



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(Office closed for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM)

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

PASTOR: REV. CHARLES C. DILLINGHAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. David F. Murphy

Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith

Deacons: John Giacci, Larry Brecht

Joseph W. Jackson, Larry R. Morris



PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Janet Altuise, Receptionist	ext. 10
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Denise Troise, Bookkeeper	ext. 14

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

PREP: Grades 1 through 8

Confirmation: Grade 9

Mrs. Cindy Krebs, DRE (302) 239-7100, ext. 17.

ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL

Ages 2 through Pre-K.

Mrs. Karen Rombach, Director (302) 239-7100, ext. 34.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISM

During a Mass or Sunday afternoon
at 1:00 PM.

Baptisms are scheduled the second
and fourth Sundays of the month.

Baptism classes are every other month.

Please call Parish Secretary for details
(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.
The diocese requires one year of preparation.

ANointing OF THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Each weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion
to those unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.
Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for this ministry.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

For information, contact Parish Office (302) 239-7100.

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020**

**Those who are just must be kind.
— Wisdom 12:19**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday July 20, 2020

6:30 am Eileen Bernardo

8:30 am Margaret Arcaro

Tuesday July 21, 2020

6:30 am Mark T. McDonald

8:30 am Bern Nai

Wednesday July 22, 2020

6:30 am Angela DiBenedetto-Matt

8:30 am Angela Matt

Thursday July 23, 2020

6:30 am Cecilia Porter

8:30 am Mary Curtin

Friday July 24, 2020

6:30 am Francis Stawicki

8:30 am Marcelina Teodoro

Saturday July 25, 2020

8:30 am Bette Dillingham & Matthew John Harty

5:00 pm John & Louise McGrath

Sunday July 26, 2020

7:30 am Parishioners

9:30 am Connie Starr

11:30 am John Lawrence Shinham

6:00 pm William Seidel



St. Mary of the Assumption

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Smith, Fr. Murphy, the Deacons and I really miss seeing you at daily and Sunday Masses. Please be assured that you and your families are constantly in our prayers and are with us at the altar when we celebrate our private Masses.

I am reluctant to mention parish finances at this very challenging time, yet I feel that I must address this issue. The parish is facing a financial challenge due to your inability to make a weekly/monthly contribution through the envelopes collected at Sunday Masses. Your weekly contributions are still essential for the good of the parish. While we are cutting back on our expenses including the reduction of staff hours, we are still responsible for fixed costs such as utilities, insurance and other essential operating expenses.

Please know that I am very much aware that some of you are experiencing a loss or a reduction in your income at this moment.

Bearing all of this in mind, I would respectfully request your help at this difficult time. I would be extremely grateful if you would continue your offertory contributions to the best of your ability. Your contribution can either be mailed to the parish using the enclosed envelope or dropped off at the office.

Your clergy are profoundly saddened that we are not able to celebrate Masses and Sacraments with you as a parish community. Please continue to be aware that Christ and his Blessed Mother are with us at all times, most especially at times of worry and anxiety such as these. We pray for all of you, most especially for those who are suffering and have died from the virus, medical personnel, military, first responders and for all who are risking their health for our sake.

With prayers, blessings and much concern,

Father Dillingham

Pastor



**In your charity, please pray for all who have gone
before us and all the deceased of
St. Mary of the Assumption.**

+Emma Charlotte Maneval, mother of
parishioner Catherine Donovan

+Gemma DiGiacobbe, mother of Joan Crozier
and grandmother of Dan DiGiacobbe



"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30



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FRESH LESSONS

Today we are faced with the powerful and almighty God, who deals with us, not out of anger and punishment, but out of kindness and forgiveness. God is forgiving and loving to those who ask and persevere in prayer. Even if we don't know how to pray, the Spirit of the Lord helps us, for God knows what the Spirit means, "because [the Spirit] intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will" (Romans 8:27). With God's help, we can be the good seed and not the weeds. If we contemplate the parables, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit, we are able to see ever fresher lessons in these stories.

PARABLES

These are the weeks of parables, and although we have heard them all many times, they never lose their freshness, for always, if we look, we can perceive a new angle.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat, so simple on its surface, is puzzling enough for the disciples to ask Jesus for an explanation. In our own gardens, we tend to yank up the weeds all through the growing season. But in the parable, the weeds and the wheat are allowed to grow together until the harvest. If the good people and the evil people remain mixed throughout life, it puzzles us sometimes: why are people who do bad things not punished? How is it that God allows bad things to happen to good people?

THOSE TINY THINGS

Our God is indeed a God of might; yet that might leads not to vengeance, but to forgiveness. Everyone is offered an opportunity—many opportunities—for forgiveness. Even a little good can blossom into something wonderful. The mustard seed of the Middle East is so tiny that one can barely pick one up with one's fingertips. (Those familiar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd know about this wonderful parable, and the tiny dish of mustard seeds that is kept in the atrium for the children to contemplate.) Yeast makes the dough rise to be baked into delicious bread. All of these wonders come from tiny beginnings, if we are ready to hear and understand these mysteries.

Our prayer too is heard by God, even if we do not really understand what we are praying for: "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit . . . intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit" (Romans 8:26-27).

So if our small prayers are offered with a sincere heart, they are heard by God, even if we don't always know what it is we do when we pray. Are we praising, blessing God, asking for something? The Spirit knows and intercedes for us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SEEING CHRIST
IN THE FACES OF OTHERS

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal –
*Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others***

There is still time to support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Please view the brief video offering inspiring testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80qz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.

OFFICE HOURS FOR CATHEDRAL & ALL SAINTS CEMETERY

The office hours for Cathedral Cemetery and All Saints Cemetery are resuming normal schedule of 8:30am until 4:00pm. Monday through Friday on Monday, July 6th. COVID precautions are in place so visitors must wear face masks. It is always best to make an appointment before arrival by calling (302) 656- 3323 & press 1 for Cathedral Cemetery and 2 for All Saints. Please go to cdow.org/cemeteries to download the free grave locator and memorial app. Cemetery visiting hours are 7:30am until 4:00pm every day. From April through September the cemeteries are open until 7:00pm on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. **Next Saturday, July 25th, tune in to learn how the Saint Francis Hospital LIFE Program is helping senior to stay safely in their homes during the pandemic.** After it airs, listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.

from the Office for Marriage and Family Life...

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Sunday July 19th: Your kids probably have a notion of what heaven is like. Ask them to describe heaven in their own words.

PARENTING POINTERS

Sunday July 19th: An elderly man had just lost his wife, when a 4-year-old neighbor child saw him crying. The little boy went to the man's yard and just sat there. When the boy's mother asked him what he'd said to the neighbor, the boy answered, "Nothing, I just helped him cry." When was the last time one of you cried?



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER –

Time together!! Do you think that the lockdown has taught you some new things about your spouse? It is possible to get to know the person you married in an even more loving and compassionate way! Learn how on our next Marriage Encounter weekend which is November 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wvme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833

July 19—Sixteen Sunday in Ordinary Time:



Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

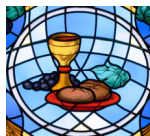
Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

And through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, lead us into a new millennium of life.

Amen.

God bless...and God help America!!!



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I love You. O my God. I cannot receive You in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.

Did you Know?

Divine Service

We do not come to church to attend the service as a spectator, but in order, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do—our entering, being present, our kneeling and sitting and standing, our reception of the sacred nourishment—should be divine service. This is so only when all we do overflows from the awareness of a collected heart and the mind's attentiveness.

Fr. Romano Guardini
Submitted by the Legion of Mary

Listen to The Legion of Mary Immaculate Conception Praesidium weekly broadcast of their Internet radio programs every Friday at 3 p.m., in cooperation with Oremus Communications (OC). Simply visit www.oremuscomms.com and click on "Listen Live". The Divine Mercy Chaplet is the main focus of the broadcast but every week various topics and prayers are included in the hour broadcast. Also if you missed any broadcast, you can still access them in the archives file using www.oremuscomms.com/archives-lom.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Ministry Contact list for phone numbers please call our parish office

Adult Faith Formation, **Joan Fortugno**
 Athletic Association, **Mike Pietlock**
 Bulletin, **Annette Fad**
 Church Camp, **Cindy Krebs**
 Communications, **Elizabeth Perry**
 Cornerstone, **Mike McDonnell**
 Divine Will Prayer Group, **Linda Riofski**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms S.E., **Bunny Stike**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms East, **Mary Ellen Long**
 Sojourners, House of Joseph, **Suzanne Barba**
 Finance Council, **Bill Foley**
 GIFT, **Eileen Gaus**
 Holy Spirit Prayer Group, **Rich Deegan**
 Knights of Columbus, **Mike Bailey**
 Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, **Judy Safranski**
 Knights of Columbus Ride Program, **Steve Haller**
 Ladies' Guild, **Janet Kook & Rosemarie Morris**
 Lazarus Ministry, **Rita Willis**
 Legion of Mary, **Jane Aniceto**
 Mary Mother of Hope, **Kate Morris**
 Meals on Wheels, **Kathy di Girolamo**
 Men's Faith Sharing, **Frank DeGennaro**
 Men's Small Group, **Jim Robinson**
 Mother's Prayer Group, **Sandra Cleary**
 Pastoral Council, **Bill Raiford**
 Prayer Line, **Parish Office**
 Pro-Life Committee, **Ann Courtney**
 RCIA, **Deacon John Giacci**
 Refresh Group, **Deacon Larry Brecht, Mike Bailey**
 St. Patrick's Cemetery, **Dan DiGiacobbe**
 Safety Committee, **Bernie McKay**
 Sages (50+ Group), **Nick Mastrocinque**
 Scouts (Boy & Cub), **Greg Weaver**
 St. Vincent de Paul Society, **Mercedes Diaz**
 Visitors for Christ, **Mary Lloyd**
 WilCYA, **Elise Maloney**
 Women's Faith Sharing, **Mary Tigani**
 Youth Athletic Dance Coordinator **Heather Green**

Weekly Scheduled Events

Monday July 20, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Tuesday July 21, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Wednesday July 22, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Thursday July 23, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Friday July 24, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Saturday July 25, 2020
 3:30 pm Reconciliation (CP)
 5:00pm Mass (C)

Sunday July 26, 2020
 9:30am Mass (C)

Please note: The parish calendar schedule is subject to change during the week, please check with your Ministry if you have any questions, or concerns of scheduled events.

(CF) = Coffee Run, (J) = St. Johns, (M) = St. Mary, (CP) = Chapel, (C) = Church, (GS) = Gathering Space, (H) = Hall

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Need a Ride???

Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. Contact Steve Haller, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at, 302-690-6164 or email: govmler@hotmail.com

Please visit our website:
www.smachurch.com