

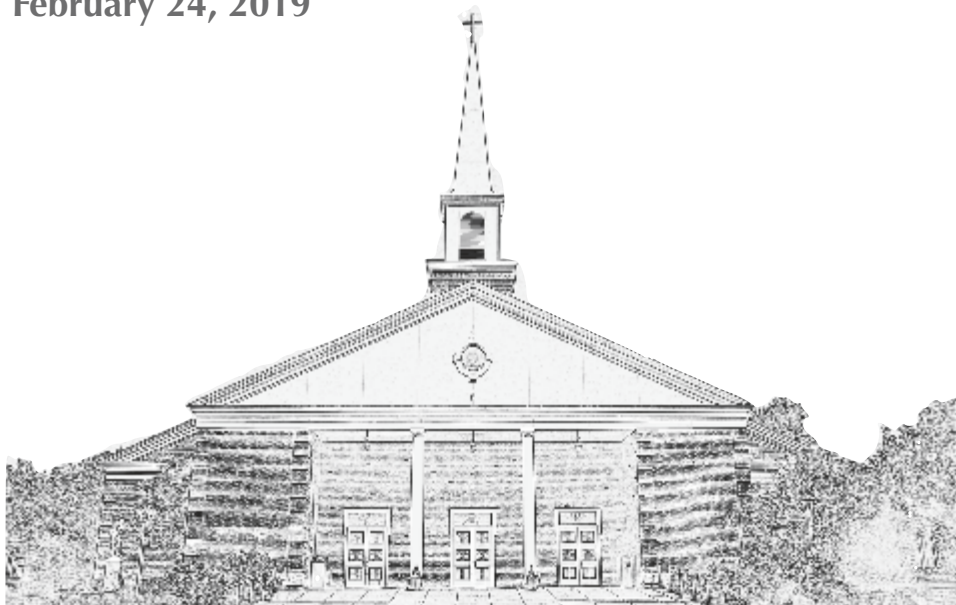
St. John The Beloved Parish



7th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

February 24, 2019



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.

Saturday 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 soon.

CHURCH STAFF

Very Rev. Joseph Piekarski, V.F., Pastor
 Rev. Christopher Coffey, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Lance Martin, Associate Pastor
 Deacon Thomas A. Bailey
 Deacon Dennis Wuebbels
 Deacon Mark Fontana
 Mr. Frank Julian, Parish Administrator
 Mrs. Sue O'Hanlon, Bookkeeper
 Dr. Lisa Papili Carlsen, D.M.A.,
 Director of Liturgy and Music
 Mr. Kevin Duffy, Facilities Manager
 Mrs. Jennifer DiBella, Communications

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 Miss Lara D. Ballintyn, Administrative Assistant

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Server Schedules are posted online at SJBDE.org/liturgical-schedules.

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. We appreciate your assistance. Thank you!

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.

For more information, please visit SJBDE.org.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I think that of all the things the Lord asks us to do in our following Him, nothing is more difficult than what is in today's Gospel: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who mistreat you, turn your cheek, and give to anyone who asks of you." Hatred is not easy to overlook, especially when you have been injured, and yet that is what Jesus is calling us to do.

Hatred is not only destroying the world but our communities, families and even individual people...who hate themselves. To end this malignancy, to fight off hatred...we begin with the anger that is within us. It is good to know why you feel the way you do about someone. Truly admit what is the problem. Perhaps it was an injustice that someone did to me that altered my life drastically or it may be the remembrances of how someone tormented or created misery for me. It is sometimes worse when we hate the person who wronged a loved one of mine. And this nemesis is the person we are called to forgive.

Is the Lord asking too much? Of course not...He is God. I guess the problem is within us and it is not avoidable. It is not normal for a human not to object when being hurt. Even animals will retaliate. It is the "better angels of our nature (A. Lincoln)" that call us to let go of the bitterness and move on in life; otherwise you will carry an unnecessary burden and never advance. That being said ... how do you forgive? You can't. But God can and that is why Jesus said "pray for those who maltreat you."

To admit that you were legitimately wronged is healthy and to bring it to prayer is the solution. By naming the person who causes you pain and praying for their conversion as well as your own healing of heart is the formula. It is difficult at first but God sees the broken heart and somehow heals that which you cannot even describe. In time, you start to pity that person and may even see a conversion of heart going on in him/her. This is what Jesus asks from us....be as "compassionate as Our Father in heaven is compassionate". By entering this Godly realm, healing takes place...and the heart and the world can be a better place.

Another shout of **"Thank You"** to everyone who thus far contributed to the "Raise the Roof Campaign." Thus far, what is collected has replenished what was taken from our savings to make the necessary repairs for the roof and ceiling. Thank You. More work on the hall/gym will take place in the near future. Your support and donations are appreciated.

Ash Wednesday will begin on March 6th. Easter is later this year. Enjoy yourself these last days before the discipline of Lent and have a safe **Mardi Gras**.

"Act and God will act, work and He will work." -St. Joan of Arc

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps
103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk
6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk
9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171,
172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/
Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35
[35a]/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16,
17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
[cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**Saints and Special Observances
Week of February 24, 2019****Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Carl Ferrara
9:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
11:30 a.m. Sean Locke
5:00 p.m. Richard Gerlock

Monday: 6:30 a.m. Charles Oldiges, Jr.
8:00 a.m. Sharon Eves

Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Brian Valan
8:00 a.m. Louis Angel Marciano

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Steven Twilley
8:00 a.m. Aiden Oswald

Thursday: 6:30 a.m. Marie Harris
8:00 a.m. Helen M. Kaminski

Friday: 6:30 a.m. Joseph Lacy
8:00 a.m. Christopher R. Jones

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Edward Andred
Heather L. Bright
Helen M. Doherty
Doris Celli
Catherine E. Lenoir
Dominick J. Vietri
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Charlotte Pappa
9:30 a.m. Helen Kaminski
11:30 a.m. Antonio Montanari
5:00 p.m. Heather L. Brigh



Your gifts make a meaningful difference to St. John The Beloved Parish's ministries and programs.

We wish to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who financially supports our parish through weekly giving, special collections, one-time gifts, and all other the other avenues of giving (e.g. volunteering your time and talent).

Everyone's income and needs are different, and each gift is understood to be a sacrifice given for the greater good. May God bless your efforts.

We appreciate all you do for our Parish.

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

2/10/2019 Offertory	\$ 19,039.10
Building & Maintenance	601.00
Outreach	100.00
Other	429.35
	\$ 20,169.45

Diocesan Collections:	
Black & Indian Missions	5.00
Catholic Communications	2,259.51
THANK YOU!	\$ 22,433.96

PARISH NEWS

Registration has started for our Men's retreat, "The Jewish Roots Of The Eucharist" and our Women's retreat, "The Transformational Embrace of The Eucharist" scheduled for Saturday, March 30.

We will also celebrate a Seder Meal that evening in our Parish Hall following the 5 p.m. Mass that day to help us in our ongoing spiritual understanding of the Eucharist. Everyone is invited. Please visit our parish website, SJBDE.org, for more information regarding the retreats and to register online for these events.



Join in the Fun! All children entering pre-K through 4th grade are invited to attend **Vacation Bible School** in our parish hall this summer. **Escape to Athens** with Paul and discover the truth of God's immeasurable love... **June 17-21, from 9 -11:30 a.m. Register for VBS @ SJBDE.org.**

St. John the Beloved Parish invites young adults, families, and youth ...

The Bread of Heaven awaits you...
An afternoon of Adoration & Praise



**Join us on Sunday, March 10 from
 3pm-4pm in the Church**

Adoration
Quiet Reflection
Praise Music
Scripture

We invite you to stay for the 5pm Mass following this event.

Parishioners, did you know that if you're using Connect Now Giving you can go online and print out your year end tax statement?

For those that are not using Connect Now Giving and you need a year end tax statement from St. John the Beloved please call, or email Trish Tucker in the Parish office.

Also, if your email address has changed, please log into your Parish Soft account and update. Should you not have access to your account, email Trish Tucker at ttucker@sjbde.org. Thank you!

Please Donate to Parish Outreach:

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

Visit sjbde.org/outreach for more.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs. Newcomb's art classes were busy creating and having fun! Eighth grade is making faschnauts for Faschnaut Day or Shrove Tuesday. They are a potato donut made on the day before Lent begins.

The four year old classes are making rose bushes from scribbles, using crayons and watercolors. They read "I'm Not Just a Scribble" which inspires art and creativity and encourages children to be unique.



SJB Bid-a-mania is back, Saturday, March 2, 7-11 p.m.!

Live Auction, Silent Auction, Themed Basket Raffle, and Games of chance — Thousands of dollars worth of prizes, up for grabs in the hall. \$25 Admission includes catered hot hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. Cash bar night of event. All proceeds will go toward enhancing our school's curriculum. This event will be a great night of fun, so get your tickets before they sell out.

For those unable to attend, more than 50 raffle baskets will be on display in the school library after Masses on February 23 and 24.

Admission and raffle tickets can be purchased in the library, or by contacting Nicole Guariano at s.guariano@comcast.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

Our Religious Education program is now accepting registration for the 2019-2020 school year.

We look forward to welcoming all our families to another great year ahead! Please note our summer program provides two classes per grade to accommodate as many children as possible. Registration for our summer program fills fast.

To learn more about the program and dates, please read our registration letter on the parish website at sjbde.org/religious-ed-program.

Go to SJBDE.org, click on "Faith Formation" and select "Religious Education Program" to view the online.

Classes can only happen because of our volunteers, so please consider helping us in this vital ministry. If you are interested in serving as a catechist, co-catechist, or aide, please contact the RE office via reled@sjbde.org. Full-time catechists receive tuition remission for the year they serve.



"Raise the Roof" is our parish capital campaign to raise the necessary funding to restore and rebuild Saint John the Beloved Parish Hall. Your financial gift is critical to its success. If you have not already, please, prayerfully consider contributing. Visit sjbde.org/capital-campaign for more information. Thank you.

NEW Adult Bible Study Programs:

Beginning March 5, we will have a 7-week program titled: "The Mass." If the Mass is not the highlight or the high point of your week, you NEED to attend this program. It will show us how every word, every comma, and every action has particular intentions to bring us into unity with God and His Church.

This program was developed and is presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron's presentations are similar to those in His famous Catholicism series. He is a great Catechist. The 6 presentations, each about 25 minutes, are titled: 1. A Privileged Encounter 2. Called out of the World 3. God Speaks Our Story 4. Responding to God 5. Preparing for Sacrifice 6. The Real Presence Creates Communion.

The program will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The sessions will include prayer, a DVD presentation, and discussion. Each session will be in the St. John Bosco conference room (the old chapel).

Starting March 7, we will have a 6-week program titled: "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion." This program was developed by Dr. Edward Sri. The course will be offered on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and/or Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The same material will be presented both times. Each session will include prayer, a DVD presentation, and discussion in the St. John Bosco conference room (the old chapel). The DVDs were recorded in the Holy Land.

We will study the Scriptures and view the places where they occurred as we walk from Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. With the biblical events, we will explore what Jesus was experiencing and go deeper into the meaning of each of the events and better understand the words of the Passion. Throughout, we will encounter God's love to the fullest as He anticipates His suffering and gives His life for us. We can use this Lent as an opportunity to sacrifice our time and our effort to move closer to Jesus as we prepare to follow Him on the Way of the Cross.

Both of these programs are appropriate for beginners, or people who have not had the opportunity to learn more about their faith. At the same time, they are appropriate for all of us who want to deepen our faith and our relationship with God.

Registering in advance will help us plan facilities and materials. For further information or to sign up for the meetings, contact Deacon Dennis at 302-981-4567 or wuebbelsdg@verizon.net.

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Donations are welcome from all. Please deliver to the hall kitchen door Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. & 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.

INSPIRE

Vocations: *Can you be the message?* St. Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us) that we bear “the image of the heavenly one” because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. Still, so many people have never heard that good news! So many others have heard it but remain unconvinced that they bear “the image of the heavenly one!” Priests, religious women and religious men spend their lives trying to help people experience God’s tremendous love. Are you willing to spend your life in that mission? Let’s talk about it. Call or email Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations !

General Intercessions: That many women and men choose lives dedicated to the service of God’s people, especially as consecrated religious and priests, we pray to the Lord!

Marriage Moments: “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...” (1 Cor. 13:7) Which of these characteristics does your beloved especially have?

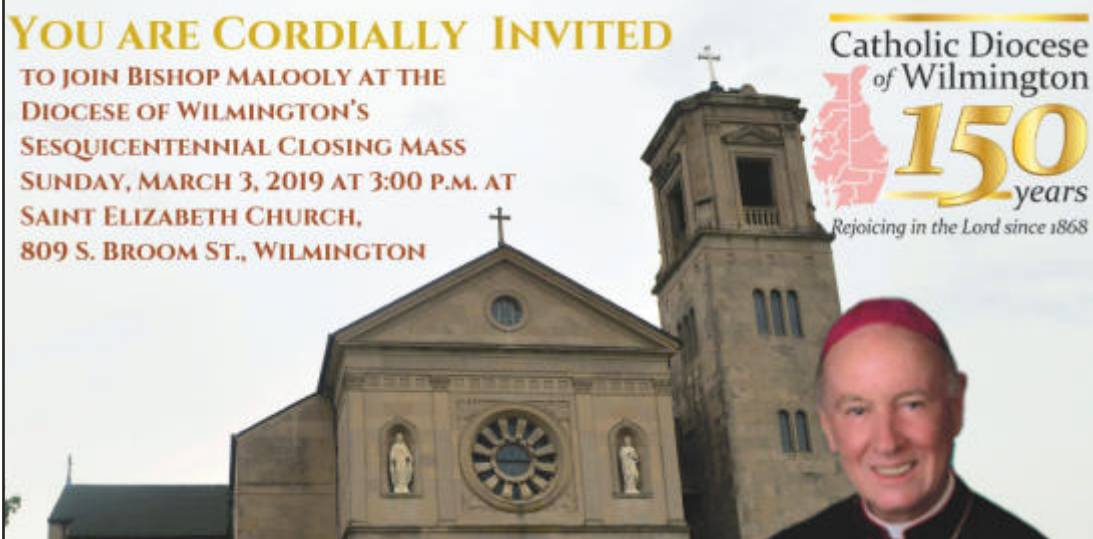
“So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13:13)
Appreciate each other today and every day.

Parenting Pointers: “It is easier to build a child than to repair an adult.” (Marilyn Krock, Caring Family Resources) Think about this the next time you’re tempted to say, “Later, dear” or “Can’t it wait”, or “We’ll do it tomorrow (or next week)”.

by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

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Catechetical Day with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held Saturday, March 23, at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. Please go to www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019 to register, deadline is March 1.

Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat May 3-5, 2019 at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For information contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

Meet Our RCIA Candidate: Nikki Strusowski



My name is Nikki Strusowski, I currently work in the sales department at Corporation Service Company as a small business consultant. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family and of course with my two dogs. I am engaged to the man of my dreams, Gunnar Kaczmarczyk, who has inspired me to take the next steps to explore my Catholic faith before our marriage this fall.

Growing up my Dad's side of the family actively attended St. John the Beloved School and were members of the parish. It was something I always wanted to be apart of but just never took the extra steps to complete. My fiancé (boyfriend at the time) and I frequently talked about our future and how we wanted to get married in the church and baptize & raise our children in the Catholic community. Once we got engaged I

knew it was time to take those next steps. Knowing that we wanted to raise our future family Catholic and get married in the church I couldn't think of a better time to complete my RCIA. Gunnar, my fiancé, was excited when I told him that I wanted to become Catholic and he assured me he would help any way possible and go through the journey with me. He attends every class with me and supports me in every way possible, I really couldn't get luckier finding a support system like him.

The RCIA process has been enjoyable to say the least. I enjoy going to class every Monday and reflecting on what we talk about. By learning to acknowledge the presence of God in my life, I have grown as an individual. I have learned to let things go and to reflect that there is really always a purpose for everything. I have learned that through the good times and bad, through the fun life decisions, and through the tough ones there is a plan for the decision I choose and the route my life takes. I think acknowledging that route has allowed me to view life a little differently and not get so worked up in small things but to look at the larger picture. I am learning to put any obstacle in God's hands and to trust that the correct result will come from it and that it will shape me into the individual that I am meant to be.

Participating in Mass is something I look forward to on Sundays or Saturday evenings. I personally feel like going to Church allows me to almost "hit the reset button" on the week and to start a new week with a fresh start. Mass allows me to disconnect from everything going on in my life and just focus on the message being relayed. It's moving to me when I feel as though I'm facing a struggle, stressed about something, or making a tough decision and a daily reading/the homily just often helps me mull over how it applies to me. And again, it's nice to just take the quiet time to reflect on the Word. I think RCIA has helped me become more comfortable at Mass because now I feel as though I'm not just standing there listening, I'm standing/sitting/kneeling with open ears, and open mind, and an open heart that gives me new hope.



Join the Little Sisters of the Poor for a fun filled evening and fabulous meal as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary of caring for the elderly poor in America!

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Rev. Francis J. Rinaldi, St. Anthony of Padua

Very Rev. Joseph J. Piekarski, St. John the Beloved

This Week . . . February / March 2019**#SJBDE Calendar**

24 SUNDAY 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass 7:30 a.m. @ Church
 Mass 9:30 a.m. @ Church
 Sunday School RE 9:30am - 10:30am @ School Library
 Mass w/ Music by St. John the Beloved Adult Choir 11:30 a.m. @ Church
 KoC Fish Fry Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. @ School Library
 Baptism Class 1:00pm - 2:00pm @ Vianney Conference Rm
 CYM Basketball 1:00 -10 p.m. @ Hall
 Mass 5 p.m. @ Church

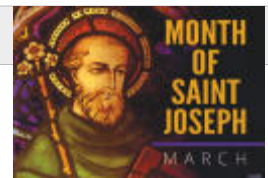
25 MONDAY
 Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm - 9:30pm @ Vianney Sitting Rm
 RCIA 7:00 p.m. @ Bosco Conference Rm

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

27 WEDNESDAY
 Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Women's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. @ Bosco Conference Rm
 Parish Life Meeting 3:30pm - 5:00pm @ Bosco Conference Rm

28 THURSDAY
 Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Evening of Sacred Music 6:30pm @ Church

1 FRIDAY
 Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church



2 SATURDAY
Blue Army First Saturday Devotions 8:00am - 9:00am @ Church
 Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. @ Church
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. - 4:45pm @ Church
 Mass 5:00 p.m. @ Church



Reconciliation

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
 Forgive and you will be forgiven." (Lk 6:37)

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