



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY at the  
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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
6 MAY 2018



*“Love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.”*  
JOHN 15:12, NIV



*“Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage.”*  
~ St. Francis de Sales

## READINGS

6 May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

13 May

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

## OFFERTORY

1 Apr 2018	\$10,938.48
8 Apr 2018	\$ 3,505.00
15 Apr 2018	\$ 4,402.28
22 Apr 2018	\$ 4,685.00
29 Apr 2018	\$ 4,954.97

Year to Date	\$232,075.89
Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1/17 – 6/30/18)	\$265,000.00

Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

20 May 18  
Priests Retirement Fund

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Upcoming Classes:

May 6  
May 13



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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Class of 2018 Dinner – May 14 @ 6PM**  
Join Fr. Ed & Kim for dinner at the Oblate house to celebrate your accomplishments!  
Please sign up on the website or in the hallway .

**Midnight Breakfast – May 17 @ 10PM**  
@ Newark United Methodist Church on Main St.  
Prepared and served by the University Religious Leaders

**Class of 2018 Brunch – May 20 @ 12:30 PM**  
Join us as we congratulate our Graduates

**Student Dollar Dinner Nights – Fridays @ 6pm**  
Come enjoy a pasta dinner, every Friday at 6pm!

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



Congratulations  
First Communicants!



Adeline Abbott	Lily Eldridge
Francesca Azuero	Keeley Gregor
Roman Azuero	Sophia Grifo
Emma Bonis	Faith Horton
Arianna Chaffin	Kimberely Lara
Juan José Chaffin	David Lavieri
Kathryn Cicero	Allison Simione
Casey Eldridge	Leah Walters

## MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Birthright of Delaware will be holding its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale at the Oratory. Please support Birthright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses.

**Mother's Day Weekend**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**\$2/one, \$5/three, \$18/dozen,  
\$35/twenty five**

Your help will truly make a difference!  
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

For more info about Birthright, please visit  
[birthright.org/wilmington](http://birthright.org/wilmington)

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

*The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord is celebrated on Thursday, May 10, 2018 in the Dioceses of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia as a Holy Day of Obligation. In all other United States dioceses, this feast day is transferred to Sunday, May 13. Therefore, for the Diocese of Wilmington the feast is transferred to Sunday, May 13. The reflection below is a Facebook post by the Rev. James Martin, SJ.*

What does it mean that Jesus ascended into heaven? Like so much in the Christian life it is a mystery, and it's meaning is inexhaustible. The account from the Gospel of John shows us several things.

First, it shows us Jesus as "Lord," seated at the right hand of God the Father, a sign of his divine authority. Jesus is not simply a wisdom figure, a compassionate preacher, or even an astounding healer, he is the Son of God.

Second, the Ascension shows us that Jesus's time on earth after the Resurrection was limited. Most of the disciples probably hoped that Jesus would stay with them indefinitely, much as at the Transfiguration Peter, James and John wanted simply to "be" with Jesus on the mountain. It is understandable. But at the Transfiguration, even though Peter suggests building three "booths" for worship and adoration, Jesus comes down off the mountain with his friends, and afterwards they go about their ministry. We often want to prolong such intense spiritual moments, which is both natural and good. God wants us to savor these grace-filled times. But, at some point after these spiritual experiences, we are called to return to our daily lives, to put into action what God asks us to do. Likewise, immediately before the Ascension, Jesus asks his disciples to "Go out to all the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." Nourished by these spiritual moments, we are to do work.

But there is another aspect of the Ascension that often goes overlooked: Jesus ascends bodily to heaven. Not as a ghost. Not as a disembodied spirit. Not by leaving his body behind on earth, as if it were unimportant, superfluous or even repulsive. Think about it: At the Resurrection the Risen Christ could have left behind his body in the tomb and appeared to the disciples as pure spirit, and said to them, "Here I am. I have left behind the flesh, and am appearing to you in a more perfect form, as pure spirit." But he does not. In fact, in one appearance Jesus invites the disciples to pay close attention to his body, and says, "Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see: it is I myself. For a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And he invites St. Thomas to touch the physical wounds in his hands and side. The Risen Christ returns in a glorified body, but a body nonetheless.

Our bodies are holy. Yes, they sometimes give us trouble, more so when we are sick or when we age. Sometimes they seem to encourage us to sin. And often in Christian history, the body has been seen as "less than" the spirit. St. Paul set up a distinction between the "flesh" and "spirit." St. Francis of Assisi talked about his body as "Brother Ass." And many saints, like St. Ignatius Loyola, "mortified" themselves by undergoing extreme penances. As these saints understood, our bodies should not rule us. But God created us not as a soul that just happens to occupy a body as a kind of annoyance--but as an embodied soul, or an ensouled body.

The Ascension, as well as the Resurrection appearances, reminds us that the God who created our bodies loves our bodies. We should too; by caring for our physical selves, by never intentionally harming our bodies, and by reverencing the bodies of others, too.

The one who understands this best of all is Jesus, who lives and reigns with God the Father, and does so as our brother with a body like ours.

## 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 & Mike Palmer

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

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**

Sign-up online. Feel free to call or email with questions. Contact – [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:udcatholic@gmail.com)

Need to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Call or email for more information - [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.

### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

#### *Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith*

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available on the table as you exit, and can be placed in the offertory basket. To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal". Thank you for your generosity and support.

### **FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER AT APPLEBEE'S**

A Flapjack Fundraiser will be held on Sat., May 12 from 8 am to 10 am at Applebee's, 320 Dove Run Centre Blvd, Middletown. The unlimited buffet includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. A gift basket raffle will also be held during the event. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit The Old Bohemia Historical Society whose mission is to restore and maintain St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD. To purchase tickets, please call Kathy Ursitti at 302.530.9206 or send an email to [OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com](mailto:OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com).

### **LAST 6:30 BLUE HEN STUDENT MASS UNTIL THE FALL      MAY 20**