



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY at the  
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

# St. Thomas More Oratory

45 Lovett Ave. Newark, DE 19711

[www.udcatholic.org](http://www.udcatholic.org)

(302) 368-4728 – [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:udcatholic@gmail.com)

[f @UDelCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/UDelCatholic) [@udcatholic](https://www.instagram.com/udcatholic) [@udcatholic](https://twitter.com/udcatholic)

Fr. Michael Vannicola, OSFS - [mvannicola@udcatholic.org](mailto:mvannicola@udcatholic.org)

Pastor, St. Thomas More Oratory

Chaplain, Catholic Campus Ministry at UD

Kim Zitzner - [kzitzner@udcatholic.org](mailto:kzitzner@udcatholic.org)

Director, Catholic Campus Ministry at UD

Colleen Jordan - [cjordan@udcatholic.org](mailto:cjordan@udcatholic.org)

Business Manager

Mandy Manzella - [mmanzella@udcatholic.org](mailto:mmanzella@udcatholic.org)

Communications Coordinator

James Werber - [jwerber@udcatholic.org](mailto:jwerber@udcatholic.org)

Coordinator of Religious Education

Maureen McDonald - [mmcdonald@udcatholic.org](mailto:mmcdonald@udcatholic.org)

Assistant Coordinator of Religious Education

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>*

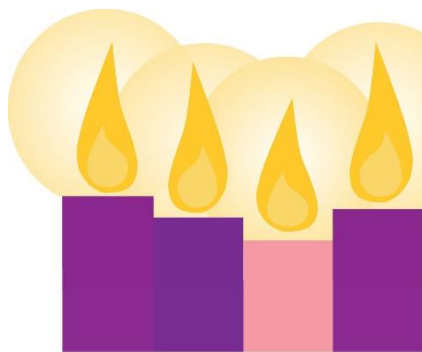
## Confession

Tuesday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM  
or by appointment

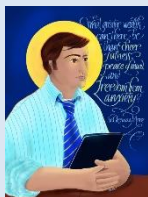
## Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM  
or by appointment

DECEMBER 22, 2019  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# LOVE



*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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

**Spring Break with DSW – Mar. 28 – Apr. 2**  
Give back for Spring Break with DSW in Camden.

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



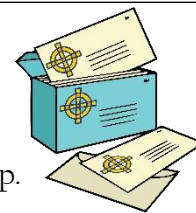
## Schedule Update

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

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

## Offertory Envelopes

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



**Keep an eye out for 2020 calendars – available soon!**

## Holiday Schedule



### CHRISTMAS

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

9 PM Mass at Night – Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 AM Christmas Mass – Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

The Oratory will be  
**CLOSED**  
Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY



Vigil Mass – December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5 PM  
January 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 AM

The Oratory will be  
**CLOSED**  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Normal Schedule will resume January 4<sup>th</sup>

## 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](http://udcatholic.org) or  
pick up a flyer outside of the church office.



## Saint of the Week



**St. Stephen**  
**Feast day: December 26**

Christianity's first martyr was probably a Greek Jew.  
Stephen's story is recounted in the Acts of the Apostles.  
He was among the first seven deacons chosen to serve the  
Hellenist Christian community in Jerusalem. But the  
wonders he worked rattled local Jewish leaders. Witnesses  
at his trial before the Sanhedrin gave false testimony, and  
Stephen defended himself with a stirring speech recalling  
the long history of Israel's relationship with God and  
calling the Jews "stiff-necked people" who "always oppose  
the Holy Spirit." As he was stoned to death outside the city,  
he cried out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." He is the patron  
of bricklayers, stonemasons and numerous individual  
Christian churches.

# READINGS

## December 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

## December 29<sup>th</sup>

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## OFFERTORY

### This Month

Dec. 1, 2019 \$4,963.00  
Dec. 8, 2019 \$5,914.00  
Dec. 15, 2019 \$5,586.00

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

### Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

### December 2018

*Dec. 2, 2018: \$6,836.21*  
*Dec. 9, 2018: \$5,674.67*  
*Dec. 16, 2018: \$6,012.00*

\$108,806.22  
\$270,000.00

**December 29, 2019**  
STMO Charities

## MASS INTENTIONS

|       |         |         |                                      |
|-------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat.  | Dec. 21 | 5:00pm  | †Dave Riley                          |
| Sun.  | Dec. 22 | 9:30am  | St. Thomas More Oratory<br>Community |
|       |         | 11:30am | †Paul Garvin                         |
| Mon.  | Dec. 23 | 12:30pm | †John deBaptiste Han                 |
| Tues. | Dec. 24 | 5:00pm  |                                      |
|       |         | 9:00pm  | †Rosemary Canning                    |
| Wed.  | Dec. 25 | 9:30am  | St. Thomas More Oratory<br>Community |
| Sat.  | Dec. 28 | 5:00pm  | St. Thomas More Oratory<br>Community |
| Sun.  | Dec. 29 | 9:30am  | †Ann Marie Derry                     |
|       |         | 11:30am | William Bampfield                    |

## Salesian Sunday Reflection Fourth Sunday of Advent



In today's Gospel, we experience Elizabeth proclaiming Mary to be blessed as the mother of Our Lord. St. Francis de Sales notes:

When Elizabeth proclaims Mary's blessedness, Mary affirms that she is indeed blessed, for all her happiness comes from God. God looks at Mary in her lowliness and exalts her. Mary, in her humility, is in awe that God has made her the mother of Jesus.

A very exalted love of God and neighbor, as well as a profound humility, form a special union in Mary's heart. Humility has Mary experience the immense and inexhaustible depth of God's goodness. After experiencing the immensity of God's love, she is aware of her littleness in the face of God's loftiness. She immediately acts on her love for God, by saying: Let it be done to me as You say. In giving her consent to God's will, she demonstrates the greatest charity conceivable. For at the moment she consents, the Divine Word takes on flesh. Infinitely graced, Mary desires God's love for all.

As with Mary, our first fruit of the grace of God is humility. Humility has us experience the infinite love of God. At the same time, humility has us experience the limitations of our capacity to love God and others. While grace inclines us to the excellence of God's divine love, humility has us see how God's love profoundly purifies the heart before God and creatures. Like in Mary, God's love, in us, has us love others.

What a good sign humility of heart is in the spiritual life! If we humble ourselves by giving our consent to God's will in our life, we too can give birth in our heart to the Christ Child. To let go of our own willful desires is painful. Yet, to bring Christ to birth in our hearts is well worth trusting in God's action in us. Our divine Savior, with our consent, will assuredly make us eternally blessed, and introduce us into eternal life.

(Sermons of St. Francis de Sales, L. Fiorelli, Ed.; Saint Francis de Sales, Oeuvres)

## 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](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.

### **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 today after the 11:30 Mass (12:30pm) to help decorate the chapel for Christmas. Email [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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!