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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 Administrator's Desk

Dear Fellow Saints-in-the-Making,

Greetings in Christ Jesus the Lord!

As Fr. Giamello is serving our service personnel in the Middle East, I have been given the great privilege by Bishop Koenig to have administrative oversight of the parish of St. John the Apostle / St. Bernadette until such time as Fr. Jones begins his pastoral and administrative ministry at the parish. It is with great joy that I serve you as well as maintain my pastoral responsibilities at St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

I believe the Holy Spirit has inspired this joint responsibility as John and Jude both were selected to be among the Twelve, and so knew one another as they followed Jesus as His disciples and were sent by Him as His chosen Apostles. And St. Bernadette was visited by Our Lady of Lourdes, Mary, who is Queen of the Apostles.

How good our good God is!

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear Luke mention specifically his motivation in composing the Gospel that bears his name. He writes to a Gentile audience and desires to write down the events of Jesus Christ in a "orderly sequence" for the spiritual well-being of his readers. How Luke's Gospel has changed the hearts of many and revealed to them the Good News of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Though we are not evangelists, we nevertheless do have the capacity—and responsibility—to share such events of our Savior Jesus with others, especially how He makes a difference in our life. Nothing is more convincing than personal witness. It is why St. Luke compiles the testimony of personal witnesses who walked and spoke with Christ the Lord.

One of the ways of sharing this difference with others is by writing a note to someone who has made a difference in your life and how they have, therefore been like Christ. Also, please consider writing such a letter to Fr. Giamello and placing it in the baskets at church or sending it to the office. I will compile them and forward them to him as a monthly care package while he is away. I am certain that like the good Theophilus to whom St. Luke addresses his Gospel, Fr. Anthony will be filled with joy to hear from his beloved parishioners.

May God bless you always.

Fr. Lewis, Administrator

Religious Education News



Classes are going as well as can be with our program not doing face to face classes. If you have not heard from your child's teacher, please contact the RE office. Next week we will decide how we will be doing classes in

February, continue to watch for announcements.

**We have about 25 families that still owe fees for religious education. Please try and get those fees paid as soon as you can.

We were hoping to do a fundraiser in February for our religious education program. I want to make sure that we are up and running face to face class before we start our fundraiser. We need



more dividers in the hall for our upper-level classes. Dividers and supplies will probably run around \$3,000.00. Two years ago, we sold the World's Greatest Chocolate and made just about \$3,000.00. So, we are hoping to do that again this year. Be on the look out for information about our fundraiser in February



Our Confirmation this year will be postponed until Continue to watch for our new date. Reconciliation for our Second

Graders has been scheduled for February 26, and we will continue to monitor our COVID numbers to see if this will continue as scheduled. Please continue to pray for our students as they prepare for the sacraments.

Due to COVID our Catch-Up class has not been scheduled. Please watch for further announcements for this class and when it will start.

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. Ministries and non-liturgical parish activities should be carefully evaluated and, if possible, held virtually.

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





PLEASE REMEMBER to contact the office with your change of address, phone/cell number, or email, for better communication with all Parishioners.

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 15 families, providing \$227 in food, and \$3661 for utility and rent, bills, shelter etc. Thank You!

Marriage Moments - Sunday January 23: Because we are humans, we have eyes, ears, hands, feet. Ideally, they all work together. Is there any part of your body that sometimes gives you trouble? How might your beloved aid or comfort you? Ask.

Parenting Pointers - **Sunday January 23:** Envision a world where every human life is valued and protected. Help your children understand the importance of protecting life, no matter how small, by some act of solidarity with children younger than themselves today.

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. All ladies of St. John's are welcome. Yearly dues are \$5.00. Meetings are on 3rd Tuesdays.



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.

St. Bernadette's

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.

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 js14317koc@comcast.net. You can also ask one of the ushers at Mass for more information.



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, Gail Silvia Coughlin, 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, Wayne List, John MacNamara, 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 stiohnsmilford.flocknote.com

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul-En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús lee las palabras de las Escrituras: "El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido para llevar buenas nuevas a los pobres". En el mes de diciembre, a través de sus donaciones, la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl pudo ayudar a 15 familias, proporcionando \$ 227 en alimentos y \$ 3661 para servicios públicos y alquiler, facturas, refugio, etc. ¡Gracias!

Diocesan / Community News

VIRTUAL BASKET AUCTION FUNDRAISER - The Delaware State Columbiettes will be sponsoring a virtual Basket Auction on Sunday, February 27th at 1:00 P.M. There will be dozens of wonderful baskets to take a chance on. Tickets are \$25.00 for a single sheet (20 chances to win) or \$15.00 for a half sheet (10 chances to win)! They may be purchased by sending a check made payable to Delaware State Columbiettes with your name, email and phone number, to Arlene Brown, 87 Paige Place, Felton, DE 19943 (amb550@hotmail.com). We will email you your ticket number and the Zoom information prior to the event if you would like to attend. If you cannot attend, we will contact to you if you win! TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY February 23rd! We look forward to having you join us for a fun filled afternoon.

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.

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, January 29th, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week when Mr. Tom Fertal, president of St. Mark's High School, 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 @CatholicForum.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 22

4:00 PM †Bruce Bond St. Bernadette 5:00 PM †Dylan Jones St. John

Sunday, January 23

9:00 AM †Helen Zanti-Paoli St. John 10:00 AM †Deceased Members of the Murphy Family St. Bernadette 11:00 AM †Mary Becker St. John 6:00 PM Pro Populo St. John

Monday, January 24

12:00 PM †David Vogl St. John

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 AM †Dr. Gerald Wayne Thompson St. John

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 AM ♥Hsien Campbell St. Bernadette

Thursday, January 27

9:00 AM †Jos Truss Van Wees St. John

Friday, January 28

9:00 AM ♥Breanna Pierce St. John

Saturday, January 29

4:00 PM †Al Masetti St. Bernadette 5:00 PM †Edward Pavelko St. John

Sunday, January 30

9:00 AM †Phyllis Hammond St. John St. Bernadette 10:00 AM †Jerry Thompson 11:00 AM †Mary Becker St. John 6:00 PM Pro Populo St. 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 15

Sunday, January 16

NO RE Classes STJ/STB

STB Church

Monday, January 17

Tuesday, January 18

2:00pm STB Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 19

Thursday, January 20

Friday, January 21

Saturday, January 22

Sunday, January 23

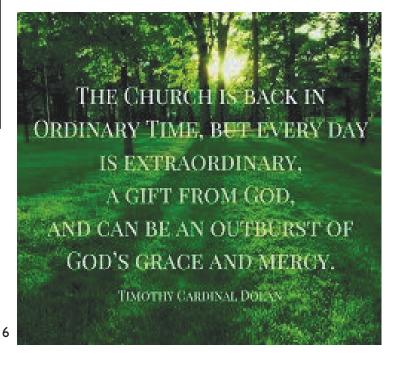
NO RE Classes STJ/STB

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 30 is for Clergy Health Insurance. 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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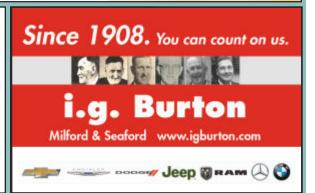
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