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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

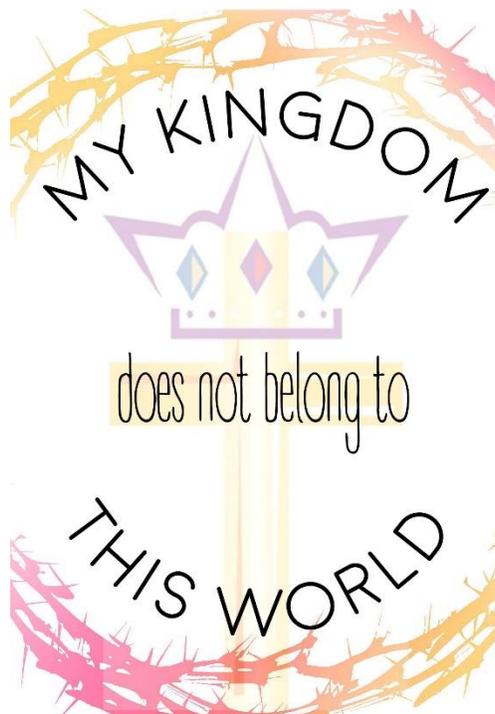
Confession

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

Office Hours

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
25 NOVEMBER 2018



“Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.”

~ St. Francis de Sales

READINGS

Nov. 25th
Daniel 7:13-14

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

Dec. 2nd
Jeremiah 33:14-16

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

OFFERTORY

4 Nov 18	\$6,315.00
11 Nov 18	\$7,756.00
18 Nov 18	\$4,438.27

Year to Date	\$106,007.50
Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1/18 – 6/30/19)	\$270,000.00

Next 2nd Collection

9 Dec 18

Retirement Fund for the Religious

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Upcoming Classes:

December 9
January 13
January 27



Mark Your Calendars!
Religious Ed. Christmas Party!
December 9th @ 10:30am

Upcoming HS Youth Group Meetings:
Pizza, Bowling & Laser Tag at Main Event
December 9 @ 4pm

Email udcatholic@gmail.com for more info!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Pancake Brunch – Dec. 2 @ 12:30pm
Pancakes, sausage & all the fixins!

Dinner & Christmas Party - Dec. 7 @ 6pm
Come help trim the tree as we watch Christmas movies

Cape May Beach Retreat – Mar. 8 – 10
Take a break and recharge on our yearly retreat.

Spring Break with DSW – Mar. 30 – Apr. 4
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 for signups/details

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE



Friday,
December 7
Vigil Mass
5 pm

Saturday,
December 8
9:30 am

NDEHS TOY DRIVE & TOYS FOR TOTS

Please remember to return your gifts in a giftbag and with their tag for NDEHS by Wednesday, Nov. 29.



Donations of new and unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots are also being collected downstairs in the Social Hall. Donated toys for this drive can be appropriate for children from birth to 15 years old

ADVENT 2018

Next Sunday we will begin the Season of Advent and I invite all of us throughout the four Sunday of Advent to give serious reflection to the question: How to become a witness to hope in a seemingly hopeless world?

Several years ago as I was getting ready to decorate for the holidays, I brought out the lights and ornaments, and, of course, the nativity scene. I started unpacking all the nativity scene figures: shepherds, sheep, donkey, ox, camel, kings, Mary, angel, Joseph...and guess who I could not find? JESUS! I couldn't find Jesus! And the search for him seemed as hopeless as our seemingly hopeless world. How do we become witnesses to hope in a seemingly hopeless world? This seems to be a question we should confront ourselves with this Advent season in 2018. This is a question the scriptures will help us answer.

This is the question on the minds and hearts of those to whom Luke's gospel is written. Luke wrote two works, the third gospel, an account of the life and teachings of Jesus, and the Book of Acts, which is an account of the growth and expansion of Christianity after the death of Jesus down through close to the end of the ministry of Paul. We will be reading from Luke's gospel through this Advent season. In Luke, Jesus emerges as someone who is very much interested in inculcating the virtues of compassion and forgiveness among his followers. In the midst of those teachings the disciples experience terrible discrimination, persecution, torture, and death because of their faith in Jesus. Those disciples struggled to find Jesus - to find Hope - in the midst of their trials, challenges, and sufferings, all seemingly hopeless situations.

Their day and their world were not much different than ours. Think of the challenges and sufferings our world faces: terrorism, violence and religious fanaticism (not just in the Middle East, but home-grown as well), debates over immigration laws and how to deal with people seeking refuge from other nations, and terrible evidence of racial tension.

How can we be witnesses to Hope? How can we be witnesses to Jesus in a seemingly hopeless world where finding Jesus seems nearly impossible? If we turn to the gospel, we will find the answer. If we want to be witnesses to Hope - to Jesus - in the midst of a seemingly hopeless world, then we need to let Jesus find us. He will find us; and so he tells us, "Be watchful...Be alert...Watch...Watch." Jesus, our Hope, is coming. He is here.

As disciples of Jesus, our challenge is to make visible to people who have lost their hope or who have no hope, the radical change for the better in the world that Jesus came to bring and continues to bring through us, the Body of Christ, the Church. To be witnesses of Hope in our world today - to become true disciples of Jesus - we must do what Jesus did in his Incarnation, in God becoming human. We must embrace, encounter, engage, and evangelize wherever God permits us to face. In Jesus Christ we see God looking upon our seemingly hopeless world and embracing it, encountering the people in it, engaging people - becoming a part of everything - and by doing that, bringing hope to the world. That's our challenge this Advent: to embrace, engage, and encounter every person and situation, not to run away from it all, but to bring Jesus to it, to evangelize, to bring hope to the world by proclaiming the gospel.

And so we need to go out from church: to go shopping, to go back to school, to go back to work, to go to holiday parties and maybe even host one, to go to sporting events. And to all things and people that we encounter we need to bring with us the Hope that our world needs by witnessing to that same Hope we anticipate this Advent by how we live our lives and treat one another. That Hope is named Emmanuel - God is with us.

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

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.

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.

TO – GO BAGS NEEDED!

November 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 that can be eaten cold and opened by hand (pasta meal, single serving soup/stew, tuna lunch, etc.), a snack (granola bar/cracker sandwiches, an applesauce or fruit cup, a drink (water, juice box, Gatorade, etc.), and spoon or fork & 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 donation.

“EVERYDAY HOLINESS” DEBUT AT IHM

A new play that presents the spirituality of Saints Francis de Sales and Jane De Chantal, titled “Everyday Holiness,” will make its debut on Sun., Dec. 2 @ 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Wilmington. The play was commissioned by the Diocese of Wilmington as part of its 150th anniversary celebration. The performance is open to the public and will conclude with prayer and light refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken. “Everyday Holiness” will be presented at additional times and locations in the Diocese until March. IHM is located at 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803.

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