



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

APRIL 14, 2019
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



"Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections."

~ St. Francis de Sales

READINGS

April 14th
Isaiah 50:4-7

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21st
Acts 10:34a, 37-43

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

OFFERTORY

7 April 2019 \$6197.00

Year to Date \$211,790.68
Goal for Fiscal Year \$270,000.00
(7/1/18 – 6/30/19)

Next 2nd Collection April 19, 2019
Holy Land – Good Friday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Classes

April 28th
May 5th
May 12th



Mark your calendar!
Religious Ed Easter Party
Sunday, April 14
10:30 – 1:30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

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

Oratory Formal – May 4 @ 8pm
Get fancy and come dance the night away with us

Open Mic Night – May 10 @ 7 – 10pm
Sign up to share your talents, or come enjoy the talents of others!

Senior Dinners – May 9 & 13 @ 6pm
Join Fr. Ed & Kim for dinner at the Oblate residence
to celebrate your accomplishments!

Please visit www.udcatholic.org for signups/details

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

OPEN HOUSE



Join us for an Open House
Farewell celebration as we
thank Fr Ed for his service to
the Oratory community.

Friday, May 3
6pm – 9pm

Oblate's Residence:
222 Cheltenham Road
Newark, Delaware

Holy Week Reflection: Take Up Your Cross

Lent is officially over and now we enter the holiest week of the year for Christians throughout the world. This week we will enter into the *Triduum* (the three great sacred days of the year: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter). During these days we will hear the Lord's Passion proclaimed on Palm Sunday from Luke on "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion" and from John on Good Friday. We adore the Holy Cross on Good Friday, but we sign ourselves with the cross nearly daily as Catholics. One of my favorite sayings about the cross comes from St. Francis de Sales: "To take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ means nothing other than receiving and accepting all the troubles, contradictions, afflictions and mortifications that come our way in this life. We should accept them with complete submission and resignation. We ought not select our own crosses, but we should accept and carry those that are offered to us. In this way we imitate the Savior, who did not choose His own cross, but humbly took upon Himself the one prepared for Him." (Sermons 2; O. IX, p. 18).

I do not intend to suggest that receiving and accepting the troubles, contradictions, afflictions, and mortifications of life is easy. It isn't. I have learned that the only way to Resurrection is living through them. If we fight our crosses or avoid them, they don't go away. We die without hope. But when we accept them and live through them, we can find life and hope. We must honestly express our feelings about them. Even Christ prayed in Gethsemane: "Father, let this cup pass me by, but not my will, but yours be done." What is your cross: A broken relationship; A chronic disease; A terminal diagnosis for you or a friend; A job loss; An addiction; Not being accepted into a school, program or job? We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come to us, sometimes all too often. Imitate Jesus, honestly accept *your* cross, learn from it, and carry it, even with help. The cross is Jesus' victory over sin and death. Adore the cross on Good Friday. Walk the *Way of the Cross* with Jesus this Holy Week. Take up your cross and find Jesus in your midst.

I would like to encourage you to join us for one or all of the *Sacred Triduum* Liturgies. On **Holy Thursday** (7:30 PM), we will celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his apostles. In particular, we will imitate Jesus' example of service by washing each other's feet. On **Good Friday**, we will have three opportunities for prayer: Stations of the Cross at Noon, a reflection on the "Seven last Words of Jesus" at 3:00 PM, and the formal celebration of the Lord's Passion and the veneration of the Cross at 7:30 PM. On **Holy Saturday** (7:30 PM), we will celebrate the Easter Vigil by blessing fire to light our Easter Candle and water to renew our baptismal promises. We will spend time in vigil reading and listening to our story of salvation as told in Scripture. Finally, we have three Easter Sunday liturgies at 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and our Blue Hen Student mass at 6:30 PM.

In the name of our University Parish Staff, Colleen Jordan (Business Manager), Mandy Manzella (Administrative Assistant), Kim Zitzner (Campus Minister), and myself as pastor, I extend a joy-filled happy Easter to each of you, and a heart full of gratitude for the consistent generous spirit that enlivens the St. Thomas More Oratory community.

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

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.

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.cdown.org and click the FSGC logo.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime! It is a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – our next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As I Have Done For You, You Should Also Do

Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps bring Christ to those who seek His presence - the poor, the sick, the distressed, children and elderly. Last weekend you were invited to participate in the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign. Learn more by visiting the diocesan website at www.cdown.org; click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal."

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Birthingright of Delaware will once again be holding its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale at the Oratory. Please support Birthingright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 12th & 13th. Roses cost: \$2/one, \$5/three, \$18/Dozen, \$35/Twentyfive. Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CHAPEL DECORATING SAT 10AM

Join us this Saturday as we decorate the chapel for Easter. Stop by and lend a hand if you are free!