



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
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Pablo Gonzalez, Facility Manager	ext. 41
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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

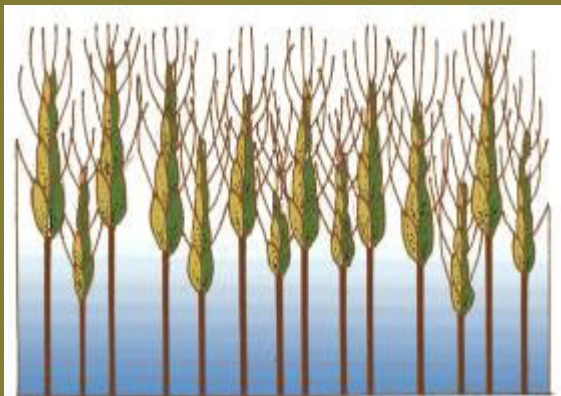
Each weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion
to those unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.
Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for this ministry.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

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

July 12, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— *Psalm 65:12*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday July 13, 2020

6:30 am Anna Papili
8:30 am Carolina Diamanda Toto

Tuesday July 14, 2020

6:30 am Michael Farrell
8:30 am Jerry Sanderson

Wednesday July 15, 2020

6:30 am John W. McQueen
8:30 am Sophia Meisch

Thursday July 16, 2020

6:30 am Michael Mulvihill
8:30 am Vincent Mattamra

Friday July 17, 2020

6:30 am Joseph Hinderoff
8:30 am Michael A. DiMedio

Saturday July 18, 2020

8:30 am Patricia Skacel
5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday July 19, 2020

7:30 am Rosemary Perry
9:30 am Donald Atkins
11:30 am Helen Stadter
6:00 pm Constance Starr



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.**

+Dorothy Yost, grandmother of Dan Di Giacobbe



A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . .
some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil,
and produced fruit.

MATTHEW 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8



NATURE'S BEAUTY

Our responsorial psalm today is a beautiful song of the joy of the Earth, putting forth its bounty and rejoicing in its fruitfulness. We are filled with joy when we see images of the earth blooming. So many people describe their experience of God's presence in their appreciation of nature's beauty. This alone is good reason to protect the beauty and wholeness of nature. "You have visited the land and watered it, / greatly have you enriched it. / God's watercourses are filled; / you have prepared the grain" (Psalm 65:10). Sadly, we do many things to destroy nature, even though it belongs ultimately to God and to all people: "[A]ll creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Romans 8:22).

YOU HAVE CROWNED THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY

"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Nature and people rejoice at these words, for they not only describe the beauty and fruitfulness of nature's gifts, which "shout and sing for joy" (Psalm 65:14), but profess a profound truth. This truth is that God's word is living and effective; that is, it accomplishes what it says. When God speaks a word of comfort or correction, what is said is done in its fullness.

THE SOWER SOWS THE SEED

Haven't we all wondered sometimes which kind of ground we are as the seed falls? Do we spring up with joy, but then wither because the word has not taken root in us? Are we so tied up in worry and concern for material wellbeing that the word is choked off in us with cares? Or are we the rich soil on which the word of God falls, bearing rich fruit in our lives and making the lives of others better? We are probably all of these at one time or another in our lives. As we concern ourselves with these thoughts, we can hope that we are or are becoming the rich soil of open souls, open to God's effective word in us. If we are devoted to God, we ask God for help to be the souls who are receptive to God's word every day.

There are those who "shall indeed hear but not understand . . . look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people" (Matthew 13:14-15). They shall not be converted and healed. But those who concern themselves with the things of God "see what you see" and "hear what you hear" (Matthew 13:16) and rejoice in God's wonderful gifts on this Earth. Blessed are those who are the good soil who hear the word of God and keep it.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10-14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]

JULY 12
2020

 FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

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July 12, 2020

15th 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 18th**, learn about the mental health challenges some face during the coronavirus pandemic and how Catholic Charities is helping people meet those challenges when Ms. Lisa Ritchie is the guest. 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 12th: As we humans continue to groan about Covid-19, we wait. We wait for a vaccine, for return to normal, or even an improvement on the normalcy of the past. We groan, and we pray that our labor pains may bring to birth a better world.

PARENTING POINTERS

Sunday July 12th: Sometimes parents' words fall on children as if they were deaf and blind. "Clean up your room." "Don't fight with your sister." "I need help with dinner." This is a challenge to a parent's creativity in phrasing the ask or imposing a natural consequence for non-compliance.



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 12—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."



This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

Did you Know?

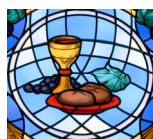
Purity of Intention

It is necessary to have an absolutely sure intention in all our actions, so that the generous fulfillment of our daily duties may be directed toward the highest supernatural ideal. Thus, our life, apart from moments of prayer, will be a prayerful life. It is clear that the habit of giving an upward glance to God at the moment of action is a great assistance in aiding us to behave always with a pure intention and in freeing us from our natural impulses and fancies, so, that, retaining our self-mastery, or rather, God becoming the sole Master, all our movements become dependent upon the Holy Spirit. We see in the Gospel that whenever our Lord was about to undertake some important step, He always paused for a moment to raise His eyes to Heaven, and only after this moment of recollection did He take up the work He had to do. 'He lifted up His eyes to Heaven' is a phrase that recurs with significant frequency. And doubtless, when there was no outward sign of this prayer, there was the inward offering. The ideal is the same for us. The constant subjection of self to the guidance of the Holy Spirit is made easier from the fact of His presence in the soul, where He is asked explicitly to preside over all our doings . . . We shall not submit wholeheartedly to the invisible Guest unless He is kept in close proximity to us.

Raoul Plus, S.J.

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.



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.

CYM Fall Sports

CYM is planning its Fall sports program. CYM staff are working hard to put appropriate safety protocols in place to provide a successful, high quality, and fun season for all of our boys and girls.

Volleyball, Soccer, Football and Cross Country seasons are in progress – CYM will publish specific dates and events after ensuring compliance with both Delaware and Maryland regulations, but we would like parents, players, and coaches to know that we will play!

It's important to get the word out early so that parents don't miss important information and announcements, and so they know their boys and girls will get to play.

Questions can be emailed to Matt Carucci, CYM Athletic Director, at mcarucci@cdow.org.

**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 13, 2020
8:30 am Mass (C)

Tuesday July 14, 2020
8:30 am Mass (C)

Wednesday July 15, 2020
8:30 am Mass (C)

Thursday July 16, 2020
8:30 am Mass (C)

Friday July 17, 2020
8:30 am Mass (C)

Saturday July 18, 2020
3:30 pm Reconciliation (CP)
5:00pm Mass (C)

Sunday July 19, 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



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