



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

MARCH 8, 2020



Second  
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 RE Classes

March 15  
March 22  
April 19

### Upcoming Confirmation Classes

March 15  
March 22  
April 5



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.

## LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

### ANNUAL LENTEN MINI RETREAT

**MARCH 9 – 13**

(see flyer for more details)

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION WITH FR. BRIAN ZUMBRUM

Monday March 9 @ 7:00pm – The Church Today:  
Where we are as the Catholic Church in 2020

Tuesday March 10 @ 7:00pm – The Ideal Church:  
What Church should be

Wednesday March 11 @ 7:00pm – Getting There:  
How we become the ideal Church



**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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Day of Service at Sojourner's Place

**Mar. 14 @ 9am – 4pm**

Spend a day in service to those in need  
in the city of Wilmington

**Pancake Brunch – Mar. 15 @ 12:30pm**

Pancakes, sausage, and all the fixins

**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

## 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.



## *Saint of the Week*

**St. Frances of Rome**  
Feast day: March 9



This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat, married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow."

# READINGS

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Genesis 12:1-4a

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

**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

## 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.	Mar.	7	5:00pm	† Eva Daicar
Sun.	Mar.	8	9:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
			11:30am	† Theresa Scanlon
			6:30pm	† Jacqueline Coyne
Mon.	Mar.	9	12:30pm	Our Country
Tues.	Mar.	10	12:30pm	† Ken Connolly
Wed.	Mar.	11	12:30pm	† Ann Dougherty
Thurs.	Mar.	12	12:30pm	Anthony Squitteri
Fri.	Mar.	13	12:30pm	Bellettiere Family
Sat.	Mar.	14	5:00pm	Jake Zaetta
Sun.	Mar.	15	9:30am	† Sharon Borkowski
			11:30am	Jennifer Powers
			6:30pm	St. Thomas More Oratory Community



## Salesian Sunday Reflection Second Sunday in Lent

This Sunday we climb Mount Tabor with Jesus. Here, we get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus, whose divine love is always transforming us. St. Francis de Sales notes: Jesus, through his Transfiguration, shows us a little spark of the eternal bliss that is awaiting us. Our Lord is transfigured to make us desire eternal happiness in its entirety.

Our gentle Savior wishes to make use of his divine attractions and inspirations to draw us to His most pure love. When God gives us faith, God speaks to our mind through inspirations. These first perceptions of God's love are poured into us through the Holy Spirit. In hearts that give their consent, God, little by little, gently strengthens the holy love that comes from these inspirations.

The disciples experienced such delight on Mount Tabor that they wanted to stay there. Let us also place all our affections on Our Savior and aspire to the happiness that God has prepared for us. God has given us all the necessary means to attain the happiness of eternal glory. We too are climbing Mount Tabor, since we are firmly resolved to serve Our Savior well, and to love His divine Goodness. Yet, as it often happens when we begin to grow in holiness, we find our affections are still entangled with useless loves. Don't be upset. It is an opportunity to practice virtue. You have a great desire for holiness. Nourish this desire and let it grow each day. If you stumble, cry out to Our Lord who desires your love, and will hold you by the hand. Without growing weary, let us climb Mount Tabor toward the heavenly vision our Savior gave us.

Walk joyously, then, among the difficulties of this passing life. Embrace all the challenges that you encounter along the path that God has marked out for you, and be at peace. Transformation is the true mark of a divine visitation. May you always desire it!

*(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**

**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.

### **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.

### **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*." 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).

### **A FEW FLU SEASON REMINDERS**

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. The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.