

Bob and Joanne Wolhar are the February 2021 Family of the Month for Star of the Sea Council 7297. They met here in Rehoboth Beach at a time when Joanne was interested in finding a welcoming, established church. Bob invited her to attend Mass with him, which she accepted. Some six years ago, Joanne participated in the RCIA program and became a practicing Catholic. They married at St. Edmond Church five years ago.

A second marriage for both of them, they have an extended family of two sons and five grandchildren, one part in the US and the other in China. Even before COVID, they overcame distance to visit regularly with all their children and grandchildren, but for now, limited to zoom, and the like.

Bob and Joanne regularly attended the Council's monthly socials (on hold due to COVID), and whenever Bob was working at Council dinners and breakfasts, Joanne was always there as well. They work together as part of a team to provide Sunday Communion services at a large local assisted living facility. In addition to their joint participation in the Parish Christmas Giving Tree program, the Good Samaritan ministry, and the Parish's vocation support ministry, they have participated in the International Student Dinner program (now on hold due to COVID). They attend Mass together on the weekends, and as Joanne's work schedule permits, sometimes at daily Mass. In addition, Bob is an altar server and Joanne is a member of the choir.

Bob has been able to recruit many new members to join the Knights, in no small measure due to his extensive involvement in Church activities and community outreach programs. He currently co-chairs the Parish 2021 Novena and March for Life, and has led our "40 Cans for Lent" Food for Families Drive, and the sale of roses on Mothers' Day to benefit Birthright of Delaware. In addition, Bob is active in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and the local Respect Life Ministry. Bob is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Community Resource Center for the Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches, and previously worked with Catholic Charities, the March of Dimes, and others.

Together, Bob and Joanne serve as models of Catholic family values.