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Find Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Server Schedules online at <a href="https://www.sjbde.org/liturgical-schedules">www.sjbde.org/liturgical-schedules</a>.



To receive, or have your child receive the **Sacrament of Baptism**, please call the Parish Office at (302) 999-0211.

## 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.

Charismatic Prayer Group Meets Tuesdays 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Praise music, bible reflections, and intercessory prayer in St. John Bosco Conference Room. 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.

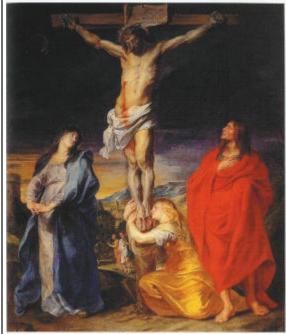
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# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dweifbriow by Anthony van Dyck, 1630, oil, Louvre, Paris, France

We just celebrated this week, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and then the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. These feasts commemorate the finding of the true cross, in Jerusalem, by Saint Helena; followed by the sorrowful presence of Mary at the foot of the cross. Both days point to the suffering of redemption. It was on the wood of the cross, a tree commonly used daily in the Roman regions, where criminals were executed publicly. Precisely there, Jesus took upon Himself our sins and suffered brutally for our salvation. Standing with Him was His Mother. She suffered the agony of witnessing her Son's humiliating, cruel death. Her tears were not only of a mother but that of the first disciple of Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading, was ready to embrace whatever humiliation and pain that following God might entail. He is willing to offer his back to those who beat him and his cheeks to those who pluck his beard. This passage is called the "Suffering Servant" of the one who is

convinced that God will help him in spite of his troubles.

Every one of us has troubles. Those who are followers of Christ will, indeed, know the cost of following Him. We just celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> and recall the multitude of good people who were consumed by that terrorism. These past months disclosed even more horrific accounts of children, young people and their loved ones who suffer from abuse by clergy. The increasing loss of too many from the epidemic of addictions and suicide is a chronic social suffering. The lack of necessities to simply live plagues thousand throughout the world and in our neighborhoods and make innocent people suffer.

The sufferings and answers are complicated and all of us empathize with Saint Peter today when, after Jesus foretold His passion and death, Peter says: "God forbid, Lord that anything should happen to you." Jesus' rebuke must have stung Peter terribly. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter thought that happiness could come without a price. He was not ready to put up a fight against evil nor suffer for something that was infinitely greater than this life.

As followers of Christ, we have to be willing to sacrifice the happiness of this world for the sake of the Kingdom of God. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. But whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel will save it."

We celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** this weekend to honor everyone who follows in the footsteps of Jesus by passing on, in word and example, the lessons from Jesus. Appreciation is extended to our School Principal, Director of Religious Education, RCIA team, all teachers in various programs and all those who volunteer to pass on to the new generation, the deposit of faith.

Flowers at the Holy Family Shrine are in memory of Peter & Frances Piekarski & Family.

Welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish. Please visit <u>SJBDE.org</u> and click "Connect Now" to become a member of our faith community. Registered parishioners can obtain letters of eligibility to be Godparents and sponsors. If you have already registered with the Parish Office, please take a minute to update your information online. Thank you!



Have you signed up for online giving? **Parish Online Giving** is an easy way to automate your offertory, second collection, and holy day contributions. You set the dollar amount and determine how to allocate your contributions. Questions? Call the parish office at 999-0211. Visit <u>SJBDE.org</u> for more information. We appreciate all you do for our Parish. Thank you.

# Readings for the Week of September 16

**Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/

Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,

10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3,

4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5,

12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,

28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt

9:9-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12,

13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

[6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

# Saints and Special Observances Week of September 9, 2018

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

7:30 Eugene Paoli, Sr. 9:30 John E. Kyle, Jr. 11:30 Virgilio Abad 5:00 Our Parish Family

Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

of the Church 6:30 Maria D'Souza

8:00 Francis & Marie Murray

**Tuesday:** 6:30 Louise Tolino

8:00 James V. Allen

Wednesday: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 Gerard Raymond Crotty

8:00 Patrick Mulvena

Thursday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 Ruth Beverin 8:00 Michael Goetz

Friday: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

6:30 Agnes Dworsky

8:00 Dorothy Saypack

Saturday: 8:00 Eileen Hemphill

Ruth Beverin

Gerald J. Mulvena Lawrence Okoniewski Christian Anderson Michael Medkeff, Jr.

5:00 Our Parish Family

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Marie Episcopo

9:30 Antoinette 'Nin' DiAmico 11:30 Emma Jane Fiorelli 5:00 Joseph Brunozzi

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

# 9/2/2018 Offertory

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Other	243.09
St. Vincent De Paul	289.00
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	81.00

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# **PARISH NEWS**





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## Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule: September 21 & 22 Parish Life —

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.

If you have an affinity for sacred scripture, the written Word of God, and would like to share that talent by proclaiming it to the congregation, please consider joining the lector organization at St. John the Beloved. Being a "story teller" for God can be very uplifting, and very challenging to one's faith, but also very satisfying. There is informal "on the job" training provided, along with aids, such as "The Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers", and other materials. Typically, people will lector about 2-3 times per month. The scheduling is set up to insure that an individual lectors at one's preferred time(s). If you are interested in learning about being a member of this important part of the liturgy, please contact the parish office (999-0211), and leave your name and phone number. You will then be contacted.

# PLEASE USE OTHER ENTRANCE DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER. THANK YOU!

## NOTICE:

You may noticed that the side door at the rear of the church is periodically out of service and blocked off with yellow caution tape. Blame the weather. There is no problem when we get normal rainfall. However, when we have torrential rains (1" to 3" per hour) with flash flood warnings, the water overwhelms the drainage system and comes in under that door. It is sealed in advance to prevent water damage to the carpet and the tape is removed when the threat passes.

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Share in the Spirit: Next week, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. Since the Church has the mission to educate and since this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education. Consider supporting next week's Share in the Spirit collection. God bless you for your goodness.

# **SCHOOL NEWS**



Now in seventh grade, Amelia Maguire and Peyton Bale represented the state of Delaware this past June at the University of Maryland for the National History Day competition. The girls competed in the exhibit and website categories, respectively. Both girls competed against students and their projects from all 50 states and beyond. Congratulations to Amelia and Peyton for their outstanding projects, a wonderful experience at the national competition, and an overall job well done!...Mr. R. Costello, Gr. 6 teacher.

Claire Smith received Honorary Mention in our Community Contest entitled "Cultivating Peace through Faith, Culture, and Beauty". The art teacher had the children work on the posters in class.

Congratulations Claire!

# **FAITH FORMATION**

Our Sunday School is still accepting registrations for our 4-year old and Kindergarten program. Have you registered? Class time is from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. every Sunday starting on 9-16. More information is available online at <a href="SJBDE.org">SJBDE.org</a>. Please do not hesitate to contact the Religious Education office at 302-994-7757 with questions, or email dballintyn@sjbde.org.

**Sept. 23- All youth in grades 6th through 10th grade students are invited** to the 5 p.m. mass on 9-23 and then to our opening meeting in the hall where we will gather for dinner, games and discussion of the year. We have a great year planned and look forward to seeing you at our kick-off event. Visit https://sjbde.org/youth-ministry-1 to learn more. Questions, please contact the RE office at lballintyn@sjbde.org. Blessings for a wonderful school year ahead.

# Couples considering marriage at Saint John the Beloved Parish Please complete our online Wedding Form one year in advance of the possible date for the Sacrament.Attendance in

- · Diocesan Pre-Cana Classes and
- Stage Three Sponsor Couple Program are both required.

  Refer our <u>Wedding Booklet</u> online at <u>SJBDE.org</u> for detailed information.



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John Fisher

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De'Souza Family (living)





**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.

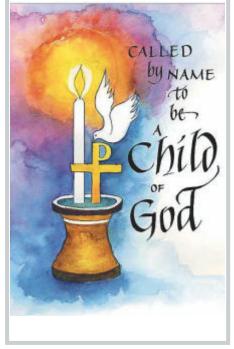
**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children. **All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

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.)

We rejoice with the families of our little ones who were recently welcomed to God's family by their Baptism at Saint John the Beloved Parish

John Angelo Colicchio Zachary Tyler Majcen Cyrilla Jade Burgess Ellyanna Bleu Katona Matthew-Reign Avila Olivia Annemarie Nestor Sutton D'Annibale Smith Jackson Elijah Carr Luke Edward Lewicki



The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington is committed to the continuous protection of children from an unsafe environment. *For the Sake of God's Children* is a program focused on the continuous development of a safe environment in our communities. The program has three major components:

- Conducting Background Checks for Church Personnel
- Ethical and Behavioral Standards for Church Personnel
- Safe Environments

St. John the Beloved Parish is in compliance with the Diocesan standards. For detailed information, processes and resources concerning this program, please go to The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington www.cdow.org *For the Sake of God's Children.* 

# **INSPIRE**

## Vocations:

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah says, "The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back." Please pray for our seminarians, that as they work through the sometimes difficult and strenuous process of priestly formation, they may continue to experience God's call and keep their eyes on His plan for them. And if you think you might have a vocation to priesthood or religious life, please call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

## **General Intercessions:**

That, among those who believe in the Son of God, many might hear His invitation to priesthood, the diaconate and religious life, we pray to the Lord!

**Marriage Moments**: Research studies show that men who kiss their wives before leaving in the morning live 5 years longer than those who don't. Although I haven't done the research, I suppose this works in the reverse too (wives kissing their husbands before leaving).

**Parenting Pointers:** School is in full swing for most families. Even if your child is too young for school remember this maxim: It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters. This applies to parents and children too.

By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

# AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** – A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be November 2-4, 2018 in Rehobeth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website at <a href="www.wwme-delmar.org">www.wwme-delmar.org</a> or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay!

The Diocesan Vocations Guild is sponsoring, on October 7, 2018 a trip to the "Shower of Roses" celebration at the Carmelite Monastery, Coopersburg, PA. There will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St. Therese of Lisieux, and a solemn procession to the Blessed Mother's Statue in the yard, and each pilgrim receives a rose. Visit the incorrupt tomb of the foundress, Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus. Food will be available in the cafeteria. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$30.00 per person. Meet at the Riverfront Shipyard Parking Lot A at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Mary Gaworski @ 302-438-6969 or email: mares7963@aol.com for more.

# CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL 50th Year reunion for Class of 1968

Classmates and friends of the Corpus Christi High School Class of 1968 are welcome to join us on Saturday, November 24, 2018 for a reunion celebration. Please contact Gretchen Bradshaw Taylor: taylorg104@netscape.net 302-995-1994 or Kathy Jordan Wisniewski: wisnkat.50@yahoo.com.

# **Coming Up...**

# September 2018 #SJBDE Calendar

#### 23 SUNDAY

Mass 7:30am - 8:30am @ Church Mass 9:30am - 10:30am @ Church Sunday School RE 9:30am - 10:30am

Mass w/ music by St. John the Beloved Adult Choir 11:30am - 12:30pm @ Church

Mass 5:00pm - 6:00pm @ Church

Youth Ministry Meeting Open House for all 6th-10th grade students 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Hall

#### **MONDAY** 24

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church Adoration & Novena 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Church Volleyball 6:00pm - 10:00pm @ Hall RCIA 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only)

#### 25 **TUESDAY**

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church Charismatic Prayer Group 9:45am - 11:00am @ Bosco Conference Rm Religious Education 6:30pm - 7:30pm @ School Volleyball 7:30pm - 10:00pm @ Hall

#### 26 WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church Parish Life 3:30pm - 5:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm Christian Formation Committee 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ Vianney Conference Rm Volleyball 6:00pm - 10:00pm @ Hall

#### 27 **THURSDAY**

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church Bible Study 9:30am - 11:00am @ Bosco Conference Rm Cheerleading 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Hall Bible Study 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Church Volleyball 7:30pm - 10:00pm @ Hall

#### **FRIDAY** 28

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. 6:30am - 8:45am @ Church CYM Volleyball 6:30pm - 10:00pm @ Hall

#### 29 SATURDAY

Daily Mass 8:00am 8:00am - 9:00am @ Church CYM Volleyball 8:00am - 12:00pm @ Hall Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00pm - 4:45pm @ Church Mass 5:00pm - 6:00pm @ Church

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