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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

DECEMBER 1, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



HOPE



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 Classes

December 8
January 12
January 26



Mark Your Calendars!

Religious Ed. Christmas Party!
December 8th @ 10:30am



The last Blue Hen Student Mass of the semester will be held on

Sunday, December 8th

6:30 pm Masses will resume with the Spring Semester in February.



Water is Life Jewelry Sale

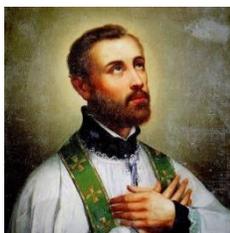
Sunday, December 8th
after all Masses

Come buy some beautiful jewelry and help to support the mission of Water is Life Kenya!



Saint of the Week

St. Francis Xavier
Feast day: December 3



Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Christmas Party – December 6 @ 6pm
Help decorate the tree & enjoy classic Christmas movies.

Pancake Brunch – December 8 @ 12:30pm
Pancakes, sausage & all the fixins!

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

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

Please visit www.udcatholic.org for signups/details

SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP



**DESALES
SERVICE
WORKS**

Make a difference with your Spring Break and join us in helping others with DSW.

March 28 – April 2, 2020

Come for the day or stay for the week as we work with DSW in their mission to improve struggling neighborhoods while recognizing the goodness that exists in the impoverished communities surrounding Camden, NJ.

Visit www.udcatholic.org for sign-ups and info.

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 udcatholic.org or pick up a flyer outside of the church office.

NDEHS TOY DRIVE & TOYS FOR TOTS

Please remember to return your gifts in a giftbag and with their tag for NDEHS by

Wednesday, December 4th



Donations of new and unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots are also being collected downstairs in the hallway. Toys donated for this drive should be appropriate for children from birth to 15 years old.

Thank you for your generosity!!

READINGS

December 1st

Isaiah 2:1-5

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:11-4

Matthew 24:37-44

December 8th

Isaiah 11:1-10

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

OFFERTORY

This Month

3 Nov 2019 \$6,120.64
10 Nov 2019 \$5,802.00
17 Nov 2019 \$5,135.38
25 Nov 2019 \$3,719.00

Year to Date
Goal for Fiscal Year
(7/1/19 – 6/30/20)

November 2018

4 Nov 2018 \$6,315.00
11 Nov 2018 \$7,756.00
18 Nov 2018 \$4,438.27
25 Nov 2018 \$4,188.00

\$ 98,649.22
\$270,000.00

Next 2nd Collection

December 8, 2019
Retirement Fund for the Religious

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Nov. 30	5:00pm	†Benjamin Rayca
Sun.	Dec. 1	9:30am	†Ed Pochomis
		11:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Mon.	Dec. 2	12:30pm	Cynthia Ziccarelli
Tues.	Dec. 3	12:30pm	†Jeremy Stewart
Wed.	Dec. 4	12:30pm	†George Nitshe
Thurs.	Dec. 5	12:30pm	†Michael Marrinan
Fri.	Dec. 6	12:30pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	Dec. 7	5:00pm	†Joseph K. Murphy, Sr.
Sun.	Dec. 8	9:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
		11:30am	†Ralph Aleno
		6:30 pm	†Sheamus O'Connor

Salesian Sunday Reflection First Sunday of Advent



In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us to live a life of holiness so as to experience the glory of His coming. This calls for a conversion of our hearts. St. Francis de Sales notes:

As soon as some people see that you wish to lead a life of holiness, they might speak of your conversion as hypocrisy, bigotry, and trickery. They will say that the world has turned against you, and being rebuffed by it, you have turned to God. Your friends will tell you that you will become depressed, lose your reputation, be unbearable, and that your affairs at home will suffer. All this is mere foolishness. People spend hours in playing games and think nothing of it. Yet if you spend an hour in meditation or get up a little earlier than usual in the morning to pray, everyone thinks there is something the matter with you. So we must be firm in our resolution to live faithfully in God's love.

When we first have a change of heart, things will seem a little strange, as they are new. When we see that the mountain of Christian perfection is very lofty, we tend to say "O God, how shall I be able to climb it?" Have courage. Such feelings will pass, and you will receive countless blessings.

We are like young bees who cannot yet fly out among the flowers, mountains, or nearby hills to gather honey. Little by little, by continuing to eat honey the older bees have prepared, the young bees develop wings and grow strong, so that later they fly all over the country in search of food. At first we cannot fly up high according to our plan, which is to be holy. But as our desires and resolutions begin to take form and our wings start to grow, we hope some day to be able to fly aloft. Let us follow the instructions of holy persons of past times, and pray to God to give us wings, not only to fly upward during the time of our present life but also to find repose in the eternity that is to come.

(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 7:30 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 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

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.

WARM UP WINTER

As temperatures start to decline, Catholic Charities is preparing to Warm Up Winter for its most vulnerable neighbors by collecting new and "gently used" blankets and other bedding, coats, hats, and gloves at each of its office locations now through the end of January 2020. Catholic Charities will freely distribute donated goods through its various programs. Donors can bring their coats and blankets to Catholic Charities locations. More information and a list of locations can be found on flyers outside of the church office.

VESPERS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE

A prayer service commemorating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held on Sunday, December 8 at St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia). Vespers will start at 4 p.m. followed by a short concert presented by the Women's Schola of St. Joseph Parish, Middletown, DE. The program will feature the Ave Maria and Magnificat in several musical styles. Rosemary Hadland is the musical director and Lauren Cataldi-May will provide piano accompaniment. Refreshments will be served following the program. There is no charge to attend the event, however in honor of Blessed Mother Mary, donations of diapers and baby hygiene items will be collected for Catholic Charities Diaper Bank, serving families throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Tours of the historic property, which is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, will be offered one hour prior to the program. The shrine is considered the mother church of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington and is located at 1690 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912.