



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

Daily Mass: (Mon. – Fri.) 12:30PM

Blue Hen Student Mass will resume February 16th

Confession

Tuesday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

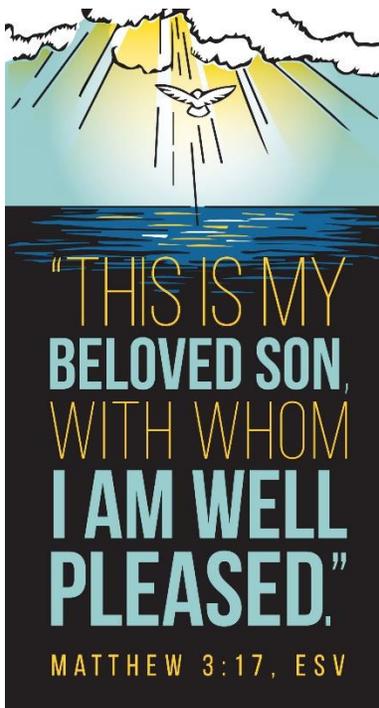
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM

or by appointment

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 12, 2020



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

Confirmation Classes
start this week!
For more information, or to
register, contact James at
jwerber@udcatholic.org

Upcoming RE Classes

January 26

February 2

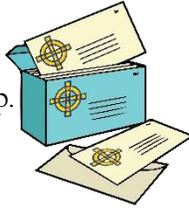
February 16



Offertory Envelopes

Are available for pickup in the social hall.
Children's envelopes and Online Giving
basket vouchers are also available for pickup.

**2020 calendars are also available
outside of the office**



Dear Friends-

Two of our fellow parishioners, Elizabeth, who is a UD student and her husband, Eric, lost their apartment and its contents in a fire that began in the unit below their own on December 29. This is especially challenging right now as Eric and Elizabeth are also expecting their first child, a great joy in whom their focus needs to be. I am asking if, out of the goodness of your heart, you might help this young married couple at this challenging time. A Go-Fund me account has been set up to assist them: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6fxt76-apartment-fire>
Thank you so much for whatever you might be able to do to be of help.

Sincerely yours,
Father Michael

Parish Corporation

Each Parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is a Non-Profit Corporation under Delaware Law governed by Trustees. In the Diocese of Wilmington the parish corporation is a civil body created solely for legal purposes.

Parish Corporations are exempt, non-profit, religious corporations often referred to as 501(c) (3) corporations. Parish civil corporations are created to conduct certain temporal affairs of the Church in civil law so that such activity is recognized as civilly valid and to protect the ownership of property and the rights of the Church. In civil law the parish corporation holds title to the property and assets of the parish.

There are Five Parish Trustees for St. Thomas More Oratory—three are Ex-Officio members and officers, and two are Lay Trustees.

The Three Ex-Officio Trustees are: Bishop Malooly (Diocesan Bishop), Fr. Joseph McQuaide (Chancellor of the Diocese), and Fr. Michael Vannicola, OSFS (Pastor).

Two Lay Trustees are elected each year as members of the Parish Corporation. This takes place by an annual election and recorded in the Book of Minutes. Generally the trustees do not have regular meetings, but are convened by the Pastor as circumstances require.

The Lay Trustee is both a parishioner (a member of the Roman Catholic Church, which is governed by Canon Law) and a citizen (they follow the law of the State and thus fulfill the requirements for Religious Corporation).

Lay Trustees must be at least 25 years of age, a registered parishioner of St. Thomas More Oratory, and a practicing Catholic.

Obligations and Duties of the Lay Trustee

- The law requires an annual meeting of the trustees, typically in January. The minutes of the meeting are recorded in the Book of Minutes.
- Lay Trustees assist the pastor in the oversight of parish management and review all major decisions about the funds and property of the Oratory. Their consultation is required for: the acquisition, lease, and sale of real estate and other major assets; execution of contracts involving major financial commitments; borrowing money and incurring financial liability.
- The Trustees review the Annual Financial Report and Oratory Budget.
- The Trustees are informed of all legal issues related to the Oratory.

As Pastor of St. Thomas More Oratory I am nominating **Jerome and Carroll Posatko** as our Lay Trustees for 2020.

Jerome and Carroll will serve their second term which became effective January 13, 2019.

I will ask the Oratory community to vote for Jerome and Carroll to continue a second term on Sunday, January 19, 2020.

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 6 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

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.

MAA'S ANNUAL CREAM PUFF DAY

Delicious, homemade cream puffs (a specialty of the Oblate Sisters) are available for pre-order until January 31st. Pricing is \$2.75 each or \$33/dozen. Pick up is Friday, February 7th from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. MAA is located at 399 Childs Road, Childs, MD 21916. Delivery is available for large orders in Elkton & Newark. To order, or for more info, contact Pat Seigel at 410.398.2206 or visit www.MountAviat.org.

S.A.C.R.E.D.

Don't miss out on a fun filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent as Salesianum offers SACRED for the 20th time. Join us as we seek to gain new insights into the rich meaning of our Catholic faith as seen through the lens of Salesian Spirituality. SACRED will be hosted by Salesianum School on Feb. 29 from 8am to 3pm. Registration is \$45 (\$40 if paid online by Jan.31) and includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and 2 sessions of workshops. Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM and Noon, Wine and Cheese Social follows at 3:15 PM. More info at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>

CHEF MANAGER NEEDED

The Oblates are looking for a chef manager for our Retirement Community at Childs, Maryland (just about 15 minutes from the Oratory). We are seeking a gifted culinary leader to care for our retired priests and brothers. If you have an interest in the position, please see or e-mail Father Michael.

FAN THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY

St. Mark's High School is excited to host our 1st annual Fan the Fire Youth Rally for teens in grades 9-12 on Sat., Mar. 14, 2020 from 9am – 5:15pm. Fan the fire is an exciting one day Eucharistic centered retreat that includes national speakers like Bob Perron, praise and worship lead by Sean Patrick Malloy, awesome workshops by regional presenters, Reconciliation, Holy Hour, lunch, and closing Mass with Bishop Malooly. For more information or to find out how to register, please visit our website at www.fanthefirerally.com.