



## 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 Altuse, 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.



### 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 26, 2020**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2020**

**All things work for good for those  
who love God.  
— *Romans 8:28a***

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Monday July 27, 2020**

6:30 am Madge T. Deely

8:30 am Barbara Hiner

**Tuesday July 28, 2020**

6:30 am Joseph O'Neill

8:30 am Marian Harris

**Wednesday July 29, 2020**

6:30 am Francis J. Huhn, Jr.

8:30 am Ed & Dorothy Donnelly

**Thursday July 30, 2020**

6:30 am Vincent Rappa

8:30 am Marian Harris

**Friday July 31, 2020**

6:30 am Mia Sadowski

8:30 am Bernardine M. Harrison

**Saturday August 1, 2020**

8:30 am Dorothy E. Berlingis

5:00 pm Wedding Anniversary for Robert & Patricia Skacel

**Sunday August 2, 2020**

7:30 am Paul S. Sullivan, Jr.

9:30 am Clark Lovensheimer

11:30 am Diana Grant

6:00 pm Parishioners



**St. Mary of the Assumption**

Dear Parishioners,

A lot has happened since I wrote my last letter.

I thank God that we are now able to have public Mass, confessions, baptisms, weddings, funerals, First Holy Communions and Confirmations. It is so good to see those who feel comfortable coming to Mass. I have received many compliments regarding the 9:30 am Sunday Mass that is livestreamed. I am grateful that so many desire to stay spiritually connected to St. Mary's.

I am also grateful for your financial support of the parish. Many of you have been kind enough to either mail your contributions in the enclosed envelope or drop them off at the parish office.

Please know that I am very much aware that some of you are continuing to experience a loss or a reduction in your income.

I would be extremely grateful if you would continue your offertory contributions to the best of your ability.

Please be assured that we are continuing to make the adjustments which allow us to live within our reduced income. With the Finance Council's guidance and approval, we have been able to modify expenses including the reduction of staff hours. At the same time, the opening of the church has necessitated sanitizing on a daily basis. This is an unforeseen expense that is putting a strain on our adjusted budget.

Fr. Murphy, Fr. Smith, the Deacons and I look forward to the day when we are able to fully open the parish and resume the many ministries and activities that make this a vibrant and active faith 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 have been affected by the virus and for those who sacrifice daily for our health and safety.

With prayers, blessings and much gratitude,

*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.**

**+Kimberly J. Williams, daughter of  
Deacon Joseph Jackson and Lorraine Jackson**

# *The kingdom of heaven*

is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells  
all he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



## SEEKING WISDOM

If God were to speak to us and tell us to ask for anything we want, what would we say? A financially secure life? Health for ourselves and our families? Safety from all the dangers of the world? To how many of us would it occur to ask for wisdom? We just don't think about it much. We think we know how to run our families, our work, our politics, but how many mistaken ideas do we really have, and how do those work out? Do we treat others, even those we dislike, with kindness and understanding? Solomon asked God for the wisdom to know right from wrong and how to govern God's vast people. God was pleased with this request, and granted it to Solomon in abundance. Can we ask for the same in our lives? Would our lives be happier if we were wiser? "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Parables and more parables. What have we to learn about the reign of God from so many parables? The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea. These parables are not hard to understand, for they all point to something valuable being searched for: a treasure, a pearl, good fish. Those who search for these things give up what they have to acquire these precious things. Those who search are praised for their wisdom in valuing what they find more than what they already have. Even the fishermen can distinguish what is good from what is useless and to be discarded.

The kingdom of heaven is something precious to be sought, even above the good things we have in this world. It is more important than anything we already have and treasure. Jesus says that at the end of the age when the good shall be separated from the bad, the good will enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven.

## THE NEW AND THE OLD

It is holy wisdom that allows us to realize how valuable the kingdom is. One more parable ends this reading: "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It is like the Church, which knows what to keep from the traditions of the past and what to cherish in the present time. Tradition is something passed down from generation to generation, but not necessarily unchanged. For example, we always have cake to celebrate birthdays. And yet, perhaps in the past that always meant a white or yellow cake with vanilla frosting. Today, it can mean a chocolate cake, an ice cream cake, or even a fruit pie! It can have the number of candles of the birthday person's age, or a candle for each decade and one for each subsequent year, or one big candle. It can even have, as once seen in a catalogue, Roman numeral candles to spell out the years! Traditions can change and still convey the truths they represent. So it is with the Tradition of the Church. The wise leaders bring forth both the new and the old, and seek in the kingdom what is good.

## TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

July 26, 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*You are cordially invited to the  
Weekly Prayer for Peace for our Nation*

*Starting on  
Monday, July 27, 2020, and every  
Monday thereafter at 9 am  
(following the 8:30 mass)  
Outside and in front of St. Mary  
of the Assumption Church  
7200 Lancaster Pike  
Hockessin, DE 19707*

We will include Rosary and  
Peace prayers every Monday

For more information,  
call Jane 302-898-1058

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**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](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s).



Listen to Catholic Forum every  
Saturday morning at 11:00 on  
Relevant Radio 640. **Next  
Saturday, August 1st, learn  
how the Catholic schools of  
the diocese are planning to**

**continue to provide excellent faith-filled  
education students in the fall, when Lou De  
Angelo, Superintendent of Schools is the  
guest.** After it airs, listen online anytime  
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**August 15th & 16th Special Collection for Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland Eastern Shore**

Please help our Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington by your generous donation during the special collection being taken in all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore on August 15th/16th. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Malooly has been live-streaming weekend Masses from our Cathedral. You can view the Masses at [YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm](https://YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm). Your financial support will help us upgrade our live-streaming equipment and keep the effort going strong. If you would like to give a one-time or ongoing gift directly to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, please visit [cathedralofstpeter.com](http://cathedralofstpeter.com).... We thank you for your support.



## “St. Vincent de Paul”

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. This month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 5 families, providing \$1,800 in help for food, utilities, rent, etc. Thank You!

### 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.

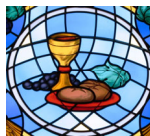
Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

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?

#### The Spirit of God, the Spirit of peace

The Spirit of God is a spirit of peace, and he speaks and acts in peace and gentleness, never in tumult and agitation. What's more, the motions of the Spirit are delicate touches that don't make a great noise and can penetrate our spiritual consciousness only if we have within ourselves a sort of calm zone of silence and peace. If our inner world is noisy and agitated, the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit will find it very difficult to be heard. If we want to recognize and follow the Spirit's motions, it is of the greatest importance to maintain a peaceful heart in all circumstances.

Fr. Jacques Philippe

O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me.

St. Benedicta of the Cross

Submitted by the Legion of Mary

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**July 26, 2020**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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 Rioski**  
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 27, 2020**  
8:30 am Mass (C)

**Tuesday July 28, 2020**  
8:30 am Mass (C)

**Wednesday July 29, 2020**  
8:30 am Mass (C)

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

**Friday July 31, 2020**  
8:30 am Mass (C)

**Saturday August 1, 2020**  
**Second Collection: Facility Maintenance Fund**  
3:30 pm Reconciliation (CP)  
5:00pm Mass (C)

**Sunday August 2, 2020**  
**Second Collection: Facility Maintenance Fund**  
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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office@smachurch.com.**



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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: [govmuler@hotmail.com](mailto:govmuler@hotmail.com)