

June 24, 2018

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

We celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist; cousin of the Lord and the one who prepared His way. Jesus said John was the greatest man born of women.

We too, like John, are called to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives. We are preparing for the Lords' Second Coming-in glory.

PARISH COUNCIL

At the June meeting of the Parish Council, the following were elected as officers for the coming year: **James Clark-Executive Officer; Ralph Murry-Secretary and James Vandergast and Bridget Kirk as members of the Executive Committee.** Thank you to the outgoing leaders and members of the council.

Carnival News

Great News!

With all the bills paid, we can announce this years' **Carnival made a record-breaking \$105,614.63 profit!** Thank you to Sue and Doug Garrett and the entire Carnival Committee, all of you who worked so hard and contributed so much to the success of the Carnival. We thank the good Lord who gave good weather. The profit will obviously help us to cover the deficit we have been facing all year.



A giant **THANK YOU** to our **Young At Heart** group for their generous donation towards the cost of landscaping around our convent building. Your kindness and generosity to the parish is deeply appreciated.

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend of 6/10 was \$5,119.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,502.50 for a total of \$7,621.50

Thank you!

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

All Annual Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan development office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder. Do not make payment to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

**Thank you for your support of our Annual Catholic Appeal.** 176 families or individuals have helped us surpass our "target" of \$62,000. \$67,210 has been pledged and at this point almost 60% has been contributed. If our "target" is surpassed in actual donations, our parish will receive 50% of the overage to help us with our own expenses. God bless you for your generosity and love of our church!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to spend time with Our Lord at Immaculate Heart of Mary Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. If you can commit to spending an hour with Our Lord, please call Kathy Dunworth, Chapel Coordinator, at 302-383-6452

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 23

9:00 am (SR) Father's Day Novena

5:00pm (SR) Michael Friel

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Sunday, June 24

7:00 am (SR) Father's Day Novena

9:00 am (WK) Joseph Gazzillo

11:00 am (SR) John Hudak

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### Monday, June 25

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Father's Day Novena

### Tuesday, June 26

7:00am (DV) Deceased Members of

the Hartman Family

9:00am (SR) In Thanksgiving (Living)

### Wednesday, June 27

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR ) William & Eloise Hart

### Thursday, June 28

7:00am (SR) Deceased Members of the

Castorini Family

9:00am (WK) Carrie Kenitzer

### Friday, June 29

7:00am (Cap) John Schultz

9:00am (SR) Daniel Marchione

Rich Armes

### Saturday, June 30

9:00 am (SR) Dorothy McCole

5:00pm (SR) Rose Cekine

### Sunday, July 1

7:00 am (DV ) The Deceased Members of the

Lutcavage/Blaska Family

9:00 am (SR) The People of the Parish

11:00 am (SR) Louis Calvarese, Jr.

## ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL MIDDLETOWN

**Join us for our 20th Anniversary celebration, July 17 thru July 21.** Exciting rides, games and nightly entertainment under the big top! Special children's game area. **ONE NIGHT ONLY: July 17, Jungle John's Dino Show, 7-9 p.m.** MegaPass-ride all week \$45. July 17-18 are Family Nights: \$25/night/all rides! Nightly raffles! Delicious meals in our air-conditioned Parish Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday. Outdoor dining, rides and games begin at 6:00 p.m. nightly. FREE admission and parking. More information, call Parish Office 302-378-5800 or [www.stjosephmiddletown.com](http://www.stjosephmiddletown.com)

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Lazarus Ministry: Kathleen DiCamilla is coordinating the Lazarus Ministry for St. Helena's Parish.

- When there is a funeral in the parish, the coordinator calls the family. When feasible a home visit is made.
- If the family wishes to use St. Helena's facilities for a luncheon, the coordinator checks with parish secretary/receptionist to see about the availability of the parish hall
- A list of caterers is provided. Caterers have their assistants who are able to serve the meal.
- Greeters from the parish are also present at the funeral mass.
- A month after the funeral a card is sent to the family from the Lazarus Ministry. If you need information please call 764-3025 ext 104

## BIRTHRIGHT OF DELAWARE SAVE THE DATE

**Birthright of Delaware** will host a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse located in **bear, Delaware from 12 pm to 4 pm on August 4, 2018!** Please bring your family and friends out for lunch/dinner! A percentage of all meals will be given as a contribution to birthright Inc.

### Little Sisters of the Poor

### Annual Charity Golf Outing

Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @Deerfield Golf Club

507 Thompson Station Rd, Newark DE

The schedule for the day is:

10:30am- registration, bag drop, practice and lunch buffet,

12 (Noon) - shotgun start-scramble format,

4:45pm, putting contest

5pm -dinner buffet, cocktails and silent

auction.

**If interested, please contact Debbie Strengari at 302-368-5886**

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will not be meeting during June, July or August, 2018. We will resume our usual schedule in September by meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

If anyone needs information, would like to join us or would like instruction in knitting or crocheting, please call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Carmela at 762-9057. Also, if you need materials, we provide it at no cost. Have a blessed summer.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Look what is coming....**

Registrations for Religious Education Classes held on Monday nights will be mailed out at the end of July and will also be online to fill out at the first Parent/Child Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018.

### **Vacation Bible School**

*Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus* is this year's Community Vacation Bible School theme. Bible school will be held July 22-26 at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant from 5:15 PM- 8:30 PM. Many adults are needed to serve as station leaders, station helpers and crew leaders. Our own Ms. Hummy will be a counselor once again for this Bible School and encourages all of our children to take advantage of this wonderful experience.

## BINGO

Every Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes,  
Food!

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart's monthly meetings will resume on **Monday evening, 7pm, Sept 17, in Masci Hall**. Please plan on joining our club for fun and fellowship. We need new members with new ideas. Yearly dues are \$18.00 and due at that time.

### St. Edmonds Academy Shoestring Summer Showcase

Shoestring Productions of Brandywine Valley will feature young, local talent in an original musical, "The Dancing Princesses" at 10am & 1pm this Friday, June 29 at St. Edmonds Academy-Rollins Center of Saint Edmond's Academy, 2120 Veale Road, Wilmington, Delaware. Admission to these public performances is \$6.00. If you need further information, please contact Ms. Deborah DeHart at 302-762-0505

## RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

*Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: August 17-19.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 24**

**2nd Collection: Works of the Holy Father**

**Thursday, June 21**

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

**BREAKFAST BUFFET JULY 8**

**8:00AM TO 12:45PM**

**\$10/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12**

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (except August). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or [Natiesmom@me.com](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com)].

***Future 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays are:  
September 9, October 14 and December 9***

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN’S WELLNESS WEEKEND**

The Sisters of St. Joseph Development Office will host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Wellness Weekend at St. Mary’s by-the-Sea in beautiful Cape May Point, New Jersey on Sept. 7-9, 2018. Included in the \$375 price, are meals, accommodations and the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops. Email [development@ssjphila.org](mailto:development@ssjphila.org) or call 1-800-482-6510 with any questions.



**BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER FARM STAND**

Every Friday at BCC 510 Duncan Road from 5-8pm. Fresh local affordable food! For information contact BCC at 302-762-1391

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**



Don’t you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be November 2-4, 2018 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website at [www.wvme-delmar.org](http://www.wvme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don’t Delay!

**QUO VADIS 2018**

***July 26th – 29th***

*A time for young men of high school or college age interested in the vocation to the priesthood to gather, pray, have fun, and discern God’s plan and calling for their life.*

Location: Malvern Retreat House  
315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA

**Begins: Thursday, July 26, 2018**

5:00PM – 5:45PM – Check-in at St. Joseph Hall

**Event Cost: Free**

**For more information and registration:**

**Online at [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations) by Friday, July 6th**

**CAPE COD BUS EXCURSION**

**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Josephine Bakhita Court 383** is sponsoring a 5 day/4 night bus excursion to Cape Cod, September 10–14, 2018. Please consider vacationing with friends from the Diocese. It’s an all-inclusive trip with a total cost of \$800. You can reserve your seat for \$200. Contact Deborah Robinson, 302-494-5709 or St. Joseph's Church, 302-658-4535 for more detail and to make your reservation.

