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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

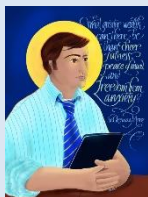
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH DECEMBER 29, 2019



Then Joseph Got Up,
took the child and his mother by night,
and went to EGYPT.

Matthew 2:14, NRSV



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 for signups/details

Confirmation Classes Start

January 12 from 4:30 – 7:30pm

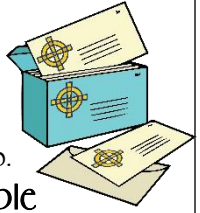
Confirmation will be held on May 9, 2020 at 1:00pm

Please email James for more information
jwerber@udcatholic.org

Offertory Envelopes

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

**2020 calendars are also available
outside of the office**



Schedule Update



There will be **no** scheduled confessions
December 31st
due to the holiday schedule.

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

Pilgrimage to Ancecy

Travel to Ancecy, 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.

Holiday Schedule

The Oratory will be
CLOSED
Dec. 30th

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

Saint of the Week

St. Basil the Great
Feast day: January 2



Born in Caesarea, capital of Cappadocia (central Turkey),
Basil studied rhetoric there and in Constantinople and
Athens. He was baptized with his friend, St. Gregory
Nazianzen, about 358 and ordained around 365. After
being chosen bishop of Caesarea in 370, he championed the
faith defined at the Council of Nicaea and refuted the Arian
heresy. Many of his homilies and treatises are extant, and
the monastic Rule of St. Basil is still observed in the Eastern
Church. He is revered as a Doctor of the Church. On his
feast day, remember St. Basil said, "Do everything possible
to make yourself worthy of the Kingdom. Do not disdain
the invitation you have received" (St. Basil the Great,
Exhortation to Baptism, 7-8, as quoted in Advent and
Christmas with the Church Fathers [2010], 33).

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READINGS

December 29th

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

January 5th

Isaiah 60:1-6

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

OFFERTORY

This Month

Dec. 1, 2019 \$4,963.00
Dec. 8, 2019 \$5,914.00
Dec. 15, 2019 \$5,586.00
Dec. 22, 2019 \$6,723.00

December 2018

Dec. 2, 2018: \$6,836.21
Dec. 9, 2018: \$5,674.67
Dec. 16, 2018: \$6,012.00
Dec. 23, 2018: \$5,962.00

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

\$121,115.22
\$270,000.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Dec. 28	5:00pm	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Sun.	Dec. 29	9:30am 11:30am	† Ann Marie Derry William Bampfield
Tues.	Dec. 31	5:00pm	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Wed.	Jan. 1	9:30am	† Ann & John Naughton
Sat.	Jan. 4	5:00pm	† Dave Riley
Sun.	Jan. 5	9:30am 11:30am	† Bety Ricardo Hernandez St. Thomas More Oratory Community

Salesian Sunday Reflection Feast of the Holy Family



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We tend to forget that the First Family of the Christian Church had their trials too, as St. Francis de Sales notes:

We are often upset because things don't succeed the way we want them to. What we desire was not found even in the family of our Lord. Think of the difficulties and changes, joys and sorrow found in the Holy Family. Mary received news that she would conceive of the Holy Spirit a Son, our Lord and Savior. What joy this was for her! Shortly afterward Joseph, seeing that she was with child and knowing that it was not by him, was plunged into distress! Mary was in grief, seeing her dear Joseph was about to leave her. When this storm passed, they experienced great joy. There was also joy in their hearts when the shepherds and Magi came.

However, a little later, the angel of the Lord said to Joseph in a dream, "Take the child and His mother and flee into Egypt." Without doubt Mary and Joseph were troubled by this command. But was Joseph's response: "Why do I have to go at night? Couldn't this journey wait till the morning? I have neither horse nor money." If we had been in Joseph's place, would we not have made a thousand excuses? Whereas he promptly did all that the angel commanded. The peace and serenity of mind of Mary and Joseph shows their constant openness to do God's will amid all the unexpected events that befell them.

We too, when we meet similar problems in our lives, must repeat over and over again to ourselves, so as the better to impress the truth on our minds, that no disturbance of events must ever carry away our hearts and minds into unevenness of temper. Like the Holy Family, God will guide us on our way no matter how difficult it may be.

(Adapted from St. Francis de Sales, *Serenity of Heart: Bearing the Troubles of This Life*, Sophia Press)

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.

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.

CHEF MANAGER NEEDED

The Oblates are looking for a chef manager for our Retirement Community at Childs, Maryland (just about 15 minutes from the Oratory). We are seeking a gifted culinary leader to care for our retired priests and brothers. If you have an interest in the position, please see or e-mail Father Michael.