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

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Live streamed Mass Sunday at 9:30 AM on
St. Mary's website: www.smachurch.com

PASTOR: REV. CHARLES C. DILLINGHAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. David F. Murphy

Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith

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PREP: Grades 1 through 8

Confirmation: Grade 9

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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.

August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020**

**Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.**

— Isaiah 56:1

Mass Intentions

Monday August 17, 2020

6:30 am Maureen Suppe — offered privately

8:30 am Alexander Doberenz

Tuesday August 18, 2020

6:30 am Joyce Perino — offered privately

8:30 am Drew Ostroski

Wednesday August 19, 2020

6:30 am Joyce Perino — offered privately

8:30 am Gaetano Pastore

Thursday August 20, 2020

6:30 am Jack Giles — offered privately

8:30 am Frances Hernjak

Friday August 21, 2020

6:30 am Robert E. Lee & Virginia Lee — offered privately

8:30 am Stephen Michalowski

Saturday August 22, 2020

8:30 am Jerome Clark — offered privately

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday August 23, 2020

7:30 am Kathy Gortva (living intention)— offered at the 5:00pm Mass

9:30 am Leonard Lewandowski

11:30 am Thomas Gandolfo – offered at the 9:30am Mass

6:00 pm Margaret Ellis - offered at the 9:30am Mass



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

+Carl J. Theroux, husband of parishioner Mary Theroux



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



WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — *Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).*

Psalm — *O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).*

Second Reading — *The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).*

Gospel — *Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).*



You are cordially invited to the Weekly

Prayer for Peace for our Nation

**Every Monday after at 9:00am
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Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

The parish will resume the great devotion of Eucharistic Adoration, beginning on Monday, August 17th, (just after our parish Patron Feast on August 15th). It will be held in the main church, following 8:30am daily Mass, and will conclude with Benediction at noon. Adoration will be available from 9:15 – 12noon.

Please join us for an hour, or even visit for 25 minutes to pray privately, as any time spent adoring the Lord is priceless and beneficial! If attending, you will need to wear a mask, use spatial distancing, and sanitizing will occur after each person leaves.

During these challenging times in our history, we need to pray for peace and unity in our country, for healing of the pandemic, for restoration of our freedoms, and for the important upcoming elections.

All our welcome to join us.

For more information, please call
Ann 302-494-4138.

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://www.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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>St. John Eudes</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>St. Bernard</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>St. Pius X</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>



Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of

welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640.

Next Saturday, August 22nd, tune in to hear an interview with Diocese of Wilmington

Seminarian, James Gebhart. A video of this interview will be available at www.YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm. 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.



"Our Coffee Run Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Feast of the Assumption Ice Social after the 5:00pm Mass on August 15th."

Although not a real social this year, please take & enjoy a sealed cup of Woodside Ice Cream on exiting the Mass."

Marriage Moments:

It is good to pray and be a person of faith, BUT married couples don't always share the same faith or pray the same way. Even if you are of the same faith, ask each other how they describe God, what they really believe, or how they pray. You can Be different but still united.

CYM Sports information:

Due to the effect of Covid-19, both the Football and the Volleyball seasons have been cancelled for the fall.

However, CYM is preparing to begin the Soccer, Softball, and Cross Country seasons respectively. We do have enough interest for Cross Country however we will need a few more students for Softball and Soccer.

As a reminder, the Soccer Team is for grades 4th through 8th (JV-4,5,6 and Varsity 7-8). Cross Country is for grades 3rd through 8th (JV-3-6 and Varsity 7-8).

Please contact Mike Pietlock at: athletics@smachurch.com. if your child has expressed interest in any of the above mentioned sports.



The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, if you have a car, motorcycle, or boat you no longer need, consider donating it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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/Website, **Elizabeth Perry**
 Cornerstone, **Mike McDonnell**
 Divine Will Prayer Group, **Linda Rioski**
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 Knights of Columbus, **Mike Bailey**
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 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**
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 Refresh Group, **Deacon Larry Brecht, Mike Bailey**
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 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 August 17, 2020****8:30 am Mass (C)****Tuesday August 18, 2020****8:30 am Mass (C)****Wednesday August 19, 2020****8:30 am Mass (C)****Thursday August 20, 2020****8:30 am Mass (C)****Friday August 21, 2020****8:30 am Mass (C)****Saturday August 22, 2020****3:30 pm Reconciliation (CP)****5:00pm Mass (C)****Sunday August 23, 2020****9:30am Mass (C)**

Please note: The parish calendar schedule is subject to change during the week, please check with your Ministry or call the parish office at 302-239-7100 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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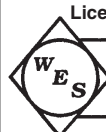


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