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ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

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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

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating His Body and drinking His Blood – that those who have faith in Jesus and do so have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life. Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world.



As you know, our **Holy Father will soon be visiting** the United States in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families. To spiritually prepare for the visit, a Holy Hour on Monday, September 21, 2015 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm will be held in our church and led by Bishop Malooly. This time, coordinated in parishes throughout the diocese, will unite us in prayer for our Holy Father, for the success of the World Meeting of Families Conference, and for the needs of our individual and parish families on the eve of the Pope's arrival in the United States. We have the opportunity to be richly blessed by joining in prayer. Thank you, in advance, for all the efforts you will undertake to make this preparation in prayer.



Papal Mass in DC: The Diocese of Wilmington has been awarded 24 open seating and 24 standing area tickets to the Papal Mass that will be held on the grounds of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. Transportation is not included.

Mass is scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m. Arrival time is still unknown. The Chancery will be distributing these tickets in pairs via random drawing. To enter the drawing, each parish will be allowed to submit three (3) entries for a pair of tickets. To enter, print or type on a 3x5 index card your name, address, telephone number, and email address. Whatever card is drawn by the chancery will allow 2 tickets for the person on the card and his/her guest. Only one entry per person is allowed. Please mail this card to the parish office: St. John Beloved, 907 Milltown Rd. Wilmington, DE 19808 or drop it off at the Parish Office by Thursday, August 27.

Thank you to everyone who is fulfilling a pledge for *The Diocesan Sustaining Hope for the Future Campaign*. Thus far, our parish has collected nearly \$160,000 from the percentage of what is thus far contributed and that returns to the parish. Our parish campaign committee is listing our parish needs, slated for the campaign. At present, we are receiving plans and bidding prices to obtain new church doors. Again, we are appreciative of your contributions. Know that the parish projects are beginning to take place.
-Fr. Joe

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding (Proverbs 9:1-6).
Psalm -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading -- Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always (Ephesians 5:15-20).
Gospel -- Jesus says, "I am the living bread . . . whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

LITURGICAL INSIGHTS

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The dogma that Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of Jesus Christ, is assumed body and soul into Heaven remains one of the key tenets of faith in the Catholic Church. As proclaimed dogma, belief in Mary’s Assumption is on the same level as belief in the Trinity and, therefore, a core aspect of our faith, because the dogma reveals that Mary experiences first what Jesus Himself promises to us who believe in Him as the Way, the Truth and the Life: eternal life, body and soul.

Whereas we must wait until Jesus’ Second Coming for the reunion of our body and soul, when Jesus calls the deceased from their graves, Mary, through a singular grace of God and because of the merits of her Son’s death on the Cross, is already living in Heaven body and soul, sharing in the glory Jesus promises without ever having experienced decay to her person.

While there is no specific mention of the Assumption in Sacred Scripture, this belief comes from Scripture’s references to Mary’s being singled out by God to be the Mother of the Son of the Most High God (see Luke 1:28-38). The belief also comes from the longstanding living Tradition of the Church, which observed Mary’s Assumption as early as the fifth century, and which was formally “pronounced, declared and defined to be a divinely-revealed dogma” on November 1, 1950 by Pope Pius XII in his apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, with these words: “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

This formal declaration of the belief as dogma elevates the observance of the Assumption to the highest form of liturgical celebration, a solemnity. The celebration of the solemnity has been perpetually set for August 15 and is, ordinarily, a holy day of obligation. However, in the United States, by permission of the Vatican, the obligation is abrogated, that is, temporarily waived, when the solemnity falls on a Saturday or a Monday, as it does this year and next.

Nevertheless, in Mary, we have been given the great gift of a Mother to watch over and intercede for us, for Jesus, her Son, never denies her anything she asks for, since her will is united with God’s will. Therefore, in years, such as this one, when the obligation to attend Mass is waived, we should still gratefully observe in some private way God’s most bountiful generosity in revealing to us that His Son’s promise of eternal life body and soul for us is already fulfilled in the Blessed Ever-Virgin Mary.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
 Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm
 To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 Contact the Parish Secretary 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
 (please bring Bible, all are welcome)
 Tuesday - St. John Bosco
 Conference Room from 9:45am-11:00am

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

Director of Youth Ministry

Mr. Greg Boulden
GBoulden@sjbde.org

“ROOTED IN FAITH; GROWING DISCIPLES.”



TAKE OUT YOUR CELL PHONE RIGHT NOW!

Youth Ministry recently moved to flocknote.com to create an opportunity to improve communication. Sign up for youth ministry news, confirmation updates, volunteer communities and more. Go to: flocknote.com/StJohntheBeloved or Text “GOSJB” to “84576” to join.

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!

Youth Ministry Meets Every Sunday 6:30pm-9:00pm in the John Bosco Conference

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Secretary

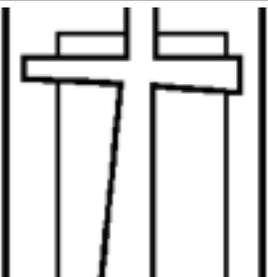
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Sunday School Program: we are still accepting applications for children ages 3,4,5 years old. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sept. - April. Our program is a structured learning program which reinforces the skills the child is 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.

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.

Sunday School



Coordinator of Parish Outreach - Ms. Janice Rowan

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994-7867

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.

For information call
Debbie Petrucci 994-5327.

**A LONG OVERDUE THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
(SVDPS)**

Thank you, the St. John's parishioners, for your continuing & generous support for the Society. Please realize that the gratitude that we have for your generosity is most sincere, despite the fact that we don't say it often enough.

We have helped a significant number of people with the funds you have provided. Specifically, for our latest reporting period, Oct. 1, 2013 thru Sept. 30, 2014, we helped 329 people primarily through 168 home visits. In helping these people, we disbursed over \$50,000. This was used primarily to help pay for electricity bills, rent, and heating oil. Some of the other needs that were met were for food, auto. insurance, furniture and medical needs. We have also provided prayer books, and referrals to allow our clients to pursue their interest in furthering their faith as well as seek additional avenues of help. This activity has continued during the current year. So far we have made at least 60 home visits to families and have helped at least 120 people. We have disbursed over \$30,000, and in a number of cases have worked with other parish SVDPS as well as other organizations to multiply the impact of our expenditures.

Thank you again, and may God bless you always!

ANOTHER WAY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE SVDPS

If you plan to participate in the United Way this coming year, please consider allocating the funds you donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. These funds will be used efficiently to help the needy meet the many living expenses that they encounter. Please mention this to your relatives and friends as well. The United Way number for the Society is 9284.



RCIA

Deacon Tom Bailey

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the process by which a person is brought into full communion in the Catholic faith, will begin at St. John the Beloved on Monday September 14th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Conference Room.

As many Catholics have come to realize, our faith is a treasure which takes a life time to fully appreciate. Yet for a myriad of reasons many good people have turned away from the active practice of the faith in their daily lives. Some have bought into the secular message that the gospel is no longer relevant in a modern society. Or, others have lost a sense of the mystery of God and his place in their lives.

In assisting candidates in the RCIA process we have seen firsthand how the deep longings of the human spirit cannot be satisfied only by what the world has to offer. Our St. John's candidates have come first and foremost because they recognized a void in their lives that was not being fulfilled. What draws people to RCIA is:

A longing to become connected to a faith community.

The desire for families to be united in their faith and worship together.

For parents of students in our school to become more familiar with the faith.

For spouses to share together in the fullness and depth of the Catholic liturgy

Do you see yourself in any of these situations? Do you know someone who might benefit from RCIA; someone close to you, a friend, a neighbor, a spouse, or an adult child? If your answer is yes, then you are invited to respond to this invitation. "Come and See" for yourself what the RCIA process is all about on Monday September 14th. You will be glad you did! Please take one of the brochures found in the back of the church and contact Deacon Tom Bailey at 302-999-9761 or tmbailey1@verizon.net.

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

Thursday, August 20 and Friday, August 21

PARISH LIFE ASSOCIATION

Donations of sandwiches are welcome from all parishioners. Delivery can be made to the hall kitchen door on Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 7:00pm and Friday morning before 9:30am. These sandwiches are taken to the Emmanuel Dining Room to help feed those in need. We are especially in need of sandwiches on the 1st and 4th Fridays of the month.

**St. John the Beloved
School Principal**
Mr. Richard Hart
998-5525

Vice Principal
Mrs. Mary Lou Soltys
Admissions

Mrs. Sharon Breznitsky
302-998-5525

Administrative Assistants

Mrs. Marie Malatesta
Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson

On the first day of school, students should report to their new grades and the teacher will assign the homeroom at that time.

Dismissal time is 2:35 on full days and 11:35 on half days.

Start time is 7:35 a.m. with doors opening at 7:20 am

School News

Follow St. John the Beloved School on the web:

www.saintjohnthebelovedschool.org

The New School Year will begin with a full day for grades 1-8 on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. On Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, there will be no school. First day for 3 year olds, kindergarten and Early Childhood children is Thursday, August 27th and it is a full day. The entire school calendar for 2015 – 2016 is on the website but is subject to change.

EAGLES CLUB NEWS:

IN ORDER FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE EAGLES CLUB ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Any St. John the Beloved student wishing to attend extended care is accepted. If you wish to register or want more information, please contact Mrs. Myers at TEC@saintjohnthebeloved.org

One time \$50 capital contribution for first time families must be received by August 1, 2015.

Times remain the same; open until 6:00 p.m. This extended care program is for St. John the Beloved school students only.

Cub Scout Pack 86 – St John the Beloved Attention Prospective and Fellow Cub Scouts and Parents:

Cub Scouting is open to all boys in grades 1 to 5. Boy Scouts of America has a brand new program for this upcoming year for Cubs. We will be having our Join Scouting Night (accepting new applications and returning Cub applications) on Thursday, August 27, 2015, starting at 7:00 pm and ending at 8:30 pm in the SJB Hall/Gym.

Also, come join us for our first Cub Scout meeting of the season on Friday, August 28, 2015, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes – and, through over a century of experience, knows – that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

For more information, please contact:
Don King – Cubmaster at 302-598-3059
Caroline Wieczorek – Charter Organization Representative at 302-503-9358
Trent Corcia – Committee Chairman at 561-308-7583





Week of August 16:

- Mon 6:30 Grace & Jim Murray
8:00 Kathleen C. Harrison
1:00 Joseph Coughlan
RaymondParosky
Richmond W. Prince
Judith Romanelli
MRC (living intention)
- Tue 6:30 Joanne Scott
8:00 Rose Morelli
- Wed 6:30 William P. Fischer
8:00 Doris Anselm
- Thur 6:30 Joseph A. Atallian
8:00 Maria D'Souza
- Fri 6:30 Salvatore Feudale
8:00 DeSouza Family (living intention)
- Sat 8:00 Phil Muhlmichl
5:00 Our Parish Family
7:00 Rita Brown
- Sun 7:30 Joseph Permar
9:30 Frances C. Albera, Sr.
11:30 James T. Cannon
5:00 Justine Donahue

Bulletin Announcements

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

Or email bulletin@sjbde.org

ENHANCED BULLETIN

Want to see more content and full color? View the bulletin online: www.sjbde.org/bulletins

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	\$17,540.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 956.75
*Other:	\$ 2,010.25

TOTAL: \$20,507.00

*Other includes: Votives, Poor Box, St. Vincent de Paul, Food Closet, Aid to Churches in Europe



August 22 & 23

Altar Servers: B.&P. Perrone, Brandon Argo, Dougherty, Lucas, Fritton, Winnington, Carey, Corcia, Connell, Thomas, Rapposelli, DiMarco, Quill, J & A. Aguinaga, Deely

Lectors: Leonardo/Kozielski, Dougherty/Grindel, Pagano/Donlan, B. Fassano/J. Fassano, Farr/Rapposelli, DeBussy/Beideman

Eucharistic Ministers: Phelps, Heredia, Nunez, Flowers, Deacon, Bayless, Griesbach, Sweeny, Deaon, Oldiges, Akenhead, Morningred, Grey, Ridley, Markowski, Mondzelewski, Schoenbeck, Muhlmichl, Piccoli, Saksa, Deacon, Tasker, Protack, Ballintyn, Duffy, Solomon, Duffy, Pantalone, Deacon, Baldwin, Moriello