



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

Blue Hen Student Mass: 6:30 PM

Daily Mass: (Mon. – Fri.) 12:30PM

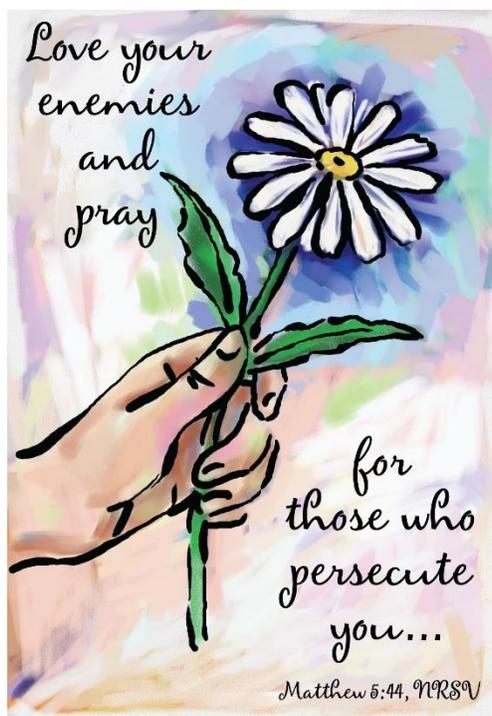
## Confession

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

## Office Hours

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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 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



### Upcoming RE Classes

March 15  
March 22  
April 19

### Upcoming Confirmation Classes

March 8  
March 15  
March 22



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

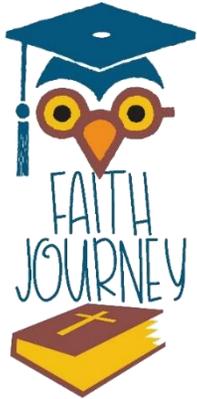
**Mardi Gras Dinner – February 25 @ 6pm**  
Come join us for chicken, waffles, & UD Creamery!

**Cape May Beach Retreat – Feb. 28 – Mar. 1**  
Take a break and recharge on our yearly retreat.

**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



Need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?  
Thinking about joining the Catholic Church?

Join us for an interest meeting

**Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm**

Email or call the office for more information.

## 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.

## Schedule Update

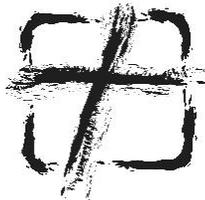
There will be NO Confessions or Adoration on Tuesday, February 25

If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact the office.  
We apologize for any inconvenience



## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

**FEBRUARY 26, 2020**



Mass and Imposition of Ashes

Liturgy of the Word, Blessing, and Imposition of Ashes

	4:30 PM
9:30 AM	5:30 PM
12:30 PM	6:30 PM
	7:30 PM

## *Saint of the Week*

**St. Gabriel Possenti**  
Feast day: February 27



The 11<sup>th</sup> of 13 children of a distinguished Italian lawyer who served the Papal States, Francesco Possenti was a bright, joyful youth, despite losing his mother when he was 4. During his education at the Jesuit college in Spoleto, he was seriously ill twice and vowed to become a religious if he recovered. Although he felt called to serve the Lord through the priesthood, he took his time to act upon this feeling. It was after the death of his favorite sister in 1856 that he entered the Passionist novitiate, taking the name Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. He is known to have been extraordinarily patient and kind, completing all that was expected of him with a bright spirit. Unfortunately, he never reached ordination, as he died of tuberculosis at 24 years old. St. Gabriel Possenti was canonized in 1920 and is the Patron of clerics and youth.

# READINGS

## February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

## 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

## 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.	22	5:00pm	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Sun.	Feb.	23	9:30am	† Mary Sestak
			11:30am	John Scott
			6:30pm	† Barbara Gillin
Mon.	Feb.	24	12:30pm	† Leslie Seward
Tues.	Feb.	25	12:30pm	Thomas & Mary McGlynn
Wed.	Feb.	26	9:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
			12:30pm	† Charlotte Eleanor Reynolds
Thurs.	Feb.	27	12:30pm	Rob McNelis
Fri.	Feb.	28	12:30pm	Thanksgiving for Blessings
Sat.	Feb.	29	5:00pm	† Stacie Pinney
Sun.	Mar.	1	9:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
			11:30am	Jennifer Powers
			6:30pm	† Nancy Shanahan

## Salesian Sunday Reflection Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to a higher love. Jesus calls us to forgive and love our enemies! Clearly, this is no small task. St. Francis de Sales stresses that perhaps the best way to be instruments of God's merciful, forgiving love is to first accept that same divine merciful and forgiving love ourselves.

Truly in no way must we lose heart. For even though we are weak, our weakness is not nearly as great as God's mercy toward us, who desire to respond to God's love. All of us are subject to some passion or changes and ups and downs. Do not worry about these feelings. Persevere in your call to holiness. In all good faith, you are trying to do all for God. It is God's merciful love that constantly transforms us, so let us do what we can.

First thing in the morning, prepare your heart to be at peace. Then take great care throughout the day to frequently call your heart back to that peace. And as it were, take your heart in your hand. If you happen to do something that you regret, do not be astonished or upset. Acknowledge your failing. Quietly place yourself before God, and try to regain your gentle composure. Say to your soul: "There we have made a mistake, but let's go on now and be more careful." Each time you fall do the same. No matter how frail and weak you feel, remember that the divine Craftsman delights in putting up magnificent buildings with badly twisted pieces of wood that are good for nothing.

When you are inwardly peaceful, don't miss an opportunity to perform as many acts of gentleness as you can—and as frequently as you can—no matter how small these acts may seem. For as our Lord says: "To the person who is faithful in little things, greater ones will be given."

Walk very simply along the way our Lord shows you. Don't worry. For if little chicks feel perfectly safe when they are under their mother's wings, how secure should the children of God feel under God's protection! God's merciful love is eternal.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, esp. Francis de Sales, Jane de Chantal: Letters of Spiritual Direction, J. Power, W. Wright, Eds. P)*

## 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.