



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

MARCH 24, 2019



Third  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

*“Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.”*  
~ St. Francis de Sales

## READINGS

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>  
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## OFFERTORY

3 Mar 19 \$6,509.72  
10 Mar 19 \$3,862.00  
17 Mar 19 \$5,042.48

Year to Date \$196,724.68  
Goal for Fiscal Year \$270,000.00  
(7/1/18 – 6/30/19)

CRS/Latin American Missions \$445.00  
March 2, 2019

Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 31 Mar 19  
STMO Charities

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Upcoming Classes

April 14  
April 28  
May 5



### Easter Party

April 14 - 10:30 - 1:30

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Free Dinner Fridays – Fridays @ 6pm  
Students, come enjoy a pasta dinner every Friday at 6!

Spring Break with DSW – Mar. 30 – Apr. 4  
Give back for Spring Break with DSW in Camden.

Pancake Brunch – April 28 @ 12:30pm  
Pancakes, sausage & all the fixins

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

The Oratory will be  
**CLOSED April 1-6**  
for Spring Break

No 6:30pm Mass March 31<sup>st</sup>



Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from the Diocese of Wilmington to join together as we carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem

**Saturday, April 13 from 10am – 6:15pm**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon – Wed @ 12:30 pm

### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:30 pm  
(Chapel 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 @ 7:30 pm  
(Collection for the Holy Land Shrines)

### Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil @ 7:30 pm

### Easter Sunday

Mass – 9:30 am & 11:30 am & 6:30 pm

## LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



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

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 - 7:00PM**

Our Parish Advisory Council recently met to wrap up our discussions about this phase of the ongoing Feasibility Study as we continue with the current Pastoral Plan that we have been working from for the past two years. Once this study has been completed, it will be shared with various groups within the Oratory community for input before final decisions are made about what work will be done. We also began to discuss some of the issues concerning the upcoming transition as Fr. Ed leaves us and our new pastor comes to join our community. The pastor coming in has been made aware of the current plan and will be joining us fully open to moving forward with what is in place. He will be able to add his insight and feedback to that which we will gather from the community when the time comes, and as decisions are made moving forward.

As we head into this time of transition, Fr. Ed has posed two simple questions; the first being ‘What are the strengths of the Oratory, what is going well?’ The Advisory Council agreed that there are a lot of things that could fall into this category. Our Religious Education program was mentioned as a huge strength, especially with the recent growth of the program, our amazing college student catechists, and the great amount of parental involvement in place. It was also mentioned that there is a strong sense of community in the Oratory that is not necessarily found in other churches, which is fostered by our programming such as the open houses and trips that we sponsor regularly. It was also stated that while we are a university parish, and therefore a lot of our focus falls on the students that we are here to support and serve, our community still feels inclusive of everyone – both student and community member alike. Our communication and transparency between church and parishioners was also cited, with information such as bulletins and homilies readily accessible on the website and reports shared regularly via the bulletin or through Fr. Ed’s annual State of the Parish report each year on Stewardship Weekend.

In the realm of student programming, students mentioned that they liked having service opportunities available, such as DeSales Service Works, that they could attend when their schedules allowed without signing up for a huge time commitment. There has also been an uptick of student involvement at Mass in various ministries such as lectors, servers, and EMs. Additionally, we have focused a lot over the past few years on building student leadership skills through trainings over the summer as well as the continued leadership meetings throughout the year. Our administrative leadership has also been restructured to better foster collaborative ministry, allowing the workload to be split more evenly amongst our four staff members.

The second question was ‘Where is improvement necessary, what can we do differently?’ One idea mentioned included recruiting people to help within different ministries and helping to provide students with the tools to reach out to their peers to get them involved and more engaged within the community. It was also stated that while music ministry has improved, there is still room for improvement – possibly providing a better space for instruments/musicians within the renovation plans or providing better support to help musicians grow in their talents or create more practiced choirs. Lastly was finding a way to hold Religious Education families more accountable for missed classes and making up work.

These responses will be crafted into a report to be given to our new pastor as he arrives to help him gain insight into our Oratory community. They will be joined by answers given from the rest of our parish community. We ask that you please share with us your thoughts and ideas on these two questions by filling out the short survey available on our website or in the chapel. We look forward to hearing your thoughts!

## 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 & Jenn Wallach

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

Community Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays 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 for more information: [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:udcatholic@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **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.

### **CDOW LENTEN SERIES**

The Diocese of Wilmington is presenting "Holy Boldness: A Journey through Lent with Four American Saints," a Lenten series that will be distributed via digital video, radio broadcasts, and podcasts. Written and hosted by Fr. Rich Jasper, Associate Pastor of Saint Ann Church, the 4part series uses the lives & examples of 4 holy Americans to help listeners get the most out of Lent and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter. Presentations will debut on Sat. afternoons at 5p.m. on the CDOW YouTube channel, ([YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm](http://YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm)) and Sun. mornings on Catholic Forum on WDEL (available via podcast at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum)) The videos, podcasts, and additional Lenten resources are also available at [cdow.org/lent](http://cdow.org/lent).

### **MAA HOSTS FREE STORY TIME**

Join Mount Aviat's Preschool for a free Story Time on Monday, March 25th from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. in our Preschool building. We will be welcoming Spring with stories and music! Registration is required. Contact CharleneNichols at [Advancement@MountAviat.org](mailto:Advancement@MountAviat.org) or 410.398.2206 ext. 214. Mount Aviat is located at 399 Childs Road, Childs, MD, just minutes from Newark, DE.

### **LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH!**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is seeking nominations for the longest married couple in each state and the U.S. Please submit the couple's name, their wedding date and where they currently reside – plus a contact phone or email address of the individual nominating the couple to: email [bkberland@gmail.com](mailto:bkberland@gmail.com), Bryan and Karen Berland, 530 S. Academy, Guthrie, OK 73044, 405-850-4274, or at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). All entries must be received by May 14th, 2019. Celebrate Marriage!