



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 Aluise, Receptionist	ext. 10
Daniel M. DiGiacobbe, Business Manager	ext. 11
Annette Fad, Parish Secretary	ext. 33
Sandy Fiscella, PREP Coordinator	ext. 18
Flora Giacci, Receptionist	ext. 10
Deacon John Giacci, Director of Liturgy	ext. 32
Pablo Gonzalez, Facility Manager	ext. 41
Matthew Jewell, Director of Music	ext. 16
Cindy Krebs, Director of Religious Ed.	ext. 17
Elizabeth Perry, Communications Coordinator	
Karen Rombach, Director of Preschool	ext. 34
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.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

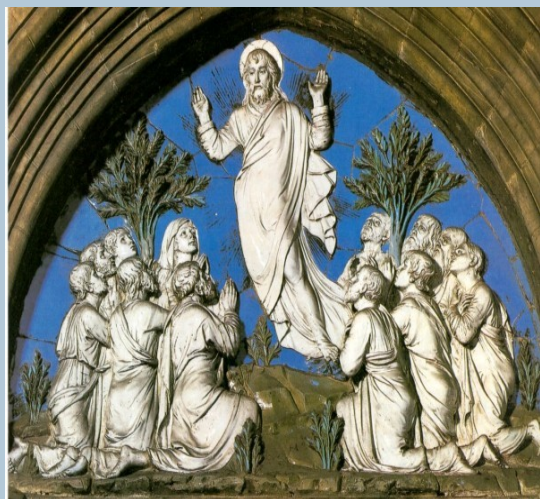
In an emergency, contact the Parish Office.

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.



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020

“They have kept your word.”
— *John 17:6b*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday May 25, 2020

9:00 am C. Edward Bishop

Tuesday May 26, 2020

8:30 am Ignazio, Rosalia & Gino Torres

Wednesday May 27, 2020

6:30 am Rose Delcollo

8:30 am Anthony DiMedio

Thursday May 28, 2020

6:30 am Eileen Bernardo

8:30 am Lisa Kirk

Friday May 29, 2020

6:30 am Raymond Radulski

8:30 am Living Intention Sarah Luca

Saturday May 30, 2020

8:30 am Living Intentions John & Mary Luca

5:00 pm Priscilla Alderfer

Sunday May 31, 2020

7:30 am Living Intention Gabriella Radziewicz

9:30 am Anna Marie Dodson-Collins

11:30 am Parishioners

6:00 pm Living Intention Matthew Luca

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



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

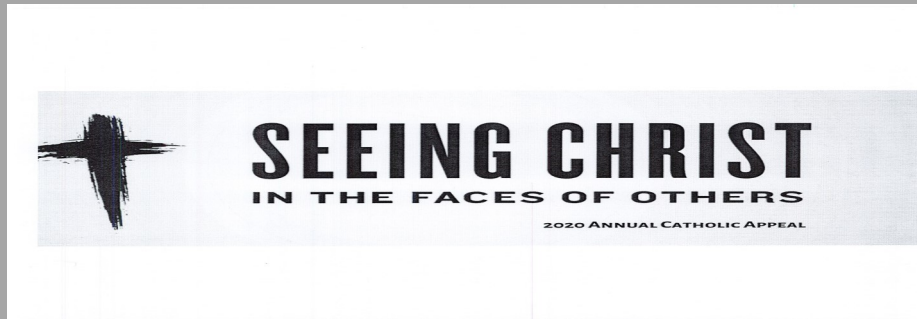
Pastor

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

Alice Hauser, parishioner, mother of parishioner Barbara Raia

Walter Bartoshesky, father of parishioner Bill Bartoshesky

Jeanne Hobson, parishioner, mother of parishioner Charlene Keating



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

In last week's Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"*.

Scripture teaches us that serving Christ is a fundamental part of our Catholic faith and that serving the Lord means serving others. When we give of ourselves on behalf of others, the Holy Spirit works through us and Jesus is served.

In these continuing difficult times, it becomes clearer that our role as Church is more critical than ever in helping those in need. Bearing witness to poverty, illness and injustice and responding in the spirit of Christ are the hallmarks of the many ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Be sure to view the brief video offering moving testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.

"No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us." 1 John 4:14.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *"Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others"* continues throughout our diocese. Funds raised through the Appeal bring hope, comfort, compassion and love into the lives of many people. Appeal supported ministries touch thousands of individuals and families throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore providing essential service that knows no race, no age, no social class, but rather knows only those who come to the Church for help are special in the eyes of Our Lord. Now more than ever, these ministries are needed. Your support demonstrates your compassion and concern for God's people and your willingness to share your blessings with those in need.

During the week of June 1, you may receive a mailing from Bishop Malooly inviting your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal. For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

In the meantime, you are encouraged 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=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.



SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595) May 26

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, "They're a very somber order who've left the Church. I recognize them." "By their long robes?" an American asked. "Many in Rome wear robes," replied the shopkeeper. "It's their long faces!" When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter's steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an "apostle of joy," drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His "Oratory," a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unflinching joy.

Did you Know?

Steps to Holiness and Salvation

The heart cannot exist without love; it will love either God or creatures. If it does not love creatures, it certainly will love God. In order to become holy, we must therefore banish from our heart all that is not for God. When anyone came to the Fathers of the desert and desired to be received by them he was asked: 'Do you bring an empty heart that it may be filled by the Holy Ghost?' And they were right, for a heart that is filled with the things of earth has no room for the love of God. He who brings a vessel filled with earth to the spring will never be able to fill it with water until he empties it of the earth with which it is filled. How does it happen that so many pray and go frequently to Holy Communion and still make no considerable progress in the love of God? The reason is doubtless because the heart is full of self-esteem, of vanity, of self-will, and of attachment to creatures. He, therefore, who wishes to arrive at the perfect love of God must practice poverty in spirit. He must be detached from worldly possessions, from temporal honors, from his fellow creatures, and from himself.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

Psalm — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

Gospel — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

The Ascension of the Lord

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry. 302-239-7100, ext. 15.







I was Hungry...I was Thirsty...I was a Stranger...And you cared.



Looking to grow in your faith and help others at the same time?

Become a Vincentian

	<p>Why Join?</p> <p><i>Help people in a very tangible way</i> – providing assistance for life's basic necessities like rent, utilities, food, etc. through personal contact</p> <p><i>Grow in faith</i> – inspired by Christian values, work for the good of humanity</p> <p><i>Make new friends</i> – work with other Vincentians in your parish friendship</p>
	<p>Who are we?</p> <p><i>Catholic lay organization</i> - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) was founded in Paris in 1833 and is now a global effort dedicated to serving those in need.</p> <p><i>Our parish Conference is a group of 15 – 20 people of varying ages and backgrounds.</i> We meet once a month all together and work in pairs throughout the month, as available, to speak with our neighbors in need and visit them in-person.</p>
	<p>The impact (this past year)?</p> <p><i>Helped > 300 people: >100 in-person visits and >250 phone calls</i></p> <p><i>Provided >\$70,000 in financial assistance</i> (the funding is possible thanks to the generosity of St. Mary's parishioner's donations.)</p>
	<p>Who to contact to become a Vincentian:</p> <p><i>Call Mercedes Diaz, St. Mary's SVdP Conference President, 302-239-7100 ext.15.</i></p>



Children's Catholic Corner



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O 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.

ONLINE GIVING

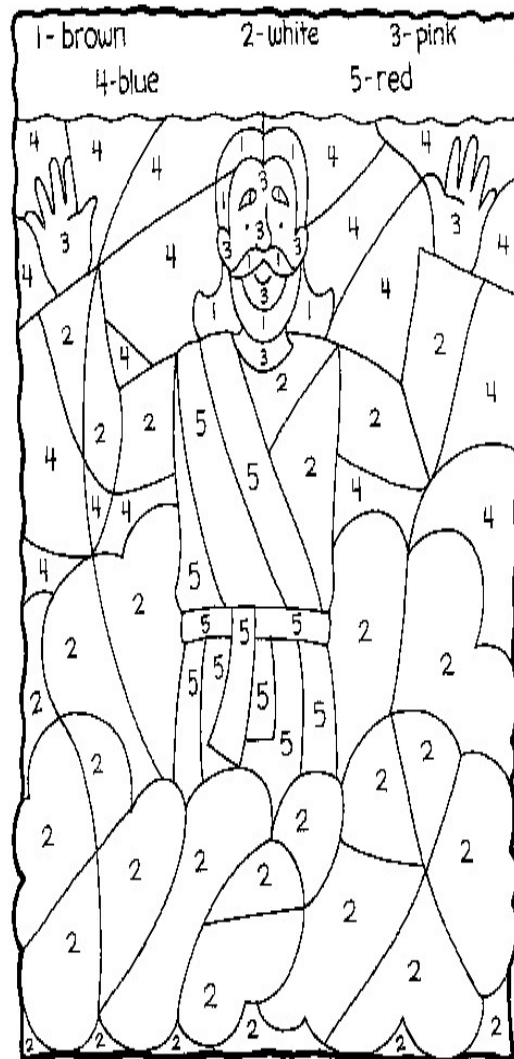
Providing the convenience of online giving and helping St. Mary's save money on sending envelopes. Simple and easy just go to smachurch.com/give.

DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a Resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, "Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me" (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John's Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don't endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer.

The Ascension of the Lord

The apostles watched as Jesus was taken up to heaven in a cloud. Use the number code to color the picture.



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, **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 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

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.

Monday May 25, 2020

Tuesday May 26, 2020

Wednesday May 27, 2020

Thursday May 28, 2020

Friday May 29, 2020

Saturday May 30, 2020

Sunday May 31, 2020

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

**Please submit all bulletin articles
 (2) weeks in advance to
 office@smachurch.com.**



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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