



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: (Mon. – Fri.) 12:30PM

## Confession

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

## Office Hours

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

MARCH 1, 2020



First  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT



*We, the community of St. Thomas More Oratory, are the home of Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware. We are empowered by the Spirit and inspired by St. John Henry Newman's motto: Heart Speaks to Heart to reach out inclusively to make Jesus present to all who share their journey with us.*

*We commit ourselves to the mission of Jesus Christ, which has been entrusted to us.*

*The St. Thomas More Oratory is administered by the Oblates of St. Francis De Sales, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to the spirit of St. Francis De Sales and their founder, Blessed Louis Brisson.*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Upcoming RE Classes

March 15

March 22

April 19

### Upcoming Confirmation Classes

March 8

March 15

March 22



Last month, our 2020 Confirmation Class visited the Ronald McDonald house to make breakfast for the children and families staying there.

Thank you to these confirmandi for sharing your time and talents with the community!

## LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

### ANNUAL LENTEN MINI RETREAT

**MARCH 9 – 13**

(see flyer for more details)

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION WITH FR. BRIAN ZUMBRUM

Monday March 9 @ 7:00pm – The Church Today:  
Where we are as the Catholic Church in 2020

Tuesday March 10 @ 7:00pm – The Ideal Church:  
What Church should be

Wednesday March 11 @ 7:00pm – Getting There:  
How we become the ideal Church



**DAILY MASS** – Mon – Fri @ 12:30

**ROSARY** – Mondays @ 7:30pm

**CONFESSIONS & HOLY HOUR** – Tuesdays @ 5:30pm

**BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays – see back page

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Fridays @ 7pm

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – see back page

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Day of Service at Sojourner's Place

**Mar. 14 @ 9am – 4pm**

Spend a day in service to those in need  
in the city of Wilmington

**Pancake Brunch – Mar. 15 @ 12:30am**

Pancakes, sausage, and all the fixins

**Spring Break with DSW – Mar. 28 – Apr. 2**

Give back for Spring Break with DSW in Camden.

**Free Dinner Fridays! – Fridays @ 6pm**

Students, come enjoy a pasta dinner, every Friday at 6!

Please visit [www.udcatholic.org](http://www.udcatholic.org) for signups/details

## Pilgrimage to Annecy

Travel to Annecy, France and learn about the life and work of St. Francis De Sales as you visit the towns & churches where he ministered.

**June 29 – July 4, 2020**

Pilgrimage fee is \$700

Including food, lodging, and busing

Travelers are responsible for making their own air-travel arrangements, one lunch, and one dinner.

For more information, visit [desales.edu/pilgrimage-to-annecy](http://desales.edu/pilgrimage-to-annecy) or pick up a flyer outside of the church office.

  
*Saint of the Week*

**St. Casmir**

**Feast day: March 4**



Born in Krakow, Casimir was the son of Casimir IV, king of Poland and grand duke of Lithuania, and Elizabeth of Austria. From a young age, he was concerned with the integrity and justice of his father's rule. He worked to ensure the fair treatment and aid of the poor and less fortunate. He was called the Patron of the Poor because of his love for others and charitable works. Casimir was known to be a humble and approachable man, traits that were not always synonymous with rulers at the time.

Known for his refusal to take up arms, personal piety, generosity to the poor and devotion to the Blessed Mother, he rejected the idea of marrying in favor of voluntary chastity. During a visit to Lithuania, he fell ill, died from tuberculosis at the age of 25 and was buried in the cathedral in Vilnius. Canonized in 1521, he is the patron of Poland and Lithuania.

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# READINGS

## March 1<sup>st</sup>

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

## March 8<sup>th</sup>

Genesis 12:1-4a

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

## OFFERTORY

through January

### Fiscal Year 2020

Jan. 2020 \$25,849.00  
Dec. 2019 \$27,384.78  
Nov. 2019 \$20,677.02  
Oct. 2019 \$19,809.31  
Sept. 2019 \$24,225.29  
Aug. 2019 \$18,090.25  
July 2019 \$21,244.01

Total \$157, 277.66

Goal for Fiscal Year  
(7/1/19 – 6/30/20)

### Fiscal Year 2019

*Jan. 2019 \$24,515.69*  
*Dec. 2018 \$26,763.26*  
*Nov. 2018 \$24,307.27*  
*Oct. 2018 \$25,925.95*  
*Sept. 2018 \$19,453.11*  
*Aug. 2018 \$19,289.20*  
*July 2018 \$22,474.97*

*Total \$162,729.45*

\$270,000.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

|        |      |    |         |                                      |
|--------|------|----|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | Feb. | 29 | 5:00pm  | † Stacie Pinney                      |
| Sun.   | Mar. | 1  | 9:30am  | St. Thomas More Oratory<br>Community |
|        |      |    | 11:30am | Jennifer Powers                      |
|        |      |    | 6:30pm  | † Nancy Shanahan                     |
| Mon.   | Mar. | 2  | 12:30pm | Gerry Knotts                         |
| Tues.  | Mar. | 3  | 12:30pm | † Matt Costanzo                      |
| Wed.   | Mar. | 4  | 12:30pm | † David Wells                        |
| Thurs. | Mar. | 5  | 12:30pm | † Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Donughe        |
| Fri.   | Mar. | 6  | 12:30pm | † Lee Seward                         |
| Sat.   | Mar. | 7  | 5:00pm  | † Eva Daicar                         |
| Sun.   | Mar. | 8  | 9:30am  | St. Thomas More Oratory<br>Community |
|        |      |    | 11:30am | † Theresa Scanlon                    |
|        |      |    | 6:30pm  | † Jacqueline Coyne                   |



## Salesian Sunday Reflection First Sunday in Lent

Today's Gospel focuses on the temptations of Christ. St. Francis de Sales notes: Our Lord did not seek temptation. Yet, He allowed the Spirit to lead Him into the desert to be tempted to show us how we ought to resist it. No one who comes to serve God can avoid temptations. But no one should seek temptation. Still, if the Spirit leads us to a place where we encounter it, we must have confidence in the Spirit to strengthen us.

As soon as you are conscious of being tempted, be like children when they see a bear out in the country. They immediately run into the arms of their father or mother, or at least call to them for help and protection. Turn in the same way to God, for we must not trust in our own strength or courage to overcome evil. If the temptation continues, turn your thoughts to some good, commendable activities. When good thoughts enter and find a place in your heart, they will drive away evil thoughts.

No matter what temptations may come to you, and no matter what pleasure accompanies them, as long as you refuse consent, they do not offend God. Let the enemies of our salvation stand continually at our heart's door so as to gain entrance. As long as this act of refusal remains in our heart, we may rest assured that divine love, the life of the soul, remains within us. Through continual prayer, the sacraments, and confidence in God, our strength will return and we will live a healthy and happy life.

Walk confidently, then, and remain in peace. Live well in gentleness, simplicity and humility. If you believe in God and the truth of God's word, nothing can harm you. Resolve not to sin, but do not be astonished or troubled when you do fall into sin. We must confide ourselves to the goodness of God who, for all that, does not love us less.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)*

## ONGOING PROGRAMMING

### **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 include in our prayers. Please include the name and connection to the soldier for our display board.

### **ROSARY**

**MON 7:30 PM**

Come join us in praying 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 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 Leader: Jenn Wallach

### **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY** WED 11AM

Community Bible Study meets weekly to look ahead at the Sunday readings. Join us Wednesday mornings throughout the semester. All are welcome! Contact the office for more information.

### **FAITH JOURNEY/ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Need to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Sign-up online. Feel free to call or email with questions. Contact – [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.cdow.org) and click the FSGC logo.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: TIME TOGETHER!!**

Give yourself and your spouse time away from everyday responsibilities and listen to that special someone who loves you! Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

### **ATTENTION GENTLEMEN**

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Delmarva will hold their 1st annual conference on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Church of the Holy Cross in Dover from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Featured speakers include Jesse Romero and Father Ed Meeks via live-stream from Baltimore, and Kevin Wells, who will be speaking on-location in Dover. The conference theme is "*The Holy Family/Your Holy Family*." Bring your son. Bring your dad. Bring your buddy. The tickets are \$35.00 pp or \$65.00 for a father and son going together. For more information, and registration information, visit [facebook.com/CatholicMensFellowshipofDelmarva](https://facebook.com/CatholicMensFellowshipofDelmarva).

### **STOP PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL**

Efforts on the part of the Catholic community, other faith groups, the Medical Society of Delaware, the Delaware Health Care Association, Saint Francis Healthcare, and advocates for persons with disabilities, kept physician-assisted suicide legislation from becoming law in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Yet, some lawmakers in Delaware still think that they know better than the medical community and will continue to bow to outside special-interest groups and promote physician-assisted suicide. You are invited to become informed and involved in this important issue. Visit [cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide](http://cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide) for information.