

Religious Ed
News

Page 4

School News

PAGE 5

Around
Campus This
Week

PAGE 7

Open Houses

PAGE 10

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

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

From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

~ Mark 10:6-8



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

In today's Gospel we are presented with Jesus' teaching on the indissolubility of marriage. For many people this teaching might seem out of date where, today, over half of all marriages break apart.

However, Jesus does not claim to be introducing something new, He says He is going back to the original intention of God: *From the beginning of creation God made them male and female...* Here Jesus is quoting Genesis 1:27, just about as authoritative as you can get. He then draws the conclusion from this that *they are no longer two, therefore, but one body.*

Jesus puts the husband and wife on equal footing. The Pharisees went to Mosaic Law where a husband alone could divorce his wife. Jesus opposes this concept, prevalent still in some cultures, where a woman is considered the property of her father and then husband. If she committed adultery she violated the rights of her husband. According to this theory a man could not commit adultery, it was only the woman who was at fault.

This does change the whole nature of marriage. It takes it away from family alliances over property rights and power and moves it in the direction of a mutual love and union between two people.

The Church has quite a lot to say on marriage, and this is fitting because marriage is one of the most important foundation stones on which society is built. Of course, not every husband or wife can live up to what Christ teaches but this does not exclude anyone from His love. The point is to focus on what Christ wants from us, He wants us to be happy. He wants us to be pure and holy. He wants us to have self-worth. He wants us to be in relationships that truly build us up.

This is the purpose for the recent changes made by Pope Francis for the marriage annulment process. He wishes to make the painful situation less of a burden for those seeking to be faithful to the Gospel. He, and the Church, wants each soul to be complete, even after a failed relationship.

-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

LITURGICAL INSIGHTS

Respect Life Sunday

As indicated on the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org), the Respect Life Program begins anew each year on the first Sunday in October, Respect Life Sunday. This serves as a reminder to each of us that as committed Catholics, we are to live year-round an authentic witness of faithful discipleship to Jesus by respecting and protecting life at every stage of human life. This includes but is not limited to charitable and corporal works of mercy such as feeding the poor, visiting the sick and shut-ins as well as those in prison, defending the right to life of the unborn child, an end to capital punishment and economic disparity, the protection of the right to life of the elderly and dying, and compassion for migrants and immigrants.

In addition to acting on a global scale, respecting life also includes acting on the local level, in particular within our own families. As Pope Francis challenged us in his Mass concluding the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, "In my own house, do we shout or do we speak to each other with love and tenderness?" Shouting might be prevalent in the very human interactions and arguments we have with one another; but how do we resolve those arguments and how willing are we to learn from them so that our family's future be colored more by loving tenderness and less by tense anger?

This includes our parish church, for we, too, are a family. Perhaps we have some particular issue with our neighbor that leads us to be unforgiving or unkind toward them. Such is a reality with complex human interchange, which is why the Church incorporates the sign of peace in our liturgy, so that we might make peace with our neighbor before receiving the great Gift that unifies us as one Body: the Eucharist.

As the Church prepares to enter into the Year of Mercy on December 8, let us consider how to respond to Pope Francis' challenge so that we might all be more loving in our individual families, our parish family and our world family, and therefore become the family fully alive.

CHURCH STAFF

Fr. Joseph Piekarski

Pastor

pastor@sjbde.org

Rev. Idongesit Etim

Associate Pastor

fretim@sjbde.org

Rev. Brian Lewis,

Associate Pastor

frlewis@sjbde.org

Deacons

Mr. Thomas A. Bailey

tmbailey1@verizon.net

Mr. Dennis Wuebbels

wuebbelsdg@verizon.net

Mr. George Taylor, Jr. (Retired)

Parish Administrator

Mr. Frank Julian

FJulian@sjbde.org

Parish Receptionist

302-999-0211

Mrs. Trish Tucker

TTucker@sjbde.org

Mrs. Pat Kelly

PKelly@sjbde.org

Director of Youth Ministry

Mr. Greg Boulden

GBoulden@sjbde.org

Director of Liturgy and Music

Dr. Lisa Papili Carlsen, D.M.A.

LPapili@sjbde.org

Bookkeeper

Mrs. Sue O'Hanlon

SOhanlon@sjbde.org

Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Nino DeFlaviis

NDeFlaviis@sjbde.org

Director of

Religious Education:

Dolores Ballintyn

DBallintyn@sjbde.org

Secretary

Mrs. Jane Bogucki

JBogucki@sjbde.org

302-994-7757

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

Coordinator of

Parish Outreach

Ms. Janice Rowan

JRowan@sjbde.org

994-7867

Facilities Manager

Mr. Kevin Duffy

KDuffy@sjbde.org



www.facebook.com/sjbde

Religious Education

Welcome to the Religious Education posting. As our bulletin is undergoing wonderful and vibrant changes, so will our postings. Please read about the exciting and dynamic happenings below:

- Classes participated in the celebration of our opening mass on Sept. 22. It was a wonderful gathering and our children sang and participated with joy and happiness. Mrs. Berlingieri received a bouquet of flowers and cards from our students and faculty;
- Our Sunday School program begins on October 4 with 15 young children coming together to learn about our religion and to celebrate how special they are;
- Our parent formation sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are October 7 in the Church at either 1pm or 7pm. These sessions are for our parents to come together and learn and reflect on their own sacramental journey as well as to help them prepare their children.
- We are flocking to Flock Notes as our main way to communicate with our families. If you are a parent/guardian who has not registered on Flock Notes, please note that the October newsletter has all the information you need to enroll.

Let us continue to pray for all our children who are learning about and discovering all the joys of our religion and faith. Let us pray for each other as we model all that we wish our children to be as members of our community of faith.

Please also keep Mrs. Berlingieri in your prayers as she prepares to retire from her ministry as the Director of Religious Education. We are blessed that she will continue to serve our community through her ministry on the Environment and Liturgy committees. Mrs. Berlingieri is an authentic witness of the power of prayer and faith in this ever changing world. Thank you so much Mrs. Berlingieri. We are all very grateful to you.

To get program alerts, go to:

flocknote.com/StJohntheBeloved or

Text "SJBinfo" to "84576" to join.



youth ministry

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

FIRST SUNDAY
Just a reminder, first Sunday of every month is open to 6th -12th grades.

Special Thank You!

Our youth that are attending NCYC are able to do so at an affordable rate thanks to the generosity of our parishioners.

"ROOTED IN FAITH; GROWING DISCIPLES."

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

School News

Hola Clases y Padres,

I'm very much looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces return to our Primary/Intermediate Spanish Classroom for the 2015-2016 School Year! I can only hope your summer was as wonderful as you made most of my school days last year. I hope you're ready, because not only is this school year going to be full of joy, growth and new beginnings, but I have exciting news to share with you all!!

This year we will be welcoming the 3 year-old and 4 year-old ECP classes to take part in our Spanish Curriculum! I am so excited, and I feel equally as blessed to share in the opportunity of exploring invaluable lessons of culture and language adaptation starting at the ECP level. How truly exponential it is that our SJB Eagles have been afforded the opportunity to experience gifts of Culture and Language Learning from just a mere 3 years of age all the way thru the 8th Grade!

In addition, our 6th Graders have been invited to share in the use of our Spanish Classroom this year! As many of you know, our Spanish Classroom is located in the Our Lady of Angels (OLA) Building in the back of our school. It has become a hub of Spanish Learning at SJB for all Primary/Intermediate students and grade levels, including even our 2nd Trimester Kindergarteners! With recent WiFi updates and accommodations completed over the summer, SJB's OLA Building can now provide excellent cultural *surfing conditions* for all of our 6th Grade Spanish Classes *and* their ChromeBooks {...web surfing that is!}. This will give our 6th Graders the ability to play a hand in the coming alive of the Spanish Classroom, while also creating a more solidified learning environment for the grade levels below.

Needless to say, I am excited and pleased by the new changes to our Spanish Program at Saint John the Beloved School. Let's have a *'nothing less than superbly terrific and undeniably successful* school year! Saludos, Miss Koval, Grades ECP 3 to 6th Grade Spanish Teacher.

During Center Time, we made a surprise art project. We also did a color and number sorting game, dot marker sheet. The children played with the dollhouse, kitchen set, tool bench, animals, stacking ring manipulatives, magnet blocks, and playdough.”



St. John the Beloved School

OPEN HOUSE

3 year olds – 8th grade

Thursday, October 8, 2015 9:00am, or, 6:30pm

6:30 p.m. in the School Library.

Please contact Mrs. B at 998-5525 ext. 200 to let us know you are coming!

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.

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

LECTORS

OCTOBER 8 & 9

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.

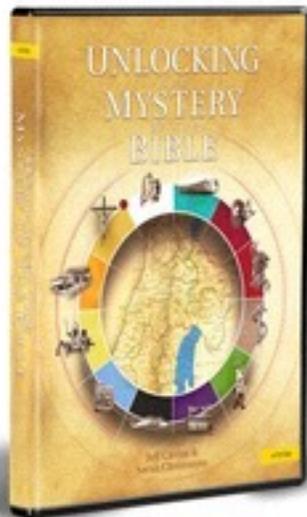
LEISURE GROUP

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.



AROUND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

“UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE.”



St. John the Beloved will offer: “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.” This 8 week introduction to the Bible makes the complex simple. The Bible Timeline provides the big picture of the Bible. It helps us to make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to our everyday life. It shows the connections between the Old and New Testaments, and shows how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. It helps us to follow the path of Salvation History from creation in Genesis through the formation of the Church in Acts of the Apostles.

The class will be offered Tuesday evenings beginning October 6 from 6:45 until 8:15. 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.

REFRESH

Wednesday, OCTOBER 7

6:00pm-7:00pm

Where: CHURCH

Open to all. Come relax, unplug, and Refresh. Light a candle for an intention, spend time in reflection, praise music, evening prayer and more!



Ravioli work shop will be held on Oct. 6, 20 and 27 in the Parish kitchen. We welcome anyone who wants to help. Come from 8:30 to 12 on those days. For more information call Ceil at 998-9544 or Irene at 999-7840.



Ministry of Caring Bus Trip to Savannah, GA

Sunday, March 6 - Saturday, March 12, 2016

Join us for a fun, 7-day bus trip to Savannah, one of the most beautiful cities in the world!

Includes a cruise on the Savannah River, guided tour of St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island, and visit to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum.

Proceeds help fund Ministry programs to help poor and homeless people in the Wilmington area.

\$799 per person, double occupancy

\$449 per child 12 and under with full-paying adult in the room

\$200 additional for single occupancy

For brochure or reservations, contact: Annie Halverson at ahalverson@ministryofcaring.org or (302) 652-5523.

MONICA KELSEY, WILL TELL HER STORY ON OCTOBER 22.

Join us at the Christiana Hilton on Thursday, October 22 for DRTL' s annual banquet and fundraiser. Our guest speaker, Monica Kelsey, comes from Indiana to tell the remarkable story of her and her birth mother's experience. She is a positive pro-life mentor who speaks with love and hope about adoption and the importance of unborn life, no matter the circumstances of conception.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30, dinner, a legislative update, and then our speaker. Tickets are \$45 and are available for purchase on our website, www.derighttolife.org, or by mailing a check to DRTL, PO Box 1222, Wilmington, DE 19899

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month to honor Our Blessed Mother, Please join us after mass to pray the rosary .

SODALITY RETREAT

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality will hold its annual retreat on Saturday, October 24 following the 8 am mass and rosary in the church. The meeting will be held in the Vianney House and will include a light breakfast. Father Joe Piekarski will lead our retreat. Please register to attend either by calling Suzanne (438-2688) or Johannah (998-3057)

Cost for members is \$5, and non-members is \$10. We need an accurate count for breakfast so remember to register to attend.

Mass Intentions
For The Week 

Week of October 4:

Sunday: Respect Life

Mon 6:30 Francis McManus
8:00 Adeline J. Sarro
1:00 Henrietta Niedbalski
Agnes Ryan

Tue St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

6:30 Donna Chickadel Campbell
8:00 William P. Fischer

Wed Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 William B. Conley
8:00 Helen & Joseph Faupel

Thur 6:30 Sira Fernandes
8:00 Joan Boyle

Fri St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

6:30 George & Mary Kay Helmer
8:00 Helen A. Bradley

Sat Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Eleanor Scubelek
5:00 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Peco
7:00 Erin Wendelburg

Sun 7:30 Eleanor Scubelek
9:30 Mr. & Mrs. John Tanor
11:30 Our Parish Family
5:00 Deceased Family Members
Gutmann

* Saints and Special Observances in bold.

**Bulletin
Announcements**

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

[WWW.SJBDE.ORG/
BULLETINS](http://WWW.SJBDE.ORG/BULLETINS)

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

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	\$19,806.30
*Other:	\$ 5,031.20

TOTAL: \$24,837.50

*Other includes: Children's offertory,
church debt, Holy Days, All Saints,
Assumption of Mary, Votives, Poor
Box, St. Vincent de Paul, Aid to
churches, Tuition Assistance, World
Mission, Human Development.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

October 10 & 11

Altar Servers: H. Heredia, J. Nowaczyk, A. DiMarco,
R. and K. Hoban, S. Skies, C. and N. Reice, N.
Rapposelli, W. Hobbs, C. Winnington, A. and J.
Aguinaga, J. McAndrew, B. Strusowski, M. and M.
Cotrotsios

Lectors: Rizzo/Jervis, Fassano, Aluise/Blanco,
Kurzeknabe/Piccoli, Pagano/Denney, Ballintyn/Swarter

Eucharistic Ministers: Micucio, Donahue, Nunez,
Bayless, Phelps, Heredia, Flowers, Oldiges, Berlingieri,
Grey, Sweeny, Markowski, Morningred, Ridley,
Rodriguez, Akenhead, Carmack, Solomon, Ballintyn,
Saksa, Schoenbeck, Duffy, Delgado, Castellani, Baldwin,
Samson, Dempsey, Griesbach, Mondzelewski,
Beideman, Moriello

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

Prospective students and their parents are invited to the St. Elizabeth High School Open House on Sunday, October 18 from 11:30am – 2:30pm.

Come and experience why St. Elizabeth High School is the recipient of a 2015 Superstar in Education Award presented by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. Meet the entire St. Elizabeth High School Family: administrators, teachers, students, coaches, and parents. Enjoy a personal tour with a student guide, or explore the campus on your own. For more information, contact Mr. Matthew Haney. Call 656-3369, Ext. 3039 or e-mail mhaney@sehs.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. MARK'S

Saint Mark's High School's Fall Open House is Sunday November 1, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an information session at 1:30 p.m. Please register online at www.stmarkshs.net/visit. See you there!

Welcome Home! Saint Mark's High School's Alumni Weekend begins on Friday, October 9 with a varsity football game against DMA. Alumni activities continue on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11. Please visit the Saint Mark's website for the complete itinerary at www.stmarkshs.net.

SJB BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS – Sign-ups for boys and girls basketball for the 2015 - 2016 season are open for grades K through 8, and high school students. The sign-up forms can be completed and emailed to John Parlamenti (jparlament@msn.com), who is the boys' coordinator, or Jeff Wolff (jswolff.4659@gmail.com), who is the girls' coordinator. Completed forms can also be submitted through the Parish Office.

Forms will also be available for downloading on the school website at the following location: <http://saintjohnthebelovedschool.org/forms-6> All players in 5th grade and older, must be registered on the CYM web site - <https://cymsignup.cdowcym.org/Athletics/Login.aspx> Please note that if you haven't already registered a child for the fall 2015 sports season, you will need to create a new user name and password. The fee schedule will be as follows:

In-house - K-2 and 3rd/4th grade: **\$40 per player**

JV and Varsity - 5th through 8th and High School: **\$85 per player**

All JV and Varsity players will be required to submit a separate \$50 uniform deposit check. Deposit checks will be held until the uniform is returned at the end of the season. Once all uniforms are collected, the checks will be shredded.

Fees will be collected at signups on October 6, 7, 8 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the SJB Sheehy Hall lobby. All checks should be addressed to SJBAA.

BASKETBALL COACHES and VOLUNTEERS - With over 300 athletes, the St. John the Beloved basketball program is always in need of coaches. Anyone interested in coaching, assisting, being a team parent or officiating in-house games for should contact the coordinators before tryouts. This year we would like to eliminate any problems of having teams put together without coaches available for them. All parents interested in coaching need to volunteer before the tryouts begin so we can work together to create the teams.

BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT - The basketball program is in need of equipment from past years. Anyone who still has basketball equipment (balls, bags, uniforms, etc.) should contact John Parlamenti at 292-2049 or you may bring the equipment to any of the sign-ups. If you have a reversible jersey that you are holding onto for a keepsake please contact John Parlamenti for a replacement.

