

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
April 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parishioners,

We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior!

On Easter Day we had much to celebrate! *"Gaude et laetare, Alleluia, Qua surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia."* "Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia, for the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia."

Christ our Light has destroyed death forever and has given us the hope of Resurrection as well. The power of the Resurrection creates worshippers and witnesses to proclaim and announce the Good News. Our community rejoices with the gift of our new witnesses of our Holy Catholic Faith, initiated at our many Easter Vigil Celebrations throughout the diocese. The celebration of new life during this Easter Season gives us renewed hope in a world that is increasingly without moral direction. We walk by the light of faith and will never be lost.

May God Bless you!



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith"

In the Resurrection of Jesus, we find hope in the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must accept the Lord's invitation to follow Him by imitating His love and compassion for others.

During the weekend of April 14 & 15, our parish participated in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal – a campaign conducted each year throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Funds generated through the Appeal help provide critical financial support to nearly forty pastoral, charitable and educational programs and ministries.

As Christian stewards we are called to a lifelong conversion to the way of Jesus. Each of us is asked to examine the blessings we have received from God and to discern how best to use them for others. We do this cheerfully and sacrificially and with faith in God's love for us, knowing that He will provide for our earthly wants.

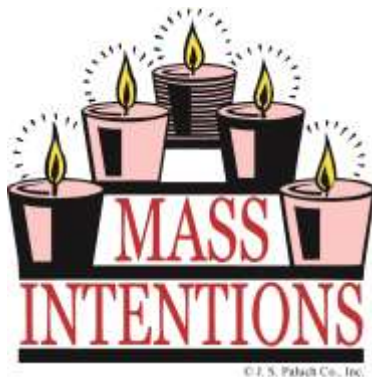
You can learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by reading the campaign insert in this week's Dialog or visiting the diocesan website at www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal."

Our Bi-Annual Basket Bingo will be held on April 29, 2018 in the Msgr. Dwyer Hall. Mark your calendar and go online at www.olfnewcastle.com for a registration form.



"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26).

May they rest in eternal Peace (February - March) – Carlos James Tull, Dale B. Schneider, Jr., Anthony Barone, Agnes Stroz, Rosalie Pucylowski, Dominic Scatasti, James Williams



In Remembrance: What greater gift than the mass? If you know someone who has died or are interested in having a mass celebrated for a loved one, please call the parish office at 302-328-3431. We have masses available during the week and weekends. The candles burning over the tabernacle or flowers on the altar can also be in remembrance of a loved one.

Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, the octave of Easter, observed by Roman Catholic as well as some Anglicans. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.





ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Check out the upcoming activities from our partnered school.

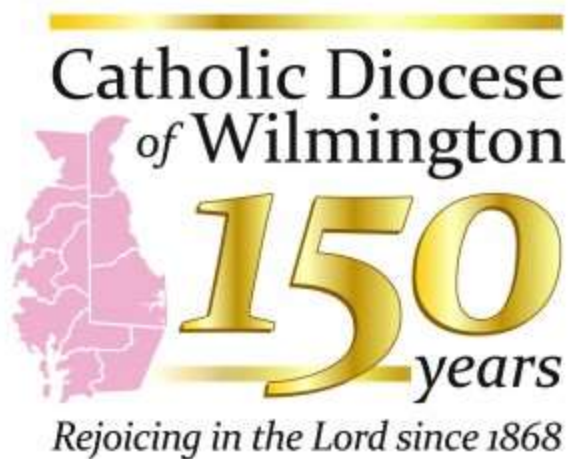
1. If you are a family or know of a family that is interested in affordable, high-quality, Catholic education, please schedule a tour or Shadow Day at All Saints Catholic School. We've introduced Tuition Transfer Grants for students transferring in from public, private, charter and home schools. Transferring students can receive up to \$1,500 over two years, \$1,000 the first year and \$500 the second year! Contact Mrs. Chantal Scott for more information, 302-995-2231 or advancementdirector@ascscde.org
2. All Saints will host the **1950's Style Sock Hop on Friday, April 20th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** in the ASCS Social Hall for student's Pre-K 3 through 8th grade. Tickets are \$3 for children, adults free.
3. The **6th Annual Golf Outing, Auction & Dinner is Monday, April 30th**. If you're interested in golfing, attending our dinner/auction, or supporting through sponsorship or the donation of an auction item, please contact parent Lori Carpenter at lori.carpenter@bankofamerica.com or visit www.birdeasepro.com/ASCS.
4. You can purchase **Golf Ball Drop** raffle tickets by calling the school 302-995-2231 or by visiting www.birdeasepro.com/ASCS. Each ticket is \$10, and the Drop will take place on April 24th!

Church Lite



Let there be light!

We are currently updating the lighting in the church so that we can see a lil better. With our new LED lights, it has made such a difference in brightening up the church. If you get a chance, notice the difference. We should have most of the work finished by May. Thanks!



As the sesquicentennial celebration of the Diocese of Wilmington continues, a group of 135 people from throughout the diocese prepares to launch its 10-day pilgrimage to France and Italy. The group leaves April 16 for its trip to Annecy and Rome. The journey led by Bishop Malooly will be tracked with daily reports on thedialog.org. "Annecy to Rome: Diary of #CDOW150th" will include photos and details of the trip each day. The pilgrimage to Annecy and Rome is set for April 16-26; it will begin in Annecy, France, where St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of

the diocese, ministered. The schedule in Rome includes attending an audience with Pope Francis. Pilgrims will also visit Assisi, the home of St. Francis. Look for quotes, highlights and photos each day on thedialog.org. Additional information is available

at www.cdow.org/150th, www.facebook.com/CDOW150th and @CDOW150th on Instagram and Twitter.



Please join in honoring the Patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania with a delicious meal of ethnic cuisine from the countries associated with the saint on Sunday, April 22nd at 1PM at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1406 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809. Adults \$18.00,

Teens 13-17 \$9.00 and children under 12 are free. Reservations strongly recommended. Cash only at the door. Please contact jjchep@aol.com or call 215-837-8627 for more information. There will be five varieties of kielbasa, assorted types of pierogis, stuffed cabbage, desserts and more! Live music. Dinner will help to support the good works of the Knights of Columbus.

GREAT FAMILY FUN: St. Helena's Carnival, 602 Phila Pike, Mon. April 30 - Sat. May 5. Dinners in the school hall start at 5PM. Midway begins 6PM. Admission: \$5/night, \$15/week for ages 13 to 59. **Mega-Passes**, good for unlimited rides and free Carnival admission all week are \$45 per person! **Family Nights**--Tuesday & Wednesday--Ride all night for \$20 per person! Entertainment and great food every night under the Big Top. Rides! Games! Prizes! Food! Baked Goods! Basket Raffles and much more!

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Lenten program Operation Rice Bowl. Your contributions do help change lives both here in our diocese and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.



Words from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta: Some parents feel great love and tenderness for their children.

I remember the instance of an Indian mother who had twelve children. The youngest of all was in terrible shape. I would have a hard time describing what the child looked like, emotionally or physically.

When I suggested taking the child to one of our homes, where we had many more in similar conditions, the mother started to sob. "Please, Mother Teresa, don't say that! This child is the greatest gift God has given my family. All our love is showered on her. If you take her away from us, our lives would have no more meaning." Mother Teresa



PREP First Communions will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 10AM in the Church. All are welcome.

Our Annual Anointing Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in the Church at 7PM. Please join us in this anointing mass.