



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: Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers

Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith

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PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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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.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are a sponsoring parish. For further information, contact Mary Elizabeth Muir, Ed.D., Principal (302) 995-2231, www.ascsde.org.



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.

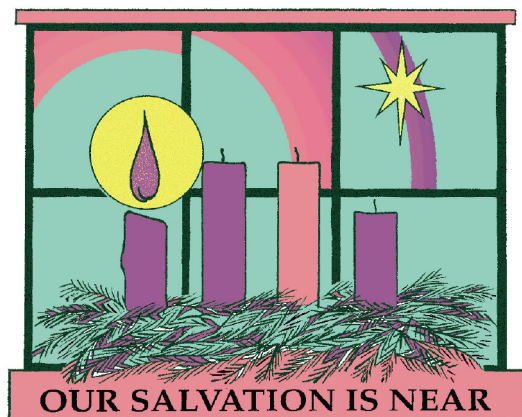
COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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.

December 1, 2019



First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."
— Matthew 24:4

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday December 2nd

6:30 am Noreen O'Connor

8:30 am Robert Juhnden

Tuesday December 3rd

6:30 am Ellie McClatchy (living intention)

8:30 am Joseph Marinari

Wednesday December 4th

6:30 am Clark Lovensheimer

8:30 am George R. Sowinski

Thursday December 5th

6:30 am Shant Bedrossian (living intention)

8:30 am Lucia Angelini

Friday December 6th

6:30 am Nicholas Bedrossian (living intention)

8:30 am Carol Strasser

Saturday December 7th

8:30 am John B. Marino

5:00 pm Leonard Long

Sunday December 8th

7:30 am End to Euthanasia

9:30 am Parishioners

11:30 am Alfonzo Castagno

6:00 pm Ruth B. Hossler

*The Rosary is said Monday-Saturday in the
Chapel, before the 8:30 am Mass.*



HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day. Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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

+Phyllis Di Ossi, mother of parishioner Pat Di Ossi

+Allan Taylor, brother-in-law of parishioner Carmella Beattie





Super 50/50 Tickets For anyone needing more tickets or having misplaced theirs, extra tickets are available at the church entrances. They are in envelopes containing (10) tickets at \$10.00 each. Please take whole envelopes and return as many tickets as you like.

The annual drawing for 50 winners will be at the Chili Cook-Off on January 18, 2020.

Did you Know? Reading the Holy Scriptures

Reading the holy Scriptures confers two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns man's attention from the follies of the world and leads him to the love of God. Two kinds of study are called for here. We must first learn how the Scriptures are to be understood, and then see how to expound them with profit and in a manner worthy of them . . . No one can understand holy Scripture without constant reading . . . The more you devote yourself to the study of the sacred utterances, the richer will be your understanding of them, just as the more the soil is tilled, the richer the harvest."

St. Isidore of Seville
Submitted by the Legion of Mary

Listen to The Legion of Mary Immaculate Concepcion 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.

Christmas Novena Cards

Christmas Novena Cards are available outside the Chapel door entrance.

Cornerstone Alumni Retreat 2020 "Be Not Afraid"



January 31-February 1, 2020

Calling all Cornerstone Alumni!

You have asked for it, and the time has come!

The Alumni Retreat goal is to provide Cornerstone Alumni a forum to reconnect socially, spiritually and encourage alumni to put their "Faith into Action"! We want you to re-energize and re-focus your inner beliefs, feelings and strengthen your relationship with God.

What a great opportunity!

Men strengthen your Faith in a relaxed, trusting and pressure free environment focused on Fellowship at the Alumni retreat.

The Alumni retreat is structured like your first Cornerstone, but different activities have been designed to stimulate and help you reconnect with God.

Register NOW on-line; it is easy!! Go to:

<https://www.smachurch.com/cornerstone>

Click on the box:

Or contact:

Bill McCabe - Candidate Coordinator

Phone 302-545-0956 or email @ William.O.McCabe@comcast.net

Pat Sweeney – Director

Phone 302-540-3326 or email @ pfs_iii@comcast.net



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St. Mary's Outreach Programs for the Holidays

Sign ups for all holiday OUTREACH programs will be available after all Sunday masses in the church gathering space until December 6th. Please consider assisting a person in need this holiday season. We have programs to meet every budget. No donation is too small. Every donation is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS

Adopt a Family Toys and Clothing- Individuals, groups or organizations may adopt a family to provide gifts of clothing and toys this Christmas. You may select your adopted family after Mass. Various size families are available for adoption. Enjoy a special day with your family shopping for another family in need!

Adopt a Family Food Basket- Families, groups or organizations can provide a food basket for a family in need.

Monetary Donations \$\$\$- If you have limited time or do not like to shop- cash and check donations to support our holiday programs are gladly accepted at the church office or the Outreach tables in the vestibules. Donations support food and gift donations for families left on the adoption list. Please make Checks payable to St. Mary's Outreach. Please list Adopt a Family on memo line.

Angel and Gift card trees- Individuals may select a gift card or toy for a child this Christmas. Tags will be available the first week after Thanksgiving in the vestibule and will be available until **December 8th**.

Foster Child Christmas Care Bags- Share your love with a foster child this Christmas. Care bag items are listed on our smachurch.com page under Holiday Outreach. Monetary and gift cards are also accepted. **Bag assembly December 11th** in church hall

Nursing Home Care Gift Bags- Help brighten the day of a nursing home patient this Christmas. Care bag items are listed on our smachurch.com page under Holiday Outreach. Monetary and gift cards are also accepted. **Bag assembly December 16th** in church hall

Additional information and sign ups can be found on the church website

Smachurch.com under Holiday Outreach



St. Mary's Ladies' Guild Annual Christmas Bazaar

Starting the weekends of
December 8th & 15th

Being held in the Gathering Space before and after weekend Masses. Come shop early for unique gifts and ornaments and so much more. In addition we will have raffle items. All proceeds benefit our church and its environment.

Merry Christmas Everyone!
Sponsored by: The Ladies' Guild



Merry Christmas!!



St. Mary's Children's
Christmas Party
"Breakfast with Santa"
For Children Ages 11 & Under

Will be held on Saturday,
December 7, 2019
From 9:00am - 11:00 am
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[Sr. Marie Michele Donnelly, RSM](#)

Saturday, January 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

One-Day Women's Retreat

Cost: \$30.00 payment can be made to St. Mary of the Assumption or visit our website:
www.smachurch.com to register online.

Sr. Marie Michele Donnelly, RSM, MA, is a Sister of Mercy who provides preached retreats for parishes, school faculties, ministry groups, ecumenical groups and religious communities. She is a frequent presenter for parent and parish groups. Sister is a keynote speaker for large groups across the United States. Her ministry life as a Sister of Mercy has also included education at every level – primary, secondary and higher education – as well as ten years in community administration for the Sisters of Mercy in Philadelphia. Sister holds a MA in Theology from Villanova University.



All Saints Catholic School named Best Catholic School in Wilmington by Best of Wilmington Award program

All Saints Catholic School learned recently that it was named Best Catholic School in Wilmington for 2019. The Best of Wilmington Award Program was created to honor and generate public recognition of the achievements and positive contributions of businesses and organizations in and around Wilmington. Their mission is to raise the profile of exemplary companies and entrepreneurs among the press, the business community, and the general public.

STEM/STREAM Curriculum Shines at All Saints!

From first graders learning about the engineering process by building paper bag monsters to middle schoolers replicating intricate animal cells out of large styrofoam balls and candy, All Saints's STEM/STREAM curriculum is preparing our students for an advanced, global society! ASCS students are learning important critical, analytical and design skills, in addition to the fundamentals of science, math and engineering, within a creative-arts process. Teachers have arranged for members of the local community to speak to students on pertinent topics, such as Mr. Demitz from EgnoveX, who spoke to Mr. Dougherty's fourth grade class about structural engineering. There are also learning partnerships among the different grades, with middle school students helping elementary school students with science projects, such as the kindergarten and seventh grade students engaging in a recent exercise building atom structures with marshmallows and toothpicks.



How has Jesus touched you and made you whole?

In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact

Fr. Norm Carroll vocations@cdow.org 302-573-3113 or email www.vocations@cdow.org For an increase in gratitude among God's people for the mercy shown them through the holy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in their midst, and that more men and women will faithfully respond to His call, we pray to the Lord.

Events around the Diocese

TOTAL CONSECRATION THROUGH MARY TO JESUS - ST. LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT 2019-2020 at St. John the Beloved

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 8, 2020 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 12 2020 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 The Consecration Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

This is the Feast of the Annunciation. For more information, please call Johannah at 302-998-3057, or Janet at 302-996-0482.

Marriage through Retrouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program in your area is the weekend of February 21st-23rd at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Peter Cathedral School
 Christmas Fundraising Event
Saturday, December 7, 2019

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 In the school auditorium
 Come take chances on our elegant baskets and a variety of raffles.
 Refreshments are available.

**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**
 All Saints Catholic School Liaison, **Dennis Fish**
 Bulletin, **Annette Fad**
 Church Camp, **Cindy Krebs**
 Communications, **Elizabeth Perry**
 Cornerstone, **Jason Anderson & Ray Manza**
 Divine Will Prayer Group, **Linda Riofsko**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms S.E., **Bunny Stike**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms Long 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 Group, **Jim Ambrose & Bill Hutchins**
 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, **Ray Manza & Mike Bailey**
 St. Patrick's Cemetery, **Parish Office**
 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**



Do you consider yourself a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person? If so, come and share your gifts with people in need by joining the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. Last year we made over 200 visits and served almost 500 persons. "Do you consider yourself..." contact **Mercedes Diaz**, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference President, 302-239-7100 ext. 15.

Poor Box Collection will be published in the next bulletin.
Thank you for your support!

Weekly Events

Monday December 2nd

9:00 am Exposition, Adoration (CP)
 6:00 pm Benediction (CP)
 5:00 pm Cardinal Gibbons meeting (M)
 6:00 pm Monday Evening PREP
 7:00 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group (CP)

Tuesday December 3rd

9:15 am Adult Faith Formation (J)
 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee meeting (CF,H)
 7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul meeting (J)

Wednesday December 4th

7:00 am Men's Gospel Discussion Group (J)
 9:00 am GIFT Speaker Series (M)
 10:00 am Ladies Guild meeting (M)
 10:00 am Liturgy Committee meeting (J)
 12:30 pm Sages Luncheon (H)
 6:00 pm Choir of Angels (C)
 7:00 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (C)
 7:30 pm Men's Faith Sharing (J)

Thursday December 5th

10:00 am Divine Will (CF)
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 803 meeting (M,H)

Friday December 6th

9:15 am Legion of Mary (CF)
 9:15 am Mother's prayer group (CP)
 2:00 pm Legion of Mary Internet Radio (J)

Saturday December 7th

Second Collection: Facility Maintenance Fund

7:00 am Adopt A Family Christmas Food/Gift (H)
 9:00 am Knights of Columbus Children's Breakfast with Santa (M,CF)
 3:00 pm Knights of Columbus Christmas Party (H)
 3:30 pm Reconciliation (CP)

Sunday December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Second Collection: Facility Maintenance Fund

9:30 am August PREP 2019-2020 Sunday Sessions
 9:45 am Breaking Open the Word (J)
 9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
 10:30 am RCIA Breaking Open the Word for Children (CF)
 1:00 pm Scheduled Baptisms ©

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

Please note: 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.

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

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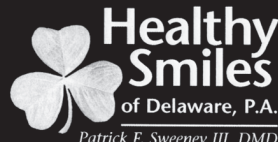
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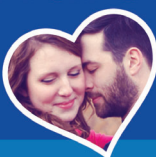


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