



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY at the  
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

# St. Thomas More Oratory

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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 is currently suspended*

## Confession

Available before or after Mass.

## Office Hours

Office staff can be contacted via email or by calling the office.

\* All programs suspended until further notice

MARCH 15, 2020



Third  
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 Confirmation Classes

Postponed until further notice



### Upcoming RE Classes

Postponed until further notice.  
Will resume as soon as possible.



March 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.

## 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.

## LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



**DAILY MASS** – Mon – Fri @ 12:30

**ROSARY** – suspended \*

**CONFESSIONS & HOLY HOUR** – suspended \*

**BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays – suspended \*

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – suspended \*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Service Saturdays – Apr. 18 @ 9am

White Clay Creek Cleanup

Pancake Brunch – April 26 @ 12:30pm

Pancakes, sausage & all the fixins'

April Free Dinner Fridays! – @ 6pm

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

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



## Holy Week Schedule



Daily Mass: Mon – Wed @ 12:30 pm

### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 pm

*(Church will remain open until midnight for adoration)*

### Good Friday

Stations of the Cross @ 12:00 pm

Service: Seven Last Words of Christ @ 3:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 7:00 pm

*(Collection for the Holy Land Shrines)*

### Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil @ 8:00 pm

### Easter Sunday

Mass – 9:30 am & 11:30 am



## *Saint of the Week*

**St. Joseph**

**Feast day: March 19**



The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed in the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

# READINGS

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Exodus 17:3-7

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

## OFFERTORY

through February

### Fiscal Year 2020

Feb. 2020 \$19,521.25  
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 \$176,798.91**

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

### Fiscal Year 2019

*Feb. 2019 \$20,533.73*  
*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 \$183,263.18**

\$270,000.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Mar.	14	5:00pm	Jake Zaetta
Sun.	Mar.	15	9:30am	† Sharon Borkowski
			11:30am	Jennifer Powers
Mon.	Mar.	16	12:30pm	† Lucia Nguyen
Tues.	Mar.	17	12:30pm	Rossano Family
Wed.	Mar.	18	12:30pm	† Bob Litzinger
Thurs.	Mar.	19	12:30pm	† George P. Convery
Fri.	Mar.	20	12:30pm	David Radulski
Sat.	Mar.	21	5:00pm	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Sun.	Mar.	22	9:30am	† Jose Loaiza
			11:30am	† Maryanne Geraghty



## Salesian Sunday Reflection Third Sunday in Lent

Today's readings speak to the catechumens. Moses experiences a deeper faith in God's Word. The Samaritan woman experiences a new life in Christ. St. Francis de Sales notes: There are two different lives represented in us: the "old life" and the "new life." In the "old life" we live according to the faults and infirmities we have contracted through our human condition and culture. We are like the eagle that drags its old feathers along the ground, unable to take flight. We must let go of the old life, 'burying it in the waters of holy baptism or penance' if we wish to enter into the "new life."

In the "new life" we live according to the love, favors, and will of our Savior. Our new life in Christ is salutary and redeems us. It is living, lively and life giving. It causes us to soar aloft for we are 'alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord'. Our new life is like the eagle also. Having shed its old feathers, the eagle takes on new ones. Grown young again, it flies off in its new powers. Alas, some tender souls newly born out of penitential ashes may have difficulty soaring about in the open air of sacred love. While they are living, animated and winged by love, they may still have habits that their old life left in them. While we remain in this world, we can be bent either by divine love or useless loves.

When we choose to pursue useless loves, we become hesitant to approach Our Lord. This is normal. If we have offended a friend, we feel shame. But we must never live in shame. Our growth in divine love is such that an opening always remains for sudden assaults of other objects and apparent goods. We experience hesitancy in turning to God in our frailties so that we may cast ourselves even more into God's merciful arms. Let us have the courage then to discard the old life. Let us grow in confidence to live a new life in Christ Jesus, who desires to deepen our love so that we may be eternally loving.

*(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**

Suspended

Come join us in praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament

### **PRAYER & MEDITATION**

Suspended

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**

Suspended

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**

Suspended

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**

Suspended

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.

### **MAA'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 5K AND SISTER WALK**

Join the Mount Aviat community, including the Oblate Sisters, on Sunday, April 26th at 9:15 a.m. for the 10th Annual 5K and Sister Walk. Pre-registration rate is available until April 3rd: \$20/per person or \$50/per family. Pre-registration fee includes T-shirts. Additional shirts are \$8.50 each, \$11 for sizes XL & larger. Trophies will be awarded after the race in the gym. To register, go to [www.MountAviat.org](http://www.MountAviat.org) and download a registration form or contact Janie at [janietrumbull@gmail.com](mailto:janietrumbull@gmail.com). Mass will take place prior to the race at 8:00 a.m. at the school located at 399 Childs Road, Childs, MD 21916, just minutes from Newark, DE.

### **CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS**

Amid the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, it is important to be mindful of common sense practices that should be observed at all times. The faithful of the Diocese of Wilmington are urged to observe standard precautions, including practicing good hygiene, washing hands frequently and covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing.

Parishioners are also reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. Receiving from the chalice has been suspended until further notice.