



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY at the
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Blue Hen Student Mass: 6:30 PM
Daily Mass: 12:30PM

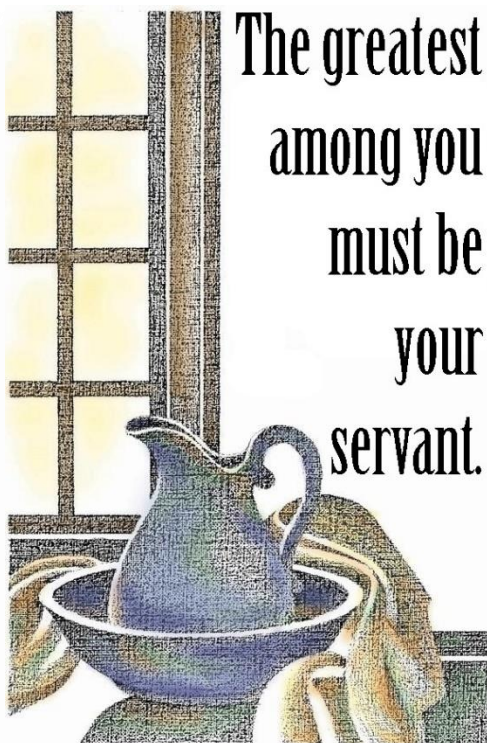
Confession

Tuesday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM
or by appointment

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5 NOVEMBER 2017



The greatest
among you
must be
your
servant.

“There is no better way of growing toward perfection in the spiritual life than to be always starting over again and never thinking that we have done enough.”

~ St. Francis de Sales

READINGS

5 November

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm 131:1, 2, 3

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12

12 November

Wisdom 6:12-16

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

OFFERTORY

1 Oct 17	\$4,766.32
8 Oct 17	\$5,173.00
15 Oct 17	\$4,566.90
22 Oct 17	\$4,080.00
29 Oct 17	\$4,507.85

Year to Date	\$ 85,676.74
Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1/17 – 6/30/18)	\$265,000.00

World Mission Sunday: \$332.35
October 15, 2017

Next 2nd Collection 5 Nov 17
Archdiocese for Military Services

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Classes:

November 12
December 3
December 10



Religious Ed Fall Clean-up Day

Saturday, November 18
12:30-2:30 Snack included

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dollar Dinner Nights – Every Friday @ 6PM!

Pancake Brunch – Dec. 3 @ 12:30 pm

Christmas Party – Dec. 8 @ 8PM

Midnight Breakfast – Dec. 11 @ 10PM

Newark United Methodist Church on Main St.
Prepared and served by the University Religious Leaders

THANKSGIVING BREAK

The Oratory will be **CLOSED** the week of Thanksgiving, November 20-24

There will also be **NO 6:30 Mass Sunday, November 19**

Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

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WATER IS LIFE KENYA 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



November 9th from 7-10pm
Executive Banquet & Conference Center
205 Executive Drive, Newark 19702

Celebrate with founder Joyce Tannian, local supporters, and volunteers. Tickets and sponsorship info can be found at www.waterislifekeny.com, or call (302) 894-7335 or info@waterislifekeny.com

TO GO BAGS NEEDED!



November is our month to help the Empowerment Center. Help provide a “go-bag” and drop it off in the social hall of the Oratory.

Each bag should include:

- a protein source (microwaveable pasta meal, single serving soup/stew, tuna lunch, etc.)
- a snack (granola bar/cracker sandwiches, etc.),
- an applesauce or individual fruit cup,
- water or juice box,
- spoon & napkin.

Each lunch should be put together in a gallon sized Ziploc type bag or plastic grocery bag, & all expiration dates should be at least 3 months from date of purchase.

Advisory Council Meeting Summary - Thursday, October 24, 2017 - 7:00pm

Our Parish Advisory Council held our October meeting last Thursday the 24th of October. During this meeting, the council discussed and reviewed Fr. Ed's report on Priority #3: Educating for Peace and Justice of our Pastoral Plan. This priority helps to inspire & challenge the Oratory community to promote the dignity of the human person through works of mercy and service to the poor both locally and beyond. During Father's report we looked at which of the objectives for this priority we have begun to work on, which still need to be addressed, and ideas for how to reach them.

The Oratory community continues to support several charitable commitments, including Water is Life Kenya, The Little Sisters of the Poor, DeSales Service Works, and Nativity Prep, as well as providing continued donations to the Newark Empowerment Center, various Toy Drives, and Birthright of Delaware. Students and community continue to participate annually in both the Nun Run & Water Walk as part of this support, as well as contribute To-Go bags, baby bottle donations, and a very generous amount of toys each year towards each respective drive. The Oratory continues this support further on Ash Wednesday, when all offertory monies collected are split equally between Water is Life, The Little Sisters, and Oblate Ministries (which supports DeSales Service Works and Nativity Prep).

The Oratory community has also grown to support DeSales Service Works by sending groups of students to volunteer there twice each semester. Over the course of the past year and a half we have sent around 60 students to volunteer, and one of our alumni is currently spending a year of service with the organization. We have branched these service opportunities out into more local service to places like the Emmanuel Dining Room and Sojourners' Place as well, with sponsoring a road in Newark and helping elderly parishioners with yardwork being other ideas to explore. We hope to continue this growth, and are working towards offering one service opportunity each month. We also hope to begin to offer service trips both nationally and internationally, starting with a small Alternative Spring Break trip to DeSales Service Works this spring.

Our discussion also touched upon providing more service opportunities for the younger Religious Ed students as our Religious Ed community continues to grow and strengthen. Our Religious Ed Clean Up day is coming up again on November 18, and was a success last year. Other ideas mentioned included volunteering with the Delaware Food Bank or at a Newark Community Clean Up Day in the future. It was mentioned that having more of these opportunities to choose from would give more families the chance to find one that fits with their schedule, so all can participate in something. Our goal will be to work up to 2 Religious Education service opportunities per semester.

Noted during the meeting was just how generous our Oratory community is with all our special collections and charitable causes, as Father pointed out on Stewardship Weekend. St. Thomas More Charities is part of this charitable giving, and it was hoped that the recent collection last weekend could be used to increasing awareness of this resource available to the UD students, staff & faculty.

Before leaving, the group was asked for any other thoughts. It was reported that the teaching mass series during October was well received & well written. The student announcements also seem to be a positive addition as it is nice to see student faces and excitement at Mass. Construction out front is going well, and the new drainage system is in place. They hope to be done concrete work by current mid-week. And lastly, the idea was put forth to enhance the Online Giving program by providing slips to contribute to the collection baskets at Mass, and possibly offer children's envelopes as well. Both of these options will be considered and offered starting in the new year.

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

ROSARY **MON 7:30 PM**

Come join us to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament

PRAYER & MEDITATION **TUE 5:30 PM**

Looking for some quiet prayer & meditation time during your busy day?

Stop by the O on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30

5:30 – 6:30	Exposition & Adoration
5:30 – 6:30	Sacrament of Reconciliation Available
6:30	Benediction

BINGO OUTREACH **TUE 6:30 PM**

The Jeanne Jugan Home is a retirement home in Newark run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. We volunteer our time by spending an hour playing bingo and talking with the residents. We leave from the Oratory at 6:30 and are back by 8:15PM.

BIBLE STUDY **WED 7-8:30 PM**

Looking for a student Bible study? Join us as we look ahead to the Sunday scripture readings and discuss how they affect our lives. Stop by and share the challenges of living out the gospel on campus.

Student Leaders: Mary Kate Prieto & Mike Palmer

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY **WED 11AM**

Our community Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesday from 11 – 12 to look ahead at the Sunday readings. Bible study is led by Fr. Ed and welcome to all non-students. Call or email with any questions or concerns - udcatholic@gmail.com

FAITH JOURNEY

Sign-up online. Feel free to call or email with questions. Contact - udcatholic@gmail.com

Need to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Sign up for Faith Journey classes. Call or email for more information - udcatholic@gmail.com

OTHER INFORMATION

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

For the Sake of God's Children is the safe environment program of the Diocese of Wilmington, designed to keep young people participating in ministry around the diocese free from harm. Participants include the Bishop, all priests, deacons, seminarians, religious, all lay employees and volunteers. For more information visit www.cdow.org and click the FSGC logo.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

If you have a family member serving in the armed forces or know a UD student or alum serving, please bring in a picture with the name & unit address of the soldier to and include in our prayers. Please include the name and connection to the soldier for our display board.

MT. AVIAT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Don't miss this fun holiday event for the whole family! Join us for MAA's 55th Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Christmas Bazaar features: Pictures with Santa, Nevada and 50/50 raffle tickets, a children's bazaar run by 8th grade students, delicious baked and homemade goods, silent auction, and much more! MAA is located at 399 Childs Road, Childs, MD—just a few minutes from Newark!

NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH

We will be praying for all souls during the month of November. Please bring in a picture of a family member or friend who has passed away to include in our hallway bulletin board display for the month of November. Please include their name (and your connection to that person if you wish) either on the back of the photo or on a separate piece of paper.

HOLIDAY HOPE AT DOHERTY

Doherty Funeral homes will sponsor their annual program designed to help grieving families and individuals cope with the holidays on Nov. 12th from 1 – 3:30pm at Deerfield Golf Club. Refreshments provided. For more info or to register call (302)999-8277 by Fri. November 10.