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St. John Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening : 5:00PM, First Saturday Only 9AM

Sunday : 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (*español*)

Monday : 12:00 PM

Tuesday : 9:00 AM

Thursday : 9:00 AM

Friday : 9:00AM

St. Bernadette Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday : 10:00 AM

Wednesday : 9:00 AM

Confession:

St. John - Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:45PM or by appointment

*The last confession on Saturday will be heard at 4:45pm

St. Bernadette- Saturday 3:15pm - 3:45pm



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Apostle/Bernadette Parish

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents seeking to have their children baptized should be registered with our parish. Applications for Baptism may be found on our website or picked up in the parish office. Once your application is completed and submitted to the office you will be registered for the Baptismal class and then will be able to schedule your child's Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements for Marriage must be made one year in advance by contacting a Parish priest to set the wedding date and to plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Holy Orders and Religious Life: If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Norman Carroll at 302) 573-3113.

Hospital Visitation: If a member of the family is in the hospital and would like to be visited, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration: We kindly request that all those who attend mass register with the parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church or may be mailed to you.

Envelopes/Weekly Offering: All parishioners are strongly encouraged to make use of the parish envelopes which assist us in predicting our income and preparing our budget for expenses. A record of yearly contributions are kept for you in our office and can be provided for income tax purposes. Thank you for your continued support.

Online Giving: is available for those prefer electronic giving. Log on to our website and look for the **PARISH SOFT ONLINE GIVING** button.

Office Hours: **St. John** - Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Wed 12:30pm - 4:00pm.

St. Bernadette - 8:30am to 12:00pm (Wednesday)

Parish Council Members

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy – the Sacrament of priesthood and the Sacrament of marriage. Through the Sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish Church through the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Similarly, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect and love. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home. On this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may we be inspired to heal the wounds of division and seek reconciliation, peace and harmony with our loved ones.

Sincerely, yours in Christ

Rev. Anthony Giamello
Pastor



Religious Education News

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book, [HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS](#):

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--- -Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

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St. John's



St. John's Rosary Altar Society -Come and pray the Rosary with us every 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 am before the 9:00 Mass
(Looking ahead: next Sunday Social will be January 30 at noon after the 11 o'clock Mass)

Iron Men's Lectio Divina - Come join faithful Catholic men, for the study of scripture, prayer, and fellowship. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Saint John's basement at 7:00pm. Call or email Kevin Joseph with interest. "Iron is sharpened by Iron; one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

MESSENGERS OF HOPE From the Messengers of Hope to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one! On behalf of the community of St. John the Apostle/St. Bernadette, please know that we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. If you are seeking help in coping with grief, we invite you to our grief support group. We meet in the Hall on the first Tuesday of each month after the 9:00am Mass. Our first meeting will begin on the first Tuesday of September. To learn more about our ministry, please phone Jim Malloy (302)422-7661.



COME JOIN THE RE DEPARTMENT AND CELEBRATE EPIPHANY AROUND THE WORLD. EACH CLASS WILL BE REPRESENTING A COUNTRY.

DATE: JAN 2, 2022
TIME: 10AM - 12:30PM
LOCATION: ST. JOHN PARISH HALL



St. Bernadette's

All practicing Catholic men are invited to join the St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus in our efforts to support our church and community through service and fellowship. The Knights of Columbus is an international order of Catholic men who are called to lead by faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend our values in a busy and changing world. Go to www.kfc-org and click on "Join Us" to become a member or contact Grand Knight, John McCartney jmccart63@gmail.com or Financial Secretary, Tom Svienty tjs14317koc@comcast.net. You can also ask one of the ushers at Mass for more information.



The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Bernadette's is open to welcoming new members to our group. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 1:00pm in St. Bernadette's Hall. Along with our mission to support St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus (you do not have to be married to a Knight to join), the Auxiliary is involved in several activities throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about our mission, please either contact Mary Lou Perrone at teacherloulou@verizon.net, President of the Auxiliary.



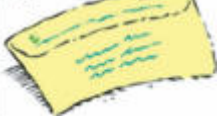
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PARISH NEWS



Due to the Holiday the Parish Office will be closed December 31st. We wish all of our Parishioners a happy and Blessed New Year.

Offering Envelopes



Envelope Sets: Have gone out to those who regularly use envelopes as well as those who requested them after the order was sent to the printing company. This year we will be using bi-monthly envelopes. If we missed sending yours or you wish envelopes, please contact the office and we will get them to you as soon as possible.

Rectory Mortgage Envelope - There has been an oversight by the envelope company, for the months of Jan and Feb 2022 the Rectory/ Hall Mortgage envelope has been included, please use these envelopes for the Improvement funds. This should be fixed for the month of March. We appreciate your patience with this misunderstanding.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul- Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. Your gifts to the St. Vincent de Paul poor box continue to help the Society provide care to our brothers and sisters most in need. You make this possible. We deeply appreciate your caring commitment.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, Pete Anderson, Angela Baglinoe, Michael Baglione, Keith Bandura, Meredith Benoit, Brienna Bidenback, Frank Bilger, Dave Boffa, Tom Born, Margaret Carman, Tom Casey, Steve Clagett, Joanne Coombe, Ben Dehn, Helen Dominguez, George Ehrmann, Victor Elbaz, Carol Farley, Kimberly Ferrante, Joan Fierro, Mario & Dorothy Fitzgerald, Carolyn Fogerty, Cathy Gegaris, Nadine Gleason, Karen Hall, Katherine Harris, Debbie Heinsch, Jim Higgins, Doris Koons, Luke Landon Labajo, Patricia Maher, Bob McGuire, Barbara Neske, James Nicholson, Dorothy Pazarecki, Joan Perry, Joe Plummer, Judith Pordan, Susan Portz, Emilio Raffio, Claire Renk, Dottie Renk, Rachel Renk, Sarah Roche, Stephen Ruczynski, John & Nadene Shearstone, Julie Stymacks, Sharon Thomas, Joan Walther, Jennifer Webman and Jim Woolter. *Please remember to call when someone needs to be removed from the Sick List.*

DEPLOYED TROOPS Please pray for our deployed troops and their families. Airman Alex Dudley (FL), A-1C James W. Gagnon (Langley AFB), Majors Kyle & Alicia Waite (Nevada), Joshua Meenan (New York), Ariel Tricoche (Army), James Zollo (Army).

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER LINE St. John's Prayer Line is a group of prayer warriors, contacted online, who pray daily for those in our parish family and any others with special prayer requests. Prayer is our way of communing with God and deepens our relationship with him. If you need prayers or know someone who does please call Jane Brown at 302-233-2181 or Bonnie De Mar at 302-236-5296 or by email at Italianpr@aol.com.

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS TO OUR COMMUNITY if you wish to register please contact either parish office or see one of our ushers.

Anuncios de la comunidad Hispana



Debido al día festivo, la oficina parroquial estará cerrada el 31 de diciembre. Deseamos a todos nuestros feligreses un feliz y bendecido Año Nuevo.

Offering Envelopes



Los sobres de ofrenda han sido enviados a sus casas, este año vamos a usar sobres bi-mensuales. Si le gustaría sobres por favor contacte a Vivian en la oficina parroquial.

Diocesan / Community News

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal - As the close of 2021 fast approaches – you may wish to take this final opportunity to improve lives and make a 2021 tax-deductible donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Visit cdow.org/development-o...

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Catholic Forum. Catholic Forum returns from the holiday break on January 8th when Mr. Rusty Gilles from St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware will discuss the history of the parish as they begin their 250th anniversary year. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.

Marriage Moments - Sunday December 26: The feast is over but the visiting and company may continue through the Christmas holidays. Although generally a happy time of family togetherness, Christmas can also be a time when stress causes short tempers. Be mindful and merciful with your beloved these days when you might be together in extremely close quarters.

Parenting Pointers - Sunday December 26: As we mark the end of 2021, ask your family to gather and recall one regret and one happy memory they have of this past year. Try to commit to one positive act during the first month of 2022.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 AM Christmas Novena (Midnight Spanish) St. John
9:00 AM Christmas Novena St. John
10:00 AM Christmas Novena St. Bernadette
11:00 AM Christmas Novena St. John

Sunday, December 26

4:00 PM Christmas Novena St. John
4:00 PM Christmas Novena St. Bernadette
6:00 PM Christmas Novena St. John
10:00 PM Christmas Novena St. John

Monday, December 27

12:00 PM †William J. Langrall St. John

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 AM †Cesarina Manenti St. John

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 AM †Lois Clement St. Bernadette

Thursday, December 30

9:00 AM †Cecilia Carmona St. John

Friday, December 31

9:00 AM Priest Intention St. John
10:00 PM Priest Intention (Spanish Mass) St. John

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

4:00 PM Priest Intention St. Bernadette
5:00 PM ♥Lydia Haddock St. John

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM †Timothy Saxon St. John
10:00 AM †Madeline Herzog St. Bernadette
11:00 AM †Beverly Singer St. John
6:00 PM Pro Populo St. John

†Indicates Person is deceased ♥ Indicates living intention

PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

NO RE Classes STJ/STB

Sunday, December 26

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Monday, December 27

Tuesday, December 28

2:00pm STB Choir Practice STB Church

Wednesday, December 29

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31 - Parish Office Closed

7:30pm Asamblea de Oracion St. John

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00am - 12:30pm Epiphany around the world STJ Hall

ST. JOHN'S ROOM IDENTIFICATION: MT - Matthew (Mateo) MK - Mark (Marco) LK/JN Luke/John (Lucas/Juan) TR - Teen Room - CR Conference Room

ST. BERNADETTE'S ROOM IDENTIFICATION: BR - Brigid JO - Joan

Gratitude & Generosity

SECOND COLLECTION: . Thank you for your generosity throughout 2021!

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*This week the
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*St. John Sanctuary Candle will burn next week in loving memory of Frank Walder.
Requested by Judy Purcell.*

Memorials for the Week

Attention Parishioners - We are happy to announce the availability of purchasing the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle in honor or memory of someone. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

"I Have Hope Again."

Local resident, Carl P. had been experiencing the painful effects of Peripheral Neuropathy, "my feet and legs were extremely painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. That I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life." Then he went to see acupuncturist, Ashley Adams.

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort and numbness caused by nerve damage of the peripheral nervous system. Carl explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful. "How can you live for the next 20 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

He was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way that I would describe it, it's equivalent to walking on glass." Carl hadn't worn socks in five years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would 'touch' his feet.

Unfortunately Carl's story is all too familiar for the over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy.

If you are unfortunate enough to be facing the same disheartening prognosis, you're not sleeping at night because of the burning in your feet, you have difficulty walking, shopping or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain.

You're struggling with balance and living in fear that you might fall. Your doctor told you to "just live with the pain" and you're taking medications that aren't working or have uncomfortable side effects. Know that there are options.

Fortunately, three months ago, Carl read an article about DelMarVa Acupuncture and the work being done to treat those suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy without invasive surgeries or medications. He can now share how significantly his life has been changed!

"Now when I go to bed at night I don't have those shooting pains. I don't have that burning sensation. I don't have pain coming up my legs," Carl enthusiastically describes life after receiving treatments. "I can comfortably wear socks and shoes and I can enjoy golfing again!"

Ashley Adams, founder of DelMarVa Acupuncture & Wellness Center, is using the time tested science of Acupuncture combined with technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease.

DelMarVa Acupuncture uses the most cutting edge and innovative integrative medicine. Specializing in chronic pain cases, specifically those that have been deemed 'hopeless' or 'untreatable', she consistently generates unparalleled results. What was once a missing link in senior healthcare is now easily accessible to the residents of Milford.

If you've missed too many tee times because of pain or you've passed on dancing along to songs of your youth because you're afraid of falling, it's time to give yourself a new opportunity.

It's time you let your golden years, BE GOLDEN!



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