



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

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Web Site: www.smachurch.com

Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(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

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
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Deacon John Giacci, Director of Liturgy	ext. 32
Pablo Gonzalez, Facility Manager	ext. 41
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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

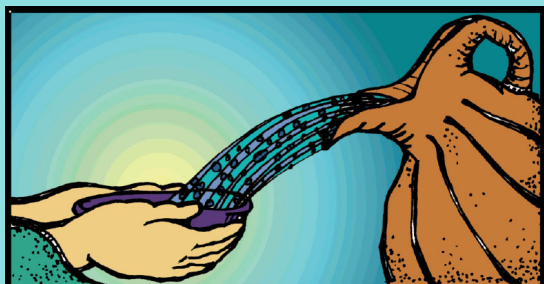
Each weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion
to those unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.
Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for this ministry.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

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

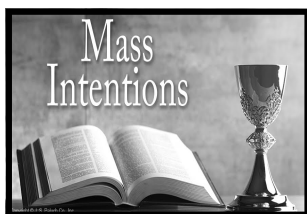
August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
— *Isaiah 55:1a*



Monday August 3, 2020

6:30 am Dorothy Yost — offered privately
8:30 am Mark Romanick

Tuesday August 4, 2020

6:30 am George R. Sowinski — offered privately
8:30 am Leo W. "Chief" Beattie

Wednesday August 5, 2020

6:30 am Gemma DiGiacobbe — offered privately
8:30 am William Hyland Vaughan

Thursday August 6, 2020

6:30 am Patricia Bergenn — offered privately
8:30 am Sean Locke

Friday August 7, 2020

6:30 am Gemma DiGiacobbe — offered privately
8:30 am Kevin Quiroz

Saturday August 8, 2020

8:30 am Lillian Stoddard — offered privately
5:00 pm Emily Maier

Sunday August 9, 2020

7:30 am George Gortva — mentioned at the 5:00pm Mass
(living intention)
9:30 am Clark Lovensheimer
11:30 am Parishioners – mentioned at the 9:30am Mass
6:00 pm Mary Teti - mentioned at the 9:30am Mass



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

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

+Robert Touhey, husband of Donna Touhey
+Elizabeth Logothetis, parishioner



**Prayerful best wishes to these
children who celebrated their
First Communion in July.**

Christian Andersen
Keith Andersen
Gavin Besten
Finnegan Betz
Lily Blackwell
Sophie Broomall
Noa Capistrano
Alex Degliobizzi
William Deppen
Heather DiFilippo
Jackson Dobrowolski
Grace Fletcher
Beckett Garey
Abigail Klenk
Ty Kuhner
Andrew Mangrelli
Madelyn Mattix
Claire Nagle
William Polin
Nick Quercetti
Massimo Saggese
Mallory Sellers
Aubrey Smith
Cora Smyth
Jack Smyth
Savina Tremel



*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. 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>.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Matthew 14:19

Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020

LONGING FOR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.” Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

ADMITTING OUR HELPLESSNESS

Jesus’ disciples, after a long day of preaching and healing, find themselves confronted with thousands of hungry people who need to be fed. They themselves were no doubt hungry and thirsty. In desperation, they turn to the Lord and ask him to tell the people to go to the towns and villages to buy food. Jesus tells them to give the people food themselves. They admit that they can come up with only five loaves and two fish, hardly enough to feed even themselves. It was only after the disciples admitted their total helplessness in the situation that the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish occurred. Where is the lesson for us? It is in admitting our helplessness in life’s most difficult moments that a miracle may perhaps be waiting for us.

MIRACLES OF MULTIPLICATION

Many believers admit that when faced with life-threatening illness, all that can be done in many instances is to throw one’s hands up in total helplessness and, in desperation, call upon God. The miracle that can occur is often not a cure of the illness. The miracle may be the strength and courage given by God to move through the pain and grief with hearts of faith. Remember what Saint Paul tells us today. “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life ... nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” When we know deep hunger for meaning and direction, when we are at our lowest, let us heed the words of the prophet Isaiah, and come to the Lord, that we may have life. If five loaves and two fish can be multiplied miraculously to feed thousands, then surely the compassion and love of Christ Jesus can be multiplied again and again for those whose hearts hunger and thirst for healing and wholeness.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1–3
Psalm 145:8–9, 15–18
Romans 8:35, 37–39
Matthew 14:13–21

Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, undated
Attributed to Pedro Menay Medrano (Spanish, 1628–1688)
after Jacopo Robusti, called Tintoretto (Italian, 1519–1594)
Chicago Institute of Art (CICG)

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“St. Vincent de Paul”

In the Gospel, Jesus says: “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves,” and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

Did you Know?

Mary, Vessel of Devotion

But as great as was St. Paul's devotion to our Lord, much greater was that of the Blessed Virgin: because she was his mother, and because she had him and all his sufferings actually before her eyes, and because she had the long intimacy of thirty years with him, and because she was from her special sanctity so unspeakably near him in spirit. When, then, he was mocked, bruised, scourged, and nailed to the Cross, she felt as keenly as if every indignity and torture inflicted on him was struck at herself. She could have cried out in agony at every pang of his. This is called her compassion, or her suffering with her Son, and it arose from this that she was the 'Vessel of Devotion' unlike any other."

Bl. John Henry Newman

Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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.



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.



Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. **Next Saturday, August 8th, learn about the historic Cathedral of Saint Peter when Cathedral Rector and Diocesan Chancellor, Father Joseph McQuaide 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.

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. 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. We thank you for your support.

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 August 3, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Tuesday August 4, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Wednesday August 5, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Thursday August 6, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Friday August 7, 2020
 8:30 am Mass (C)

Saturday August 8, 2020
 3:30 pm Reconciliation (CP)
 5:00pm Mass (C)

Sunday August 9, 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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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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www.smachurch.com