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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



Check us out on Facebook by searching St. John the 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

Dawn Curtiss, Ron DiMeo, Andrew Fulton, Filadelfo Gonzalez, Michael Gumrot, Marcus Hammond, Kevin Joseph, Summer Lewis, Stephanie McDonough, Jeannette Minner, Ramon Quinene, Alberto Ramos, Kathy Trombello, Mike Welsh & Cindy Zarraga

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

By the time you read this I will be somewhere in the Middle East. I wanted to inform you that our neighbors to the south, Fr Brian Lewis and Fr Jones Kukatla (from St Jude's) will be assisting our Parish as Parish Administrators during my deployment. The Bishop has assigned Fr Lewis as the Parish Administrator from January 3 through February 18 and Fr Jones from February 19 through the length of my deployment. Fr Jones will be moving into our rectory in February and will be ministering solely at St John's and St Bernadette's starting on Sunday February 19.

I am extremely grateful to Fr Lewis and Fr Jones for their priestly fraternity and apostolic zeal. In addition, I am grateful to Fr Johnny, our Associate Pastor for his ministry and pastoral care that he provides to our parishioners.

During my deployment, you will see from time to time visiting clergy, Fr Mathesius, Fr Brown (retired priests of the Diocese) and Fr Jesus Navarrete (from Dover AFB) celebrating Mass. In advance, I thank you for extending to them your welcoming hospitality.

The role of a Parish Administrator is to celebrate the Sacraments and to provide pastoral care to parishioners. At the recommendation of the Finance Council, no major changes, nor projects (outside of anything that needs immediate attention) will be done until I return.

The 5pm Mass this past Saturday (Jan 1) was my last Mass until I return. It was very difficult saying goodbye to everyone. I can relate with you parents when you have to leave your families and children for a period of time and how difficult and strenuous that is. As your Pastor, I am so blessed to have you as my parish family.

Please continue to pray for our military personnel whom I have the privilege of celebrating the Sacraments with and most definitely be assured of my daily prayers for you.

Sincerely, yours in Christ

Rev. Anthony Giamello Pastor

If you would like my mailing address while on deployment, please see Vivian our parish secretary and she will pass it along. I only ask for security reasons that you keep it to yourself to protect the location of our deployed men and women. Also, that you would not share it with anyone. Thank you.

Religious Education News









Epiphany Celebration 2022 RE Students









Attention all Families and Parents:

Religious Education may have to start meeting remotely or by email assignments. The numbers in the state have gone very high and many of our students are not vaccinated and families are facing Covid and quarantine. So please watch your email or remind for more information.

To join our Remind app: Send text to 81010 and message should say @de89k3 and you will be in our remind system.

To join parish text/email alert:

Text MILFORD to 84576

Or signup online stjohnsmilford.flocknote.com

If classes meet in person masks must be worn by adults and students.

Any cases of Covid or quarantining should be reporter to Miss Judy 422-5123 ext 103 as requested by the Diocese.

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.

The next meeting of St. John's Rosary Altar Society will be <u>6:30 pm Jan. 18, 2022.</u> We will meet in the Church for the Rosary and conclude with business meeting in the Hall. All ladies of St. John's are welcome. Yearly dues are \$5.00. Meetings are on 3rd Tuesdays.

(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

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards and/or money to help us make Christmas a bit brighter for 90 plus children. You continue to surpass our expectations allowing us to cancel our request from "Bless our Children", since it was not needed this year. Not only were we able to give more to each family this year, but we also partnered with SVDP and the Knights to help a homeless mother and her young son with some needed essentials while they were awaiting assistance from the state. Plus, we contributed money toward the purchase of small gifts for 30 children attending the Hispanic Celebration of Las Posadas.

NURSING HOME STOCKINGS:

Once again, this year a group of ladies put together 22 stockings filled with goodies and delivered them to our parishioners in three different nursing homes. I would like to thank Stephanie McDonough, Donna Bailey, Peggy DeMartin and Vivian Alvarado for making sure these parishioners are not forgotten.





Thank you again for your continued support of our efforts and hope you have a Blessed and Happy New

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 <a href="maceing-



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.



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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - The Baptism of the Lord After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. As you help those who are suffering by placing your donation in the Poor Box, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

PARISH NEWS



Attention Parishioners - With the rise in COVID –19 cases, the Diocese of Wilmington is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGING** Parishioners to wear face masks when attending Mass.



Our parish has joined the flocknote texting and email service. We are hoping to stay in better contact with our parishioners for Mass times, winter cancellations (especially snow), pandemic information, ministry updates and more delivered to your phone, email or both just Text MILFORD to 84576 Or signup online stjohnsmilford.flocknote.com

TAX STATEMENT REQUESTS Please contact either St. John or St. Bernadette office if you wish a tax statement for 2021. Contact Vivian if you have any questions or problems regarding tax statements.



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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, Pete Anderson, Angela Baglinoe, Michael Baglinoe, 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 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 Webrman, Jim Woofter and Greg & April Wright. 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), Rev. Anthony Giamello (Middle East), 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



Atención a los feligreses - Con el aumento de los casos de COVID-19, la Diócesis de Wilmington está SUGIRIENDO a los feligreses a usar máscaras cuando asistan a misa.



Nuestra parroquia se ha unido al servicio de mensajes de texto y correo electrónico de flocknote. Esperamos mantenernos en mejor contacto con nuestros feligreses para los horarios de misa, cancelaciones de invierno (especialmente nieve), información sobre pandemias, actualizaciones del ministerio y más entregadas a su teléfono, correo electrónico o ambos

simplemente Envíe un mensaje de texto a MILFORD al 84576 o regístrese en línea stjohnsmilford.flocknote.com

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



SOLICITUDES DE DECLARACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS Comuníquese con la oficina de St. John o St. Bernadette si desea una declaración de impuestos para 2021. Póngase en contacto con Vivian si tiene alguna pregunta o problema con respecto a las declaraciones de impuestos.

Diocesan / Community News

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 <u>HelpOurMarriage.org</u>... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Jan 9 - Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, January 15th, tune-in to learn about St. Norbert and the Norbertine Fathers, when Fr. James Herring, O. Praem, Prior of the Immaculate Conception Priory, is the guest. 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 January 9: Take a moment this week to look at a star together. Remember that God's love for you and your love for each other is bigger than this world and the sky.

Parenting Pointers - Sunday January 9: During these mostly indoor days of winter, challenge each family member to let go of something they no longer need – a toy, a piece of clothing, a book, old papers...

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 84:00 PM †Bruce BondSt. Bernadette5:00 PM †Madeline HerzogSt. John

Sunday, January 99:00 AM †Fr. Dennis VolmiSt. John10:00 AM †John MoyerSt. Bernadette11:00 AM †Ben AntonikSt. John6:00 PM Pro PopuloSt. John

Monday, January 10
12:00 PM †Jerry Thompson St. John

Tuesday, January 11 9:00 AM †Blake Barklage St. John

Wednesday, January 12 9:00 AM †Čecilia Carmona St. Bernadette

Thursday, January 13
9:00 AM †Richard Valsick St. John

Friday, January 14
9:00 AM †Kenneth Fripp Batten, Jr. St. John

Saturday, January 154:00 PM ♥Women of GraceSt. Bernadette5:00 PM †Madeline HerzogSt. John

Sunday, January 169:00 AM †Terry WilkinsSt. John10:00 AM †Robert MoyerSt. Bernadette11:00 AM †Madeline HerzogSt. John6:00 PM Pro PopuloSt. John

†Indicates Person is deceased ▼ Indicates living intention

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.

PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, January 8

11:00am STB Ladies Prayer Group STB Hall

Sunday, January 9

RE Classes STJ/STB
STJ K of C Breakfast after 9 & 11 Masses STJ Hall
5:00pm Spanish Lector Meeting LK./JN

Monday, January 10

5:30PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting STJ Hall Foyer

Tuesday, January 11

10:30am RAS Officer MeetingPaul2:00pm STB Choir PracticeSTB Church7:00pm Emmaus MeetingLK/LN7:00pm Men's Lectio DivinaMT

Wednesday, January 12

Thursday, January 13

Friday, January 14

7:30pm Asamblea de Oracion STJ Church

Saturday, January 15

6:00pm Epiphany Celebration STJ Hall

Sunday, January 16

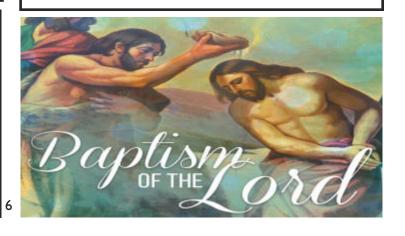
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ST. JOHN'S ROOM IDENTIFICATION: MT - Matthew (Mateo) MK - Mark (Marco) LK/JN Luke/John (Lucas/Juan) TR -Teen Room - CR Conference Room

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

Gratitude & Generosity

SECOND COLLECTION: For January 16 is for Catholic University & Catholic Communications. Please mail in or drop off your donations, or you can go to our Parish Website to do our online giving. We appreciate any generous donations at this time.



"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.

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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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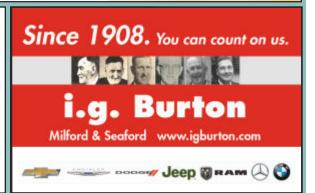
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