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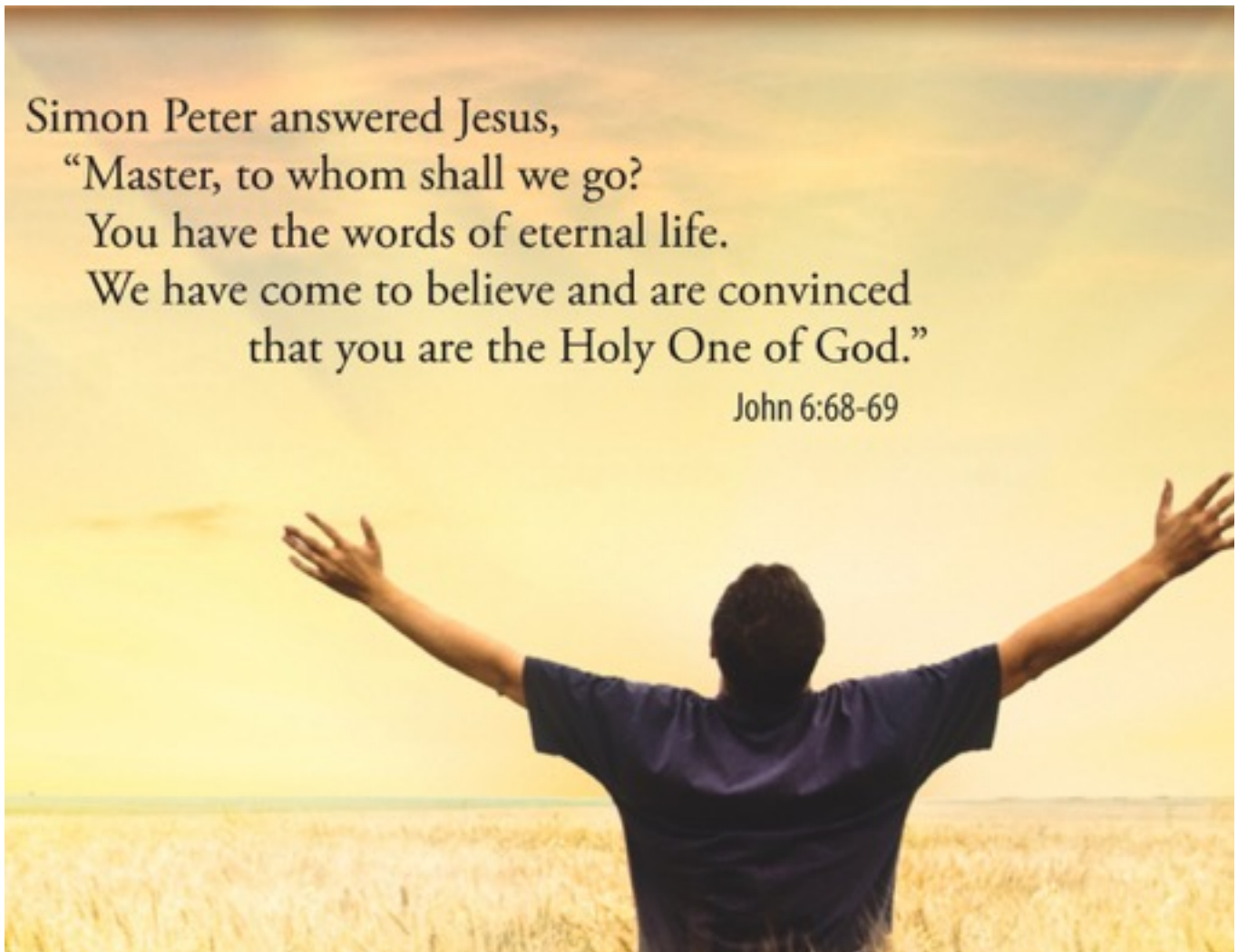
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ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

907 Milltown Rd. | Sherwood Park | Wilmington, DE 19808



Simon Peter answered Jesus,
“Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced
that you are the Holy One of God.”
John 6:68-69

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

This Sunday, we come to the conclusion of John 6, The Bread of Life discourse, that we studied for several weeks. It is a call to believe in the Eucharist and trust in the Lord. We are called to be different; separate in holiness with the Lord. It can be difficult to live in faith, in a moral life, when the world around us thinks and goes differently. The choice is ours. Are we to take the leap of faith and choose the Lord even when He asks us to believe in that which is impossible for the mind to come to, or do we leave for an easier, less challenging faith? We have a choice.....Or do we? No, we really don't have a choice. Where else can we go? Jesus alone has the words of eternal life.

As you know, **our Holy Father will soon be visiting** the United States. To spiritually prepare for the visit, a Holy Hour on Monday, September 21, 2015 from 6:30 to 7:30pm 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 needs of our individual and parish families on the eve of the Pope's arrival in the United States. All are welcome.

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. 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.

Collective Mass:

Ordinarily, individual Mass stipends cannot be combined into a single offering and celebrated with one Mass. However within the past year, the Diocese of Wilmington has followed the practice of other dioceses where a single Mass is offered with several intentions. This is to satisfy those who find it difficult to obtain a closely available date for a Mass intention (i.e. recent death of a loved one and no current openings are available) and the declining numbers of priests to offer the Mass. In cases in which the people making the offerings have been explicitly informed prior to their offering and have freely consented to combining their offerings into a single offering, their intentions can be satisfied with a single Mass celebrated according to a "collective" intention.

The place and time for a celebration of this Mass, which is normally weekly, must be made public. The priest offering this specific Mass receives one stipend and the other stipends go to the parish or institution. In St. John Beloved Parish, this "Collective" Mass is offered at 1 p.m. on Monday afternoon now in the church because the Vianney Chapel lacks the needed space.

-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 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 - 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 contemporary prayer and praise music)

Church 5:45pm-6:45pm

LEISURE GROUP

Our first meeting of the season will be on Tuesday, September 8th. After the 11AM Mass, all seniors are welcome to attend the meeting and luncheon in the hall. Our speaker will talk about available senior housing. Bring a friend!!

LITURGICAL INSIGHTS

The Feast of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Earth

A week after the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary body and soul into Heaven (August 15), the Church commemorates the feast of the Coronation of Our Lady, where she is crowned with the glory of Heaven. Though Mary has been honored as Queen since at least the eighth century, it is only on October 11, 1954 in his encyclical letter *Ad Caeli Reginam*, that Pope Venerable Pius XII, who definitively declared as dogma the Assumption of Mary, promulgated the feast of the Queenship of Mary to be celebrated on May 31, the crowning day of the month of Mary. The feast has since been moved to August 22, the octave (the eighth day) of the Assumption, since Mary is first taken to Heaven by her Son and then afterwards crowned Queen.

Mary is the paradigm of how a human being is called by God to cooperate with His grace in order to be perfected in holiness. Mary, as the mother of Jesus and, therefore, the mother of God, is privileged with being an extraordinary cooperator with God’s plan of salvation through our one and only Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Mary, then, is rightly called Queen, because according to the Hebrew understanding of royalty, the mother, NOT the wife, of the king bears the title “Queen.” Since Jesus Christ, her Son, is the King of kings, Mary is Queen of Heaven and Earth, a title which encourages us to ask for her intercession with her Son, the King of all Creation, as we do in, for example, the following prayer:

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Sustaining Hope for the Future Update

With the latest pledge, the weekend of August 9, we are just \$250 short of reaching 94% of our goal. Those of you still intending to pledge, but desire their pledge to be used only by the Parish, or, only by the Diocese, may do so by stipulating such, in writing, with your pledge, and it will be done. Thus far, 655 pledges have been received, and only 17 have either forgotten, or have encountered difficulty in satisfying their pledge. We will soon be deciding upon the sequence of the next projects to be undertaken. You will be kept informed.

May God continue to Bless You!

-Campaign Committee

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**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN
Are You Registered for Confirmation?**

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.

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

youth ministry

**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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 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.

IN OUR MAILBOX

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your recent donation to our 8th Annual Charity Golf Outing on July 30, 2015.

Your generous support will certainly play an important role in helping our efforts to provide for the Elderly at the Jeanne Jugan Residence. We are fortunate to have such wonderful supporters of our mission of caring for the elderly at our Home at Jeanne Jugan Residence. Your involvement with our golf outing speaks highly of the commitment provided by the local community.

We thank you for sharing in our work of love. God bless you.

Most Sincerely,

Sister Jeanne Mary, I.s.p

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.

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

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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.

Would you like to know how to bring your loved ones back to the Catholic Faith?

Please join us in praying for our families and friends on the Feast of St. Monica, Thursday, August 27, 2015. We will be praying together to bring back all those who have fallen away from the Church at a special Devotional Mass celebrated by Fr. Molewski, at St Hedwig Church, 408 S. Harrison Street, Wilmington, DE. 5:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Rosary, Benediction and 6:30pm Teardrops of St Monica Devotional Mass. For more information (302) 377-6475 or email: 12374columbiettes@gmail.com

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28

Sodality / Blue Army

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.

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."

School News

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

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

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.



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 Wiczorek – Charter Organization Representative at 302-503-9358

Trent Corcia – Committee Chairman at 561-308-7583

Flag Football

Signups for flag football grades 1 through 3 will be held on Tuesdays, August 25th, and September 1st, in the Gerres building, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm, and on Sunday August 30th, following the 9:30am mass.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Week of August 16:

Mon 6:30 Carl & Loretta Schmidt
 8:00 William P. Fischer
 1:00 Patricia M. O'Connor
 Gerri Simmons
 Jackie Hall
 William Homer
 Harry Seipp
Tue 6:30 Frank & Nancy Beverin
 8:00 Barbara Wojcik
Wed 6:30 John Harper
 8:00 Aleseo Baffone, Jr.
Thur 6:30 Joseph C. Marvel
 8:00 Eleanor Scubelek
Fri 6:30 Dolores Tirrell
 8:00 Evelyn Wisniewski
Sat 8:00 Elizabeth M. Phillips
 5:00 Kelly Ryan
 7:00 Robert Cressman, Jr.
Sun 7:30 Elizabeth Phillips
 9:30 Anthony Roginski
 11:30 Francis LaScala
 5:00 Our Parish Family

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	\$16,992.37
Assumption	\$ 2,327.00
*Other:	\$ 1,590.63

TOTAL: \$20,910.00

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



August 29 & 30

Altar Servers: Dunne, Boring, Elliot, Griffiths, Harris, McKeown, Lane, Bilinski, Ursillo, Samson, Delgado, Montgomery, Strusowski, Gallmann, Hibbits

Lectors: Heredia, Keating/Jervis, Harris/Merlino, Coutinho/Denney, Delgado/Klein, Allen/Ballintyn

Eucharistic Ministers:

Griesbach, Nunez, Bothell, Bailey, Micucio, Donahue, Bayless, Berlingieri, Oldiges, Dempsey, Sweeny, Short, Marino, Ridley, Morningred, Harris, Tasker, Hahn, Piccoli, Yanaitis, Baldwin, Kelly, Saksa, Castellani, Ricci, Samson, Solomon, Cullington, Pantalone, O'Connor, Beideman, Moriello, Mondzelewski, Ballintyn, Grey