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ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

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LABOR - Without labor nothing prospers. --Sophocles



Parish Office: 302-999-0211 Fax: 302-999-9184

Masses: Saturday - 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5:00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 6:30am, 8:00am Saturday: 8:00am

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“He put His fingers into the man’s ears. And He spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, He signed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.” This was a sign of the Messiah. Isaiah had said, in our first reading today, that the eyes of the blind would be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, the lame would leap and the tongue of the mute would sing. The people realized that Jesus was performing these signs.

Everyone is looking for joy, for good news. There are plenty of people who tell us what is wrong with everything. How blessed are the people who see God working in their lives, even in the midst of difficulties. To be able to see good, to hear positively, to walk into life’s pasture with grace and speak compassionately when negativity surrounds us is truly being touched by the Messiah.

Please come to our **Parish Holy Hour** to prepare for the success of Pope Francis visit to the United States and for the success of the World Meeting of Families Conference. Bishop Malooly will lead this Holy Hour in Saint John the Beloved Church on Monday, September 21, 2015 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring your individual prayers as we unite with many parishes throughout the Diocese of Wilmington during this blessed time. All are welcome.

The excitement of the Pope’s visit will be felt in our parish precisely during the weekend of September 26-27. Each Mass, that weekend, will allow the faithful to experience the highlight of the Pope’s presence in this area and, in prayer, be united with the Holy Father in the Eucharist.

-Fr. Joe



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm
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, 6:00pm
Novena and Benediction, 7:00pm

PRAYER GROUP - Tuesdays

Bible study, praise music, intercessory prayer
St. John Bosco Conference Room
9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcomed.

REFRESH - Wednesdays

(weekly retreat with evening prayer and praise music)
Church 5:45pm-6:45pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

TUESDAYS 6:30pm-7:45pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Labor Day
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Claver
- Friday:** Patriot Day
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGICAL INSIGHTS

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8 is the Feast of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, an unusual kind of feast, since a saint's feast day is typically celebrated on the date of the saint's death and, so, her birth into everlasting life.

The Church, however, liturgically observes Mary's birth, because unlike most others, she is born without stain of original sin, due to her immaculate conception, in order to bear the Son of God to the world. Her role in salvation history, therefore, is significant and distinct, for she alone among all creatures was selected to be the Mother of Christ and therefore the Mother of God.

By celebrating the unique event of her nativity, the Church recognizes God's singular grace for Mary as woman and as mother as well as faithful adherent to God's will, demonstrated by her willing "Yes" to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation.

But also, the Church affirms that because Mary is born, the Son of God is able to receive His human nature from her. Jesus Christ is fully divine, because He is God, and fully human, because He was born of a woman, namely Mary (Galatians 4:4). Therefore, Mary's own birth is worthy of being liturgically celebrated.

Bishop Malooly makes this abundantly clear by having chosen the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary for his installation as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington in 2008, so that his episcopacy and therefore our diocese be under her special patronage and protection. Happy Anniversary, Bishop Malooly.



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"ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING DISCIPLES."
youth ministry

**Youth Ministry Meets Every Sunday
6:30pm-9:00pm in the John Bosco
Conference Room (Hall)**

SEPTEMBER 20 - Kickoff Weekend

Mark your calendars and join us for a Pot-Luck dinner following the 5pm Mass in the Hall. This is open to all youth and their families interested in our youth ministry programs and events this coming year. All who attend will receive calendars and sign up information.

National Catholic Youth Conference
Sign ups are underway for all high school aged students to register to attend "NCYC". A gathering in Indianapolis of 25,000+ youth and their youth ministers from across the United States. Cost: \$500 plus airfare. We will be fundraising with flamingos again. This should cut your costs in half. Scholarships are also available. Contact the youth ministry office today!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN
Are You Registered for Confirmation?
**Large Group Meeting Informational
September 23 @ 7pm**
Mailing went out in July, but all materials/ registration are available online at: www.sjbde.org/confirmation
To get program alerts, go to: flocknote.com/StJohntheBeloved or Text "SJBinfo" to "84576" to join.

RELIGIOUS

Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8th for Grades 1-8. Only those children who are currently registered in the program will be admitted to class. Letters of acceptance will be mailed out the week of August 24th. All registrations were due August 1st. Returning students forms were due May 1st.
Call the Religious Education Office for more information at 994-7757.

EDUCATION

Sunday School Program: we are still accepting applications for children ages 3,4,5 years old. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sept. - April. Our program is a structured learning program which reinforces the skills the child is learning in school (e.g. colors, numbers, senses, motor skills) while learning about God, creation, self and the wonder of creation. Incorporated into the program are music and art which allows the child the opportunity to express themselves through creativity. Contact the Rel. Ed. Office for more details.



Follow St. John the Beloved School on the web:
www.saintjohnthebelovedschool.org

The Student Council of St. John the Beloved is an integral part of our school community, active in many areas. Beginning with the graduation Mass for the Class of 2015, our newly elected officers began their official work. These new officers are: Shane Wenrich, President; Brady McGovern, Vice President; Jamie Neidlein, Secretary; Caitlin Donnelly, Treasurer. Once again, our student body exercised their “right to vote” and selected a strong group of leaders from among them.

Every new leadership team brings their best thinking to a project. This year will be no exception. The year should prove to be beneficial and fun! Thank you to Mrs. Diwana Walus for working with our students as their moderator.

**FOR THE SAKE OF GOD’S CHILDREN
 BACKGROUND CLEARANCES AND
 VOLUNTEER COVENANTS**

For Background Clearances: all adults (18 and over) who are engaged with young people and volunteer for School activities (5 hours or more per year) must have a Hyden Background Screening performed prior to participating or helping in these activities. These activities include: chaperones for field trips; lunch duty volunteers; computer, library, nurse’s room, lunch preparation, field day, Scouts, coaching sports and any other job where you will be working with children. Beginning in August, 2015 there is an on-line application process for obtaining a criminal background clearance. This background application will require an “entry code”. If you need to apply for a Background Clearance or you need to renew your clearance, please make a check payable for \$30.00 to St. John the Beloved School and send to the attention of Marie Malatesta, Compliance Coordinator. Please include an e-mail address with your check. Upon receipt of \$30.00 an entry code will be issued to you and you can submit your screening application on-line. Once the investigation is completed a copy of the report will be sent to the Coordinator of Safe Environments and a copy will be sent to you for your personal record. The Coordinator of Safe Environments will issue clearance certificates and send to the schools and parishes. Background checks are good for five (5) years from the date of clearance. Please do not forward a copy to the School or Mrs. Malatesta. You will be notified at least two months in advance when your background check will expire. In addition, a Volunteer Covenant must be signed each year if you plan to participate in the above mentioned activities. If you need additional information please contact Marie Malatesta (Parish Compliance Coordinator) at 998-5525 ext. 210.

LEISURE GROUP

Our first meeting of the season will be on Tuesday, October 13th. After the 11AM Mass, all seniors are welcome to attend the meeting and luncheon in the hall.

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

PLEASE READ

Donations of sandwiches has been suspended for the immediate future while our kitchen roof undergoes repairs. Please keep posted here for when this valuable ministry resumes!

PARISH OUTREACH

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10:30am

In order to serve our families each week, we need the following: Cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, rice, beans, whole kernel corn, canned vegetables, soup, juice, coffee, tea, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, toilet paper, baby food (fruit only) and diapers (all sizes). We thank you for your generous donations each week!

If you are unable to bring groceries to the church, please consider a monetary gift to the Food Closet, so that we can replenish the shelves as needed.

Outreach Office handles donations of Food and Clothing only.

PARISH LIFE CONSIGNMENT SALE / SWAP SHOP

SEPTEMBER 12TH 8am-1pm

Make use of those humid, stuck-in-the-house, air-conditioned days by cleaning out closets to get ready for the Parish Life Swap Shop. To purchase tags contact Debbie Cook at 235-2835. Please call Rita Price with any jewelry donations at 995-2367

For information call Debbie Petrucci 994-5327.

COME VISIT US

For a preview of our booth at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, the Dominican Sisters at Benincasa Monastery Gallery & Gift Shop, 6 Church Drive, New Castle, DE on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12!** The Gift Shop opens at **1pm**. We will have **everything** we're offering at the Conference in Philadelphia including prints, raffle tickets for original portraits of Pope Francis by Sr. Mary Grace Thul, OP, and a book signing!

The author of "Unearthing Christmas," Anthea T. Piscarik, recently featured in the Dialog, will sell signed copies of her young adult novel, for all ages, from 4-6 pm that day. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

Tuesday, September 8th is Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday. Anyone who would like to participate in presenting Our Lady with a Spiritual Bouquet of Rosaries can do so by signing their name on a piece of paper and putting it in the vestibule of the church. On this special day, the basket containing the names will be placed on the Holy Family Altar.,"We will celebrate by praying the Rosary after 8:00 am Mass on, Tuesday, September 8 and by consecrating ourselves to Our Lady."

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 am mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality will have its first meeting of the year on Saturday, September 12 in the Vianney House following the 8 am mass and rosary in the church. The meeting will begin at approximately 9:15 am and should conclude by 10:30. All members should plan to attend.

CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 2015						
<p>CH = Church FR = Faculty Room G = Gerres JBCR = St. John Bosco Conference Room</p>	<p>H = Hall L = Library LF = Loft S = School V=Vannsey House</p>	<p>1 7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 9:30am Prayer Group (JBCR)</p>	<p>2 7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 7:00pm KoKc (JBCR)</p>	<p>3 7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (V)</p>	<p>4 7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>5 8:00am Mass followed by Devotions (CH)</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:00pm Adoration & Novena (CH)</p> <p>LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:00pm Adoration & Novena (CH) 7:00pm RCIA (JBCR) 7:30pm Legion of Mary (V)</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 9:30am Prayer Group (JBCR) 11:00am Leisure Group Mass only – no lunch 6:30pm Baptismal Class 6:45pm CCD (S) 7:30pm Legion of Mary (V)</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:30pm Young Adult Ministry (JBCR) 8:00pm AA Meeting (G)</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:00pm Home & School Meeting (S) 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:30pm Pack 86 meeting (H)</p>	<p>8:00am-1:00pm Parish Life Consignment Sale (H)</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30			
<p>9:00am Sunday School (S)</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:00pm Adoration & Novena (CH) 7:00pm RCIA (JBCR) 7:30pm Legion of Mary (L)</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 9:30am Prayer Group (JBCR) 6:45pm CCD (S)</p>	<p>7:15am Morning Prayer (CH) 6:30pm Come and Seek (V) 6:30pm Parish Life (JBCR)</p>			



Week of September 6:

- Mon 9:00 Rocco Rapposelli
- Tue 6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00 Mary Piergiovanni
9:30 Betty Connor
11:00 George and Mary Kay Helmer
- Wed 6:30 The Wildwood Crowd (living intention)
8:00 Anne M. Fagan
- Thur 6:30 Agnes Dworsky
8:00 Eleanor Scubelek
- Fri 6:30 Dominick & Edith Carucci
8:00 Mamie Rogalski
- Sat 8:00 Larry Piziak
5:00 Our Parish Family
7:00 Elmina & Harry Walsh
- Sun 7:30 John William Eckstein, Jr.
9:30 Ernest & Marian Salvo
11:30 John E. Kyle, Jr.
5:00 Carmella Pedicone

*Online bulletin features corrected names

Bulletin Announcements

Due Friday, 10 Days before announcement to appear. Please see: www.sjbde.org/submit-bulletin for more details.

ENHANCED BULLETIN

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Catholic Cemeteries

All Saints: 737-2524
Cathedral: 656-3323
Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

Weekly Offering



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

Offertory	\$14,165.44
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,076.23
*Other:	\$ 210.33

TOTAL: \$17,452.00

*Other includes: Votives, Poor Box, St. Vincent de Paul, Food Closet, Spirit Fund, World Mission Sunday and more.



September 12 & 13

Altar Servers: Chapman, Perrone, Lambert, Cotrotsios, Kulenguskey, Lane, Rapposelli, Sommers, Dunne, Struskowski, Allen, Griesbach

Lectors: Donlan/Rizzo, Grindel/Jervis, Blanco/Harris, Kurzeknabe/Rapposelli, Fassano/Klein, Allen/Keating

Eucharistic Ministers: Bayless, L.&L.Heredia, Micucio, Donahue, Nunez, Berlingieri, Grey, Sweeny, Morningred, Marino, Harris, Schoenbeck, Mondzelewski, Kelly, Saksa, Boniface, Coutinho, Bellard, Tasker, Delgado, Ricci, Baldwin, Samson, O'Connor, Castellani, Pantalone, Fassano, Moriello, Ballintyn, Dempsey, Beideman, Griesbach

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