ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the faithful of St. Joseph Parish, willingly accept our baptismal call to gather and worship as a community, to proclaim the Word of God, and to serve in the image of Jesus Christ.

MISIÓN DE LA PARROQUIA
Nosotros, los fieles de la Parroquia de San José, aceptamos de buena voluntad nuestro llamado bautismal a reunirnos y adorar como comunidad, a proclamar la Palabra de Dios, y a servir en la imagen de Jesucristo.

OUR CHURCHES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE
St. Joseph Church:
371 East Main Street, Middletown, DE, 19709
302-378-5800
No Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses*: 8:00AM, 11:00AM
*Reservations Required
No Misa Dominical: 2:00 PM (Español)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM
No Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima Mission:
301 Lock St, Chesapeake City, MD, 21915
No Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30 AM
No Tuesday Mass: 8:30 AM
No Reconciliation: Sunday at 9:00 AM

St. Francis Xavier Shrine: No Masses
1640 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD, 21912
GPS address: 1690 Bohemia Church Road
Mass Dates: Sept 20—4:00 PM, October 25—4:00 PM

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Finance Council: John Sanders (410-275-1428)
Pastoral Council: Tom Kane, Jr.(302-983-8265)
Presider’s Intentions
This week, our presiders will offer Masses for these intentions:

Monday, January 11
8:30 AM (SJ) Catherine, William, Jack & Rosann Wallace

Tuesday, January 12
8:30 AM (SR) Kenneth Tarantino

Wednesday, January 13
St. Hilary
8:30 AM (SJ) Intentions of Daniel Gwaltney

Thursday, January 14
8:30 AM (SJ) Intentions of Danielle Gwaltney

Friday, January 15
8:30 AM (SJ) Mary Ann Pfannenstiel

Saturday, January 16
5:00 PM (SJ) Stacie Margaret Hunt

Sunday, January 17
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM (SJ) Stacie Margaret Hunt
9:30 AM (SJ) Rosemary Hynes
11:30 AM (SJ) Harold Phillips
2:00 PM (SJ)
8:00 AM (SR) Nancy Arrants
9:30 AM (SR) Ed Frischer

MASS INTENTIONS ARE OPEN FOR JUNE.

MASS CARDS
If you need to have a mass card, please email me at vbenn@stjosephmiddletown.com or call the office 302-378-5800 with the person’s name and whomever is sending the card & I will prepare it ahead of time, so you do not have to wait in the office for it.

MASS INTENTIONS
Please be assured that the mass intentions for Saturday & Sunday are being offered up privately by either Msgr. Kelley or Fr. Hanley.

Thank you for your understanding.
First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, Here I am.” Samuel ran to Eli and said, “Here I am. You called me.” “I did not call you, “ Eli said. “Go back to sleep.” So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. “Here I am, “ he said. “You called me.”
But Eli answered, “I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep.”
At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, “Here I am. You called me.” Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, “Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, “Samuel, Samuel!” Samuel answered, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”
Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas” — which is translated Peter.
Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 3, 3b-10. 19
Aún no conocía Samuel al Señor, pues la palabra del Señor no le había sido revelada. Por tercera vez llamó el Señor a Samuel; éste se levantó, fue a donde estaba Elí y le dijo: “Aquí estoy. ¿Para qué me llamaste?”
Entonces comprendió Elí que era el Señor quien llamaba al joven y dijo a Samuel: “Ve a acostarte, y si te llama alguien, responde: ‘Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha’”. Y Samuel se fue a acostar.
De nuevo el Señor se presentó y lo llamó como antes: “Samuel, Samuel”. Éste respondió: “Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha”.
Samuel creció y el Señor estaba con él. Y todo lo que el Señor le decía, se cumplía.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 6, 13c-15a. 17-20
Hermanos: El cuerpo no es para fornicar, sino para servir al Señor; y el Señor, para santificar el cuerpo. Dios resucitó al Señor y nos resucitará también a nosotros con su poder.
¿No saben ustedes que sus cuerpos son miembros de Cristo? Y el que se une al Señor, se hace un solo espíritu con él. Huyan, por lo tanto, de la fornicación. Cualquier otro pecado que cometa una persona, queda fuera de su cuerpo; pero el que fornicara, peca contra su propio cuerpo.
¿O es que no saben ustedes que su cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo, que han recibido de Dios y habita en ustedes? No son ustedes sus propios dueños, porque Dios los ha comprado a un precio muy caro. Glorifiquen, pues, a Dios con el cuerpo.

Evangelio: Juan 1, 35-42
En aquel tiempo, estaba Juan el Bautista con dos de sus discípulos, y fijando los ojos en Jesús, que pasaba, dijo: “Éste es el Cordero de Dios”. Los dos discípulos, al oír estas palabras, siguieron a Jesús. Él se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: “¿Qué buscan?” Ellos le contestaron: “¿Dónde vives, Rabí?” (Rabí significa ‘maestro’). Él les dijo: “Vengan a ver”.
Fueron, pues, vieron dónde vivía y se quedaron con él ese día. Eran como las cuatro de la tarde. Andrés, hermano de Simón Pedro, era uno de los dos que oyeron lo que Juan el Bautista decía y siguieron a Jesús. El primero a quien encontró Andrés, fue a su hermano Simón, y le dijo: “Hemos encontrado al Mesías” (que quiere decir ‘el Ungido’). Lo llevó a donde estaba Jesús y éste, fijando en él la mirada, le dijo: “Tú eres Simón, hijo de Juan. Tú te llamarás Kefás” (que significa Pedro, es decir ‘roca’).
I recall a finance council meeting many years ago where members were reflecting upon what it meant to answer the call to stewardship. Our chairperson at the time, Chris O’Brien, cited Mother Theresa as perhaps one of the best examples of discipleship and true surrender of oneself through grace and choice to Jesus Christ. We prayerfully agreed. I thought I’d share a tidbit of that wisdom: “People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest & frank, people may cheat you. Be honest & frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone may tear down overnight. Build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealousy. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow, do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give the world the best you've got anyway. You see in the final analysis, it is between you and God, it was never between you and them anyway.” – Mother Theresa

_The Finance Council_

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**PAT’S PIZZA**

Pat’s Pizza Family Restaurant, located at 311 N. Broad Street in Middletown, will donate a portion of all receipts we return to them. Please place your saved receipts in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. We are blessed that our local businesses continue to support our parish. Please thank them for their generosity when you visit Pat’s.

By using the following link: smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0263935, you could donate to St. Joseph Parish at no extra cost to you. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Joseph Parish.

**Stewards:**

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Please be sure to check out this business who advertises in our bulletin. Your support of these sponsors is one way to say thank you for their generosity.
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL
We remember in prayer all those who are ill, especially:
Oremos por los enfermos:

We also remember in prayer their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.
También recordamos en oración a sus cuidadores y a todos los demás que necesitan nuestras oraciones.

If you submitted a name to be added to the sick list and you know that the person is no longer sick or that they are deceased, could you please call the office at 302-378-5800 to have them removed. Thank you.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE
Please remember in your prayers Harry Moyer, Sal DiMenno, Vera Bagnatori and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

CHURCH DECORATIONS
We are in need of help to take down & store away the decorations in St. Joseph Church on Sunday, January 10th after the 11:00am mass.
Thank you in advance for your help.

GIVING TREE
Thank you for your overwhelming response to our parish Giving Tree program. Due to your generosity, we were able to donate 304 gift cards to our community partners. They were then able to use these cards to fulfill the needs of so many neighbors in our community. This has been a challenging year in so many ways, but the giving spirit of the Saint Joseph Parish community still shines brightly. Thank you for everything you did this Christmas season, allowing families throughout our community to experience a true Christmas miracle.

- Make sure you have entered your service hours on the Council website oldb6543.org for 2020. It is easy and important.
- Be sure to extend the Christmas spirit all the way through the entire Christmas season. Giving and serving are the greatest gifts.
- Be sure to watch the Year 2020 in Review video from Supreme. Two ways to watch. Search on You Tube for Knights of Columbus 2020 Year in Review. Or go to kofc.org and look for link to 2020 Year in Review
- Thanks to all brothers who have helped our Church and community with your time, gifts, treasure. Donate blood or platelets if you are able. There is a need.
- Want to join our Council? Contact any Brother Knight or SK Patrick DiTomasso at pditomasso@gmail.com
on the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of Saint Thomas Becket, a public proclamation was made calling him a “lion of religious liberty?” The proclamation said this Saint’s courage changed the course of history. How did this come to be? Thomas Becket and England’s King Henry II were friends. King Henry elevated his friend to be Archbishop of Canterbury. The friendship did not produce what King Henry wanted. King Henry wanted autonomy of the State over the Church and tried to limit Papal authority and that of the ecclesiastical courts. Becket was exiled for his resistance to the King and later murdered by knights of the King. Becket’s stand and death eventually brought about limitations on the power of the State over the Church. 45 years later the Magna Carta declared, “The English church shall be free, and shall have its rights undiminished and its liberties unimpaired.” Later this would find its way into the New World and the US Constitution. Who made this proclamation? President Donald Trump on December 29, 2020 said religious liberty was bought with the blood Thomas Becket so the “Church will attain liberty and peace.”
**CCEA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**Donation Hours:**

To Our Donors: Thank You
To Our guests: We look forward to saying hello and greeting you during curb-side deliveries.

In the weeks ahead, we anticipate an increase in calls for “emergency funds” as the rent & utility moratoriums are lifted. Financial donations towards “Emergency Funds” are greatly appreciated at this time in preparation for what we believe will be an onslaught of need over the next couple of months.

**Mondays for donors** by appointment 9:00a to 11:00a
**Tuesdays for clients** by pre-scheduled appointment only.

Donors and clients are asked to call 410-885-3244 on Thursday or Friday mornings (9:00a to Noon) to schedule an appointment to drop off donations the following Monday (for donors) or Tuesdays to pick up a pantry box. Since we operate solely with volunteers, appointments enable us to determine how many volunteers and how many hours are needed each week.

Keep the Redner’s receipts coming! Rebates from those receipts help pay for food that we purchase to support pantry needs. Please do not alter the receipts and please remember to use your REWARDS CARD with every purchase. Receipts that do not show a “Save-a-Tape” total cannot be redeemed by our agency for cash credits.

Please check our website at [www.ccea4u.com](http://www.ccea4u.com) or Facebook page for the scheduled donor days and targeted donor items being accepted in our Clothing/Home Pantry each month. A list is also published in our monthly newsletter available on our web-site and facebook.

Donations may be made payable to The CCEA and mailed to PO Box 244, Chesapeake City, MD 21915. On-line donations can be made by checking in at our website and clicking onto the Donor button. All donations are tax deductible.

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Catholic Charities is taking applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for the upcoming heating season. This federally-funded program assists low-income Delawareans with heating bills through direct payments to home energy suppliers. The benefit is based on a household's income, size, and type of fuel. Call your local Catholic Charities office to schedule an interview to see if you qualify. Office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m:
in Kent County, call (302) 674-1782, in New Castle County, call (302) 654-9295, in Sussex County, call (302) 856-6310. If you are eligible for LIHEAP, you also may qualify for other programs that require LIHEAP eligibility. For example, if your home is not as energy efficient as it could be, you may qualify for home weatherization improvements through the Delaware Weatherization Assistance Program, also administered by Catholic Charities.

REDNER’S RECEIPTS
The CCEA collects Redner’s receipts. Please mail them to PO Box 244, Chesapeake City, MD 21915. Please submit the whole receipt as partial receipts will not be considered. Refunds from the Redner receipts covers the expenditure for meats purchased by the food pantry staff for our clients. Please use your Redner’s Reward Card! If Redner’s card is not used receipts are not acceptable for submission. Thank you for your assistance, it is appreciated.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| MONDAY | Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mark 1:14-20 |
| TUESDAY | Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mark 1:21-28 |
| WEDNESDAY | Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Mark 1:29-39 |
| THURSDAY | Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-11; Mark 1:40-45 |
| FRIDAY | Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mark 2:1-12 |
| SATURDAY | Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Mark 2:13-17 |
**GOOD NEWS**

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 16th, tune in to learn about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity when Father Jim Loughlan, SA, Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, is interviewed. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/Catholicforum.

**UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of February 12-14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Give your relationship the gift of quality time during the pandemic! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for an eight session program presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. There are virtual weekends available also throughout the winter and spring!!! Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! For more information visit our website www.wwme-delmar.org or to register, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

**BISHOP MALOOLY’S MASS FOR LIFE**

Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, over 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States.

Bishop Malooly will preside at a Holy Hour for Life and a Mass for Life, on Friday, January 29, 2021. Both online events are a part of the National Prayer Vigil for Life sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Holy Hour will debut at 4:00 a.m., and the Mass will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. Both events will be shown on the diocesan YouTube channel, YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm, and are from the beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, Delaware. Due to COVID concerns, these events are online only. More information can be found at cdow.org/respect-life.
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