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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

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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 Oratory will be

CLOSED

November 25th - 29th
for Thanksgiving Break

No 6:30 Mass Nov. 24th & Dec. 1st

Daily Mass will resume Monday, Dec. 2nd



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.



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. Catherine of Alexandria
Feast day: November 25



Catherine is thought to have been born to a noble family in Alexandria, Egypt. Through a vision, this scholarly young woman converted to Christianity and began evangelizing others, including the wife of the pagan emperor who was persecuting Christians. According to legend, after she defied the emperor and refuted philosophers brought in to test her faith, she was imprisoned and tortured. She was put on a rotating spiked wheel; when it broke, she was beheaded. She is venerated as the Great Martyr St. Catherine in the Orthodox tradition and her voice was among those heard by St. Joan of Arc. She is the patron saint of wheelwrights, and also a patron of jurists, philosophers, unmarried girls, students and teachers.

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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

A few tags are still available to help sponsor a child by providing them with the gift of a toy and/or clothes during this Christmas season through Northern Delaware Early Head Start's annual Toy Drive. More information is available on handouts when you pick up your tag.

Please return your gifts by Wednesday, Dec. 9th.



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

November 24th
2 Samuel 5:1-3

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

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

OFFERTORY

This Month

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

November 2018

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

Year to Date \$ 94,930.22
Goal for Fiscal Year \$270,000.00
(7/1/19 – 6/30/20)

Next 2nd Collection December 8, 2019
Retirement Fund for the Religious

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Nov. 23	5pm	†Dave Riley
Sun.	Nov. 24	9:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
		11:30am	†Bob Douglas
Sat.	Nov. 30	5pm	†Benjamin Rayca
Sun.	Dec. 1	9:30am	†Ed Pochomis
		11:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community



Salesian Sunday Reflection Feast of Christ the King

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. St. Francis de Sales encourages us to place ourselves under the Kingship of Christ:

Bees are restless while they are without a queen. But when their queen is born, they gather round her and follow her desires. In the same way our senses ceaselessly wander about, drawing our interior self after them, wasting time and creating restlessness and anxiety in us. All shatter the peace that is so necessary for our human spirit. Our senses and our mind and will are like mystical bees. Until they have a ruler, that is, until they have chosen our Lord for their king, they are restless.

Yet, when we have chosen our Lord for our king, we ought to place ourselves under Him. Our Majesty is sovereignly good in exercising both mercy and justice. God's mercy makes us embrace what is good while God's justice makes us shun evil. Our Lord uses mercy and justice to uproot whatever prevents us from experiencing the effects of His goodness. Our Majesty's justice may sting our conscience with insights. Yet they create movements that lead to our well being. Letting go of our old self may cause us to suffer as our new self in Christ is formed. But Our Lord's unrivaled mercy opens our hearts, and restores our health through the Holy Spirit, who floods our heart with sacred love.

Wherever Our Lord is the Master, there is peace. To preserve our peace let us have a pure intention of willing God's glory in all things. Let us do the little we can for that end, and leave to God the care of all the rest. May we have the fidelity to keep ourselves submissive to our King's desires as the bees do with their queen, so we might begin in this life what, with the help of God's love, we shall do eternally in Heaven. Live Jesus!

(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.

THANK YOU BISHOP MALOOLY

This week's Dialog features a special section giving thanks for Bishop Malooly's eleven year ministry as our bishop. Please pick up a copy as you exit church today.

TO – GO BAGS

November 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 that can be eaten cold and opened by hand (pasta meal, single serving soup/stew, tuna lunch, etc.), a snack (granola bar/cracker sandwiches, an applesauce or fruit cup, a drink (water, juice box, Gatorade, etc.), and spoon or fork & 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 donation.

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE

Fr. Chris Hanley will celebrate Mass in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier on Tues., Dec. 3 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD. The rectory museum will be open for individual examination one hour before the start of Mass. The church is available for tours, group retreats and Catholic weddings. For additional information, contact Kathy at 302.378.7293 or OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com. The address of the shrine is 1690 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912.