

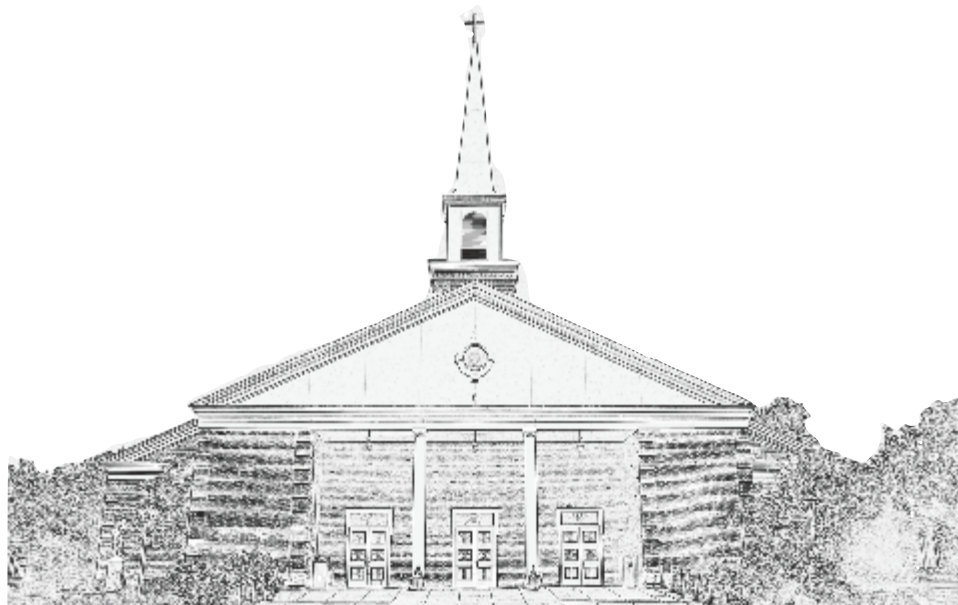
St. John The Beloved Parish

Sunday, January 13, 2019



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc



Pastor: Rev. Joseph Piekarski

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.

Parish Office:

907 Milltown Road

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Wilmington, DE 19808

(302) 999-0211

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

We extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors, and thank you for sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist with us this weekend. We sincerely hope that you enjoy your visit and come back in the not-too-distant future.

CHURCH STAFF

Very Rev. Joseph Piekarski, V.F., Pastor
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 Rev. Lance Martin, Associate Pastor
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Server Schedules are posted online at SJBDE.org/liturgical-schedules.

For more information, please visit SJBDE.org.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class please call the Parish Office at (302) 999-0211.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please complete our online Wedding Form at SJBDE.org 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 — Monday**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 6:00 p.m.
 Novena & 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.

Lazarus Ministry is a ministry of caring people who reach out to those who have lost a loved one buried from our Church in the past year. Help from the comfort of your own home.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Many Greek Orthodox parishes celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by recreating the scene by having a boy jump into a pool or body of water. He arises from the water with a cross representing Jesus who at His baptism, by John the Baptist, publicly accepted His mission that would end with the cross. Like last week's feast of the arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord is an Epiphany... identifying Who Jesus is...the Divine King, the Savior of the World, God's Beloved Son.

Today's feast encourages us to reflect on the main mission God has assigned for each of us. Our main mission in life is to love God with our whole mind, our whole heart and our whole soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Each of us are called to do this in a way that is most in keeping with our spiritual individuality, our unique reflection of God...marriage, priesthood and consecrated religious life, single or widowed life.

From there, our missions are even more diversified with family responsibilities, careers, talents and even particular situations that rely solely on us. Many times, God gives us a mission when we least expect it and simply cannot ignore. God's plan is that you and I will make a difference in the world by gifting the world with the unique reflection of His love that only each of us could provide. In many ways, you and I might be the only place where others meet God by meeting us.

Jesus entered the waters of baptism in order to accept the mission the Father had set for Him. We also share the same baptism and call to mission where the Lord needs us. We pray that we may be open, aware and determined to complete the course of action that fulfills our destination.

The **Christmas Season ends this Sunday evening.** Thank you, again, for all that you have contributed in allowing all of us to have a wonderful Christmas Season. This weekend is the last chance to visit the crèche. The Christmas display will be disassembled this week.

Welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish.

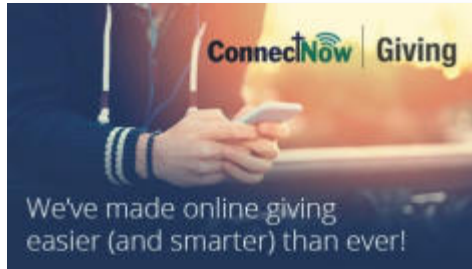
To register to become a member of our faith community, please visit SJBDE.org and click "Connect Now." If you are already registered with our Parish Office, please take a minute to check and update your information online. Only registered parishioners may obtain letters of eligibility to be Godparents and sponsors. We appreciate your assistance.

Thank you!

Have you tried Online Giving?

Online Giving is an easy way to automate your offertory, second collection, and holy day contributions. You

set the amount and determine how to allocate your contributions. Visit SJBDE.org for more information. We appreciate all you do for our Parish. Thank you.

**Readings for the week of January 13, 2019**

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish as part of your gift to God for the good things God has given you. 12/30/2018

Offertory	\$ 12, 917.92
Building & Maintenance	378.00
Christmas	2, 320.00
Other	798.24
December Online Giving	14, 463.58
Parish Collections	\$ 30, 877.74

Saints and Special Observances Week of January 13, 2019

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
9:30 a.m.	William F. Matt
11:30 a.m.	Dorothy P. Saypack
5:00 p.m.	Al & Eleanor Franklin

Monday:

6:30 a.m.	Frank Monaco
8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Purcell Family

Tuesday:

6:30 a.m.	Stephen Dobraniecki
8:00 a.m.	William F. Matt

Wednesday:

6:30 a.m.	Ralph Minchini
8:00 a.m.	George Coburn

Thursday: St. Anthony, Abbot

6:30 a.m.	Steven Bendistis
8:00 a.m.	Phil Muhlmichl

Friday:

6:30 a.m.	Demetrio Fortugno
8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Di Ienno

Saturday:

8:00 a.m.	Eugene Ruff
	Marie Wisniewski
	Gabriel Smallwood
	Janis Prosceno
	Nicole DeAngelo
	Kitsey Kiley
5:00 p.m.	Victoria & Joseph Piekarski

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.	Stanley Vible
9:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
11:30 a.m.	William F. Matt
5:00 p.m.	Constance Ianni

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MERELY THE ABSENCE
OF TENSION; IT IS
THE PRESENCE OF
JUSTICE.

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PARISH NEWS

JANUARY YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING



We are going to relax in January with a movie, friends, and food. Come **join us on January 27, 2019 after the 5 p.m. mass in the Bosco Conference room.** We look forward to having you as part of our fantastic evening of good times. Please RSVP by January 24, 2019 to reled@sjbde.org so that we are ready with lots of drinks, snacks, and other delicious treats. The movie we watch will be decided by the group (from a preselected group of movies) so gather a group to choose a funny and entertaining film that you want to see. We hope to see returning members as well as new friends too.

St. John the Beloved Council Knights of Columbus



SOUP'ER BOWL SUNDAY Food Drive



February 2nd and 3rd – All Masses

All donations benefit St. John the Beloved Parish Outreach.

Items most needed: Canned meat, Tuna, Vegetables, Fruit and Soups, Boxed mac & cheese, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Personal hygiene items, Baby diapers, Toilet tissue



Ministry of Caring Sandwich Donations

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

Please Donate to Parish Outreach:

- ___ canned soup, fruit, and vegetables
- ___ mac & cheese, rice, beans, pasta
- ___ peanut butter and jelly
- ___ tuna, canned meats
- ___ breakfast cereal
- ___ household cleaner, laundry detergent
- ___ personal hygiene products (toothpaste)

Visit sjbde.org/outreach for more information.

THANK YOU!

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED SCHOOL NEWS

Have you ever heard of Steampunk? It is a subgenre of science fiction that incorporates technology and designs inspired by 19th century industrial steam-powered machinery. Taking away the word “punk”, St. John the Beloved School is embarking on its own exciting and innovative STEAM program.

The administration and staff at SJB are excited to share some exciting news with you. We are always trying to provide your child with the best education, keeping up with the newest tools to advance our students. A team made up of administrators and teachers has been formed to introduce our school to a new program. The program is called STEAM. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. The goal is for our students to integrate these subjects so students can engage in learning experiences that allow them to make real life connections.

Keep an eye out for STEAM activities posted on the SJB website. We hope to bring the excitement of STEAM to you! As always, God bless you for your continued support and interest in our school. We couldn't do it without you!

OPEN HOUSE & ENROLLMENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 6:30 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL

3 & 4 Yr. Old Early Childhood, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 - 8 applications are now being accepted for the 2019-20 school year.

All families interested in registering their NEW STUDENTS for the 3 & 4 year old Early Childhood and Kindergarten programs, and all NEW families for Grades 1 - 8 for the 2019-20 School Year:

Please call Mrs. Breznitsky in the Admissions office at 998-5525 ext. 200 if you have any questions. You can complete our online application form from our website www.sjbdel.org. Please return this form along with the \$200.00 non-refundable application fee per child, a copy of their baptismal certificate if baptized in another parish, a copy of their latest progress report, and a copy of their DE state Childfind Screening (for Kindergartners only) to the School Office as soon as possible.

We are filling up fast so please submit your applications as soon as possible!

REQUIREMENTS FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLD EARLY CHILDHOOD ADMISSION:

- Students must be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2019 and toilet trained (no Pull-ups)
- Application form and non-refundable \$200.00 Application fee per child.
- Copy of Baptismal certificate (only if baptized in another parish).

REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION:

- Student must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2019.
- Application form and non-refundable \$200.00 Application fee per child.
- Copy of Baptismal certificate (only if baptized in another parish).
- Copy of Childfind Screening (if done in your current school).
- Copy of Progress Report from current school.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW FAMILY GRADES 1 - 8 ADMISSION:

- Application form and non-refundable \$200.00 Application fee per child.
- Copy of Baptismal certificate (only if baptized in another parish).
- Copy of latest report card.
- Copy of latest TerraNova or state testing.

Please visit our website www.sjbdel.org for more information.

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the **March for Life** held on **Friday, January 18, 2019 in Washington DC**. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended. Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-239-0739 for details or to sign up. The theme for this year's March is **"Unique from Day One"**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!

PADUA ACADEMY THEATRE PRESENTS:

Anything Goes

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY KYLE FRITZER
ORIGINAL BOOK BY F.C. THOMPSON & GARY BRILTON
AND HOWARD LINDLEY & BOBBI LINDLEY
NEW BOOK BY THEATRE CRAFTS & JOHN WOODMAN

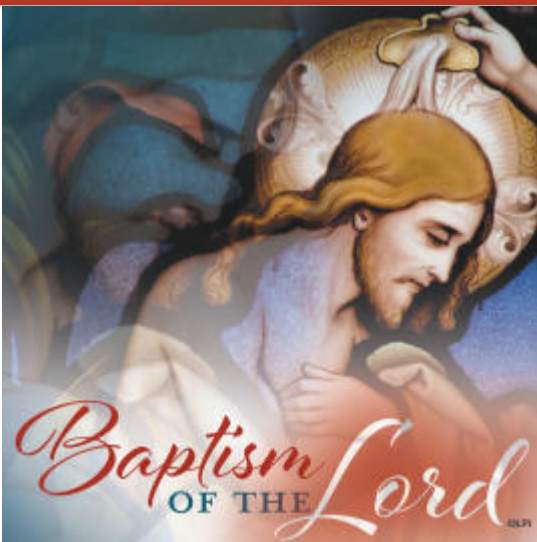


February 15th and 16th at 7:30
February 17th at 2:00

TICKETS \$10

Shows take place in the Padua Academy Cafetorium
<https://padua-academy-theatre.ticketleap.com>

INSPIRE



Vocations:

That God's beloved sons and daughters be conscious of the gift of the Holy Spirit Who has been given to them, and that many respond to the Lord's invitation to minister as priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord!

General Intercessions:

In baptism, women and men are made part of the Body of Christ. God calls some of the baptized to serve the rest of His people as priests, sisters and brothers. Is He calling you? Think so? Unsure? 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!

Marriage Moments: Even if you've already broken some New Year's resolutions, recommit to putting your beloved first - in words, in acts of kindness, in attention.

Parenting Pointers: If your children are old enough, recount with them the story of their baptism. Tell the story of your own baptism as you heard it from your parents.

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

GOSPEL MEDITATION: Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N
H O L Y S P I R I T O
E H A I T O S U F A M
J N E G Y W A T E R E
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Mission for the Week

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

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Growing with the
GOSPEL



Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 ■ Baptism of the Lord

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Read the Gospel and Color



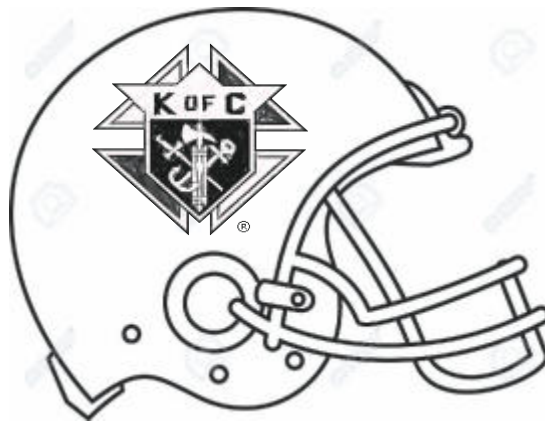
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This Week...**January 2019****#SJBDE Calendar****13 SUNDAY**

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meets 7:30 a.m. @ Church
 Mass 7:30 a.m. @ Church
 Mass 9:30 a.m. @ Church
 Sunday School RE 9:30am - 10:30 a.m.
 Mass w/ Music by St. John the Beloved Adult Choir 11:30 a.m. @ Church
 Mass 5 p.m. @ Church
 SJB Basketball Tournament 6:00 p.m. @ Hall

**14 MONDAY**

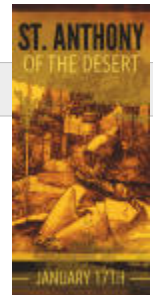
Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Adoration & Novena 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. @ Church
 SJB Basketball Tournament 6:00 p.m. @ Hall
 Youth Team Leaders Meeting 6:00 p.m. @ Vianney Conference Rm
 Legion of Mary 7:00 p.m. @ Vianney Sitting Rm
 RCIA 7:00 p.m. @ Bosco Conference Rm

15 TUESDAY

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Charismatic Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. @ Bosco Conference Rm
 SJB Basketball Tournament 6:00 p.m. @ Hall
 Religious Education 6:30 p.m. @ School

16 WEDNESDAY

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Women's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. @ Bosco Conference Rm
 SJB Basketball Tournament 6:00 p.m. @ Hall

**17 THURSDAY**

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Parents with Young Children Ministry 5:45 p.m. @ School Library
 SJB Basketball Tournament 6:00 p.m. @ Hall
 Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. @ Church

18 FRIDAY

Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 SJB Basketball Tournament 6:00 p.m. @ Hall

19 SATURDAY

Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 SJB Basketball Tournament 6:00 p.m. @ Hall
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. - 4:45pm @ Church
 Mass 5:00 p.m. @ Church

*Reconciliation*For daily information and inspiration go to SJBDE.org.

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