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UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Daily Mass: (Mon. – Fri.) 12:30PM

Blue Hen Student Mass will resume February 16th

Confession

Tuesday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM

or by appointment

DECEMBER 15, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



JOY



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

January 12
January 26
February 2



Confirmation Classes Start

January 12 from 4:30 – 7:30pm

Confirmation will be held on May 9, 2020 at 1:00pm

Please email James for more information
jwerber@udcatholic.org

Schedule Update

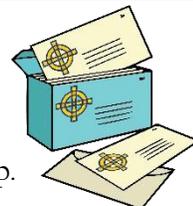


There will be **no** scheduled confessions
December 17th, 24th, or 31st
due to the upcoming holiday schedules.

Weekly Adoration & Confessions will resume January 7.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

Offertory Envelopes

Are available downstairs for pickup.
Children's envelopes and Online Giving
basket vouchers are also available for pickup.



Keep an eye out for 2020 calendars – available soon!

Community Bible Study will resume January 9.

Holiday Schedule



CHRISTMAS

5 PM Children's Mass – Dec. 24th
(NO RESERVED SEATING AFTER 4:30)

9 PM Mass at Night – Dec. 24th
9:30 AM Christmas Mass – Dec. 25th

The Oratory will be

CLOSED

Dec. 26th – Dec. 27th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Saturday, December 28th – 5pm
Sunday, December 29th
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY



Vigil Mass – December 31st – 5 PM
January 1st – 9:30 AM

The Oratory will be

CLOSED

Jan. 2nd & 3rd

Normal Schedule will resume January 4th

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

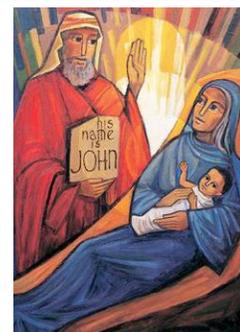
Travelers are responsible for making their own air-travel
arrangements, one lunch, and one dinner.

For more information, visit udcatholic.org or
pick up a flyer outside of the church office.



Saint of the Week

Sts. Zechariah & Elizabeth
Feast day: November 5



The first chapter of Luke's Gospel tells the story of John the Baptist's parents. Elizabeth, a cousin of Mary, is old and childless; her husband, Zechariah, is a priest in Jerusalem. Zechariah is praying in the Temple when an angel reveals Elizabeth will bear a son named John. When he doesn't believe the angel, he is struck mute until he confirms the name John at his son's circumcision. Before John's birth, Mary, who is pregnant with Jesus, visits Elizabeth; their prayerful greetings became the "Hail Mary" and "Canticle of Mary." Luke also credits Zechariah with a canticle of praise.

Elizabeth is the patron saint of pregnant women and
infertile couples

READINGS

December 15th
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

December 22nd
Isaiah 7:10-14

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

OFFERTORY

This Month

Dec. 1, 2019 \$4,963.00
Dec. 8, 2019 \$5,914.00

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

December 2018

Dec. 2, 2018: \$6,836.21
Dec. 18, 2018: \$5,674.67

\$108,806.22
\$270,000.00

Next 2nd Collection

December 29, 2019
STMO Charities

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Dec. 14	5:00pm	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Sun.	Dec. 15	9:30am 11:30am	†Fr. Gerard O'Brien William Bampfield
Mon.	Dec. 16	12:30pm	Riley Jadick
Tues.	Dec. 17	12:30pm	†Thera Detwiler
Wed.	Dec. 18	12:30pm	†Msgr. Michael Szupper
Thurs.	Dec. 19	12:30pm	The Moran & Crotty Families
Fri.	Dec. 20	12:30pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	Dec. 21	5:00pm	†Dave Riley
Sun.	Dec. 22	9:30am 11:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community †Paul Garvin



Salesian Sunday Reflection Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel we continue to experience John the Baptist urging us to conversion. He tells us to give of our abundance, have a sense of integrity in our daily activities, and know who we are and who Our Messiah is. St. Francis de Sales notes:

John the Baptist is too great a lover of truth to be carried away by ambition. He informs those who came to him that he is not the Messiah. He tells us, we must look into our actions, reforming those that are not of good intentions and perfecting those that are.

John the Baptist was a firm rock, a man possessed of unshakable stability in the midst of changing circumstances. He has courage to admit who he is. Indeed, he who truly knows himself is not annoyed when he is held and treated for what he is. Surely, it is a sign of great interior conversion when God gives us light to know who we are.

To be a Christian is the most beautiful title we can give ourselves. Yet, it is not enough to be called a Christian. We must live in a way that one recognizes clearly in us a person who loves God with his or her whole heart. One who keeps the Commandments and frequents the sacraments, and who does things worthy of a true Christian.

When we know we are loved, we are compelled to love in return. So it is when we live our life in Christ. The sacred love of Christ presses down upon us in a special way to have us share our abundance with others. Compassion makes us share the sufferings, sorrows and affections of those we love. Mothers and fathers suffer because of the great afflictions of their children. The dearer one is to us the deeper one's welfare enters into our heart. Whether their welfare is sad or joyful, we commiserate with them. Our goal is to act with only one intention: conforming ourselves to the true image of God in us. For the reason why Jesus came, was to show us our true self in God.

(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 JAN.9 @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.

TOYS FOR TOTS

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

CHAPEL DECORATING

Join us on Sunday, December 22 after the 11:30 Mass (12:30pm) to help decorate the chapel for Christmas. Email udcatholic@gmail.com for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIED COUPLES – Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? A gift filled with Romance and Excitement? Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 6 - 8, 2020 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.



PIZZELLES FOR SALE

Classic Homemade Italian Pizzelles (cookies) for sale, vanilla flavored & available in red or green upon request. Each batch is \$40, and includes

70-80 cookies. 10% of all orders will be donated to the Oratory. To order, please contact Patricia (Pat) at 302-482-5997. Merry Christmas!