannot bear fruit that lasts forever. We fool ourselves thinking that "we are doing good for the community or others," but so often it is about serving oneself and one's ego. We have to be rooted in Jesus and be continually sustained by Him if we desire to be His disciples and bear His Fruit that lasts forever.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are with us this weekend. We welcome them and appreciate the good work they accomplish for many elderly of our community. Please support them as generously as you can.

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

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| **4/15/2018 Offertory** | $ 14,405.59 |
| Building and Maintenance | 900.00 |
| Easter | 975.00 |
| St. Vincent De Paul | 650.00 |
| Other | 206.06 |
| **TOTAL:** | **$ 17,136.65** |

Welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish. TO become a member, 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!

We're pleased to announce, St. John the Beloved now supports online giving. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation ,Getting started is easy. When you participate your gift will transfer directly to the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember "tap MAC" or stop at the ATM before Mass. Visit SJBDE.org for more information.

If you would like your child to receive the sacrament of Baptism, please call the parish office at (302) 999-0211 between 8:30 a.m. -and 6:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Older children and adults seeking this Sacrament should contact the parish office.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
### WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2018

**Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter**
7:30 Eugene Paoli, Sr.
9:30 Lee & Elizabeth Allen
11:30 Martha Keeley
5:00 Dr. Prudencio Abad

**Monday: St. Pius V**
6:30 Edward Andred
8:00 Gene Whitfield

**Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker**
6:30 Bunny McPolin
8:00 James Murray

**Wednesday: St. Athanasius**
6:30 Mary Shenton
8:00 Neal Breslin

**Thursday: Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer**
6:30 Patricia Maher-Thompson
8:00 Charles & Alberta Oldiges

**Friday: First Friday**
6:30 Marietta Bennett
8:00 Joseph Sparacino

**Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo**
8:00 Adeline Sarro
Stanley Trzonkowski, Jr.
Francine Allonardo
Dawn McCaleb (Living)
Al Radziewicz
5:00 Theresa & Joseph Schiavello

**Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter**
7:30 Our Parish Family
9:30 Kathleen Hughes
11:30 Elisa Quattrociocchi
5:00 Alfred Donofrio

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
**Tuesday**: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17

# SJB SCHOOL NEWS

At St. John the Beloved School, March 14 was a "Walk Up Day" instead of a "Walk Out Day"! A prayer service for peace with Middle School students was held in our Church.

After entering, everyone sang the Gathering Hymn: "Prayer of St. Francis". As the Prayer Service began, Principal R. D. Hart spoke on the importance of peace in our world, in our communities, in our schools, and for victims of violence everywhere. He told the students that they must be an agent for change as change is desperately needed in the world today. We must practice heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be all inclusive. Mr. Hart quoted one of his personal heroes, Ghandi: "If you want to see change, be the change that you wish to see in the world."

The Prayer Service ended with the Sending Hymn: "We are the Light of the World". Mr. Hart asked the students to exit quietly and reflect on the message that they just heard.

"O God, our Protector and the source of all light, amidst the darkness that sometimes exists in this world, we remain hopeful because you are with us always. Give us confidence in your constant presence and daily concern for us, and help us to be a living example of your love, light, and compassion."

# FAITH FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – VBS – COME JOIN THE FUN All children entering grades pre-K through 4th grade are welcome. Save the date, VBS runs Monday, June 25 - Friday, June 29, 9 a.m till 11:30 a.m. Our theme is "Babylon- Daniel's Courage in Captivity".

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**Let us *Rejoice in the Lord!* Our Diocese is 150 years old!** For video highlights of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th Anniversary Opening Mass, a calendar of coming events, information about our Historic Churches Pilgrimage Program, *Convocation 150* coming on November 3rd, links, videos, podcasts, and more, go to www.cdow.org/150th. Also, follow all the action on social media at www.facebook.com/cdow150th, and @CDOW150th on Twitter and Instagram.

# PARISH NEWS

**Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule:**

**Eucharistic Ministers May 3 / 4**

Sandwich donations are welcome from all parishioners. Deliver to the hall kitchen door Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:00 p.m. and Friday morning before 9:30 a.m. at the Outreach Office. Sandwiches are taken to the Emmanuel Dining Room to help feed those in need. We are most in need of sandwiches on the 1st and 4th Fridays of the month.

**St. John the Beloved Lazarus Ministry is Expanding**

Do you feel a particular calling to help those who have just lost a loved one in our parish? If so, the Lazarus Ministry, a Bereavement Ministry at St. JTB, is growing and looking for you! This is an excellent opportunity to reach out to those whose hearts are grieving. Perhaps you have lost someone dear in the past and received help from family, friends or even the Lazarus Ministry and wish to continue the cycle of giving. This is not a support group; but rather, a ministry of caring for people who wish to communicate with the grieving via cards and phone calls. It requires a minimal investment of time, limited to making phone calls and sending out cards. Instruction and training are provided. If you feel this is something you might be interested in, please call Wanda to learn more: 502-2766.

**Flowers at the Holy Family Shrine** are in memory of PFC Roy M. Jones Jr.

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**St. John the Beloved Parish will be offering a support group for parishioners who have lost a loved one.** If you feel as though you need support, guidance, or simply someone to talk to that understands your sense of loss, please consider coming to our weekly support group sessions. The sessions will be led by Dr. Regina Giannone-Tyler EdD, an educator who has been working with grieving families for decades. The support group will be held on Thursday April 26, Thursday May 3, Thursday May 10, and Thursday May 17 all at 5:00pm in the Vianney House Conference Room. Refreshments will be provided by Mealey Funeral Homes and Crematory. Please RSVP to the St. John the Beloved Parish Office at (302) 999-0211.

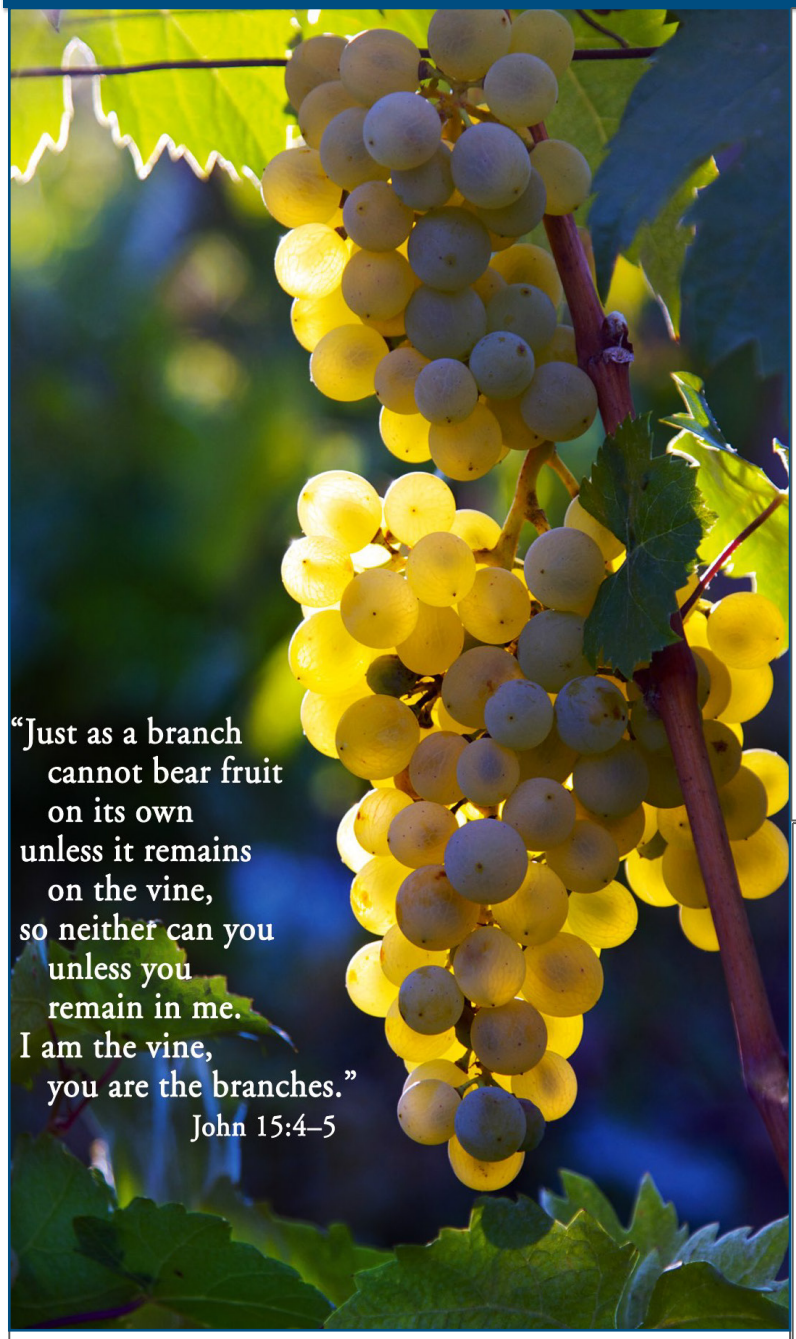
**8th Grade Sports Banquet** A special evening to honor all 8th grade SJB and Religious Education athletes will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30pm in the hall. All athletes who participated in the SJB sports programs this year are invited to attend. The event includes dinner, awards, and a video presentation. All coaches are encouraged to attend this event to support the athletic program while honoring the athletes. Please contact Nicole Guariano at 369-2913 for tickets and information. The tickets are $8.50 each and should be purchased in advance. All 8th grade athletes receive a complimentary ticket.

**Please Donate to Parish Outreach:**

___ canned meat, tuna, vegetables, fruit and soups
___ boxed mac & cheese
___ rice, beans, pasta
___ personal hygiene items
___ cleaning supplies

**Scan here for more information —> Thank you for your generosity!**

# AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON




Padua Academy is seeking a full-time Director of Campus Ministry who is responsible for the overall spiritual life of the school community. Responsibilities include coordinating liturgies and prayer services, retreats, daily prayer, and service trips as well as training student ministers for the role of Eucharistic minister, music minister, lector, altar server, and retreat leader. For further details and information on the position and how to apply, go to their website at www.paduaacademy.org.

**Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser**

A Flapjack Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Applebee's, 320 Dove Run Centre Blvd, Middletown. The unlimited buffet includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for children. A gift basket raffle will also be held during the event. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit The Old Bohemia Historical Society whose mission is to restore and maintain St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD. The breakfast is made possible through the generosity of Applebee's. To purchase tickets, please call Kathy Ursitti at 302.530.9206 or send an email to OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door during the event.

**Italo-Americans United, Inc.** In 1977, a group of individuals in Delaware of Italian descent gathered to form a non-profit organization, now known as Italo-Americans United. IAMU is currently seeking new membership. We are looking for Young Adults of Italian heritage (although not required, but you must appreciate Italian culture and customs) to seek interest in our organization. Throughout the past 30 years, we have actively supported Italians and others in our community through activities such as Social Picnics, Mass and Breakfast for deceased members, Wine Tastings, Regional Food Tastings, Pasta Dinners, Entertainment, and many more Social Events. We need YOU and your NEW ideas! What do YOU think Young Adults would like? Membership is $40 per year and includes many benefits. Contact Anthony Giliberto Jr 302-218-2009 for an Application and additional information.

# INSPIRE

**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.

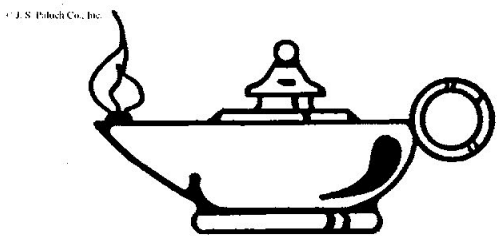
**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:

**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.)

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**



COMMITTED TO TRUTH

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**
**April 29, 2018**

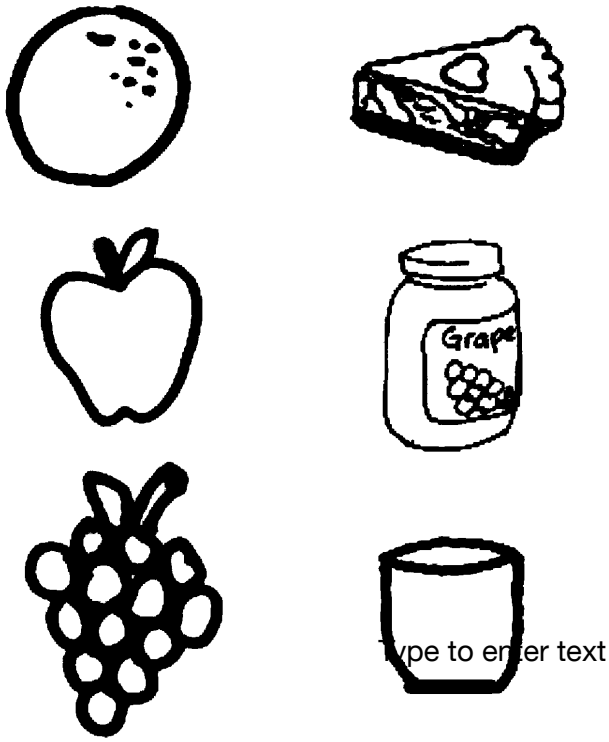
Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

*— 1 John 3:18*

# GOD's WORD FOR CHILDREN

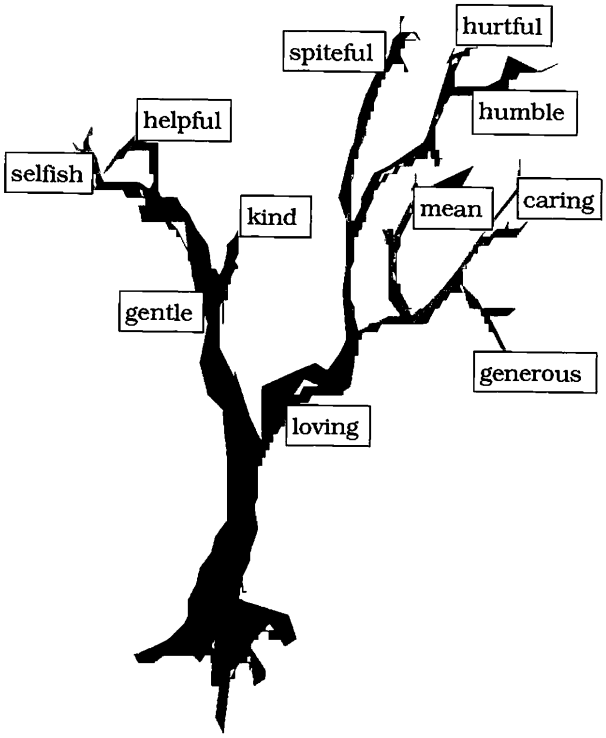
*"Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."*

Directions: Match the food/drink with the fruit it came from.




*Anyone who does not remain in Jesus will be like dead branches, thrown out and burned.*

Directions: Circle the branches that would be thrown in the fire.




## Our 52nd Annual St. John the Beloved Carnival will begin on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Save the date for a week of fun, food, games, music, and of course carnival rides.

Carnival hours are 6 – 10 p.m., Monday through Friday and 6 - 11 p.m. on Saturday. *Family night is Tuesday, June 5, which includes unlimited rides for $20.00 and Thursday, June 7, is Alumni night with drink and food specials all night.

The carnival is a great opportunity for families, friends, and neighbors to get together and help out by becoming carnival workers. A great variety of volunteers are needed to assist in the various activities before, during and after the carnival. No experience is necessary and the kids can use your help.

There are many ways that you can be involved in this year's carnival. We need everyone's help to make this year's carnival another success. Sign up online to help at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aa9ad2ca1ff2-2018

If you have any questions about volunteering for the carnival, email to sjbcarnival@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your help with this year's carnival!

- Carnival Committee

# Coming Up… May 2018 SJBDE Calendar

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| 3 | **THURSDAY**<br>Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church<br>Rehearsal for 2 p.m. First Communion Liturgy 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ Church<br>St. Vincent De Paul Society 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Vianney Conference Rm |
| 4 | **FRIDAY**<br>Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church |
| 5 | **SATURDAY**<br>Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. @ Church<br>First Communion Mass: 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. @ Church<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00pm - 4:45pm @ Church<br>Mass 5:00 p.m. @ Church |
| 6 | **SUNDAY**<br>Mass 7:30 a.m. @ Church<br>Mass 9:30 a.m. @ Church<br>Mass w/ music by St. John the Beloved Adult Choir 11:30 a.m.@ Church<br>Mass 5:00 p.m. @ Church |
| 7 | **MONDAY**<br>Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church<br>Adoration 6 p.m. @ Church<br>Legion of Mary 7 p.m. @ Vianney Sitting Rm |
| 8 | **TUESDAY**<br>Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church<br>Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only)<br>Leisure Group Mass 11:00 am - 12:00 pm @ Church<br>Leisure Group Meeting 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only) |
| 9 | **WEDNESDAY**<br>Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church<br>Parents w/ Young Children Ministry Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm @ School Library |
| 10 | **THURSDAY**<br>Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church<br>Choir Practice 6:30pm - 9:00pm @ Church<br>HSA Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ School Faculty Lounge |
| 11 | **FRIDAY**<br>Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church |
| 12 | **SATURDAY**<br>Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. @ Church<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00pm - 4:45pm @ Church |

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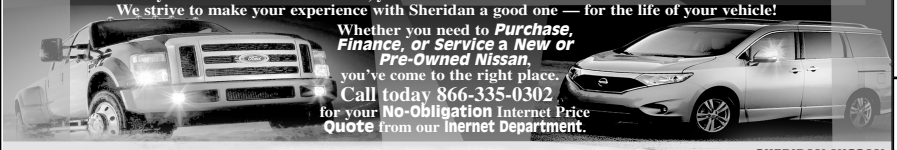

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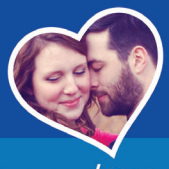

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