



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY at the  
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

# St. Thomas More Oratory

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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 16<sup>th</sup>*

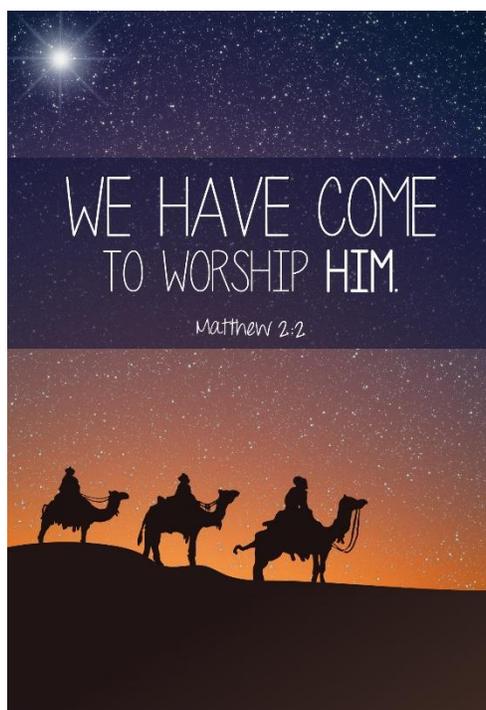
## Confession

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

## Office Hours

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

## THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2020



*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

## Confirmation Classes

Start Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30 pm.

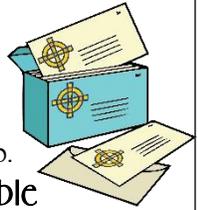
Confirmation will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

For more information, or to register, please contact James at [jwerber@udcatholic.org](mailto:jwerber@udcatholic.org)

## Offeritory 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**



## Parish Corporation

Each Parish in the Diocese of Wilmington is a Non-Profit Corporation under Delaware Law governed by Trustees. In the Diocese of Wilmington the parish corporation is a civil body created solely for legal purposes.

Parish Corporations are exempt, non-profit, religious corporations often referred to as 501(c) (3) corporations. Parish civil corporations are created to conduct certain temporal affairs of the Church in civil law so that such activity is recognized as civilly valid and to protect the ownership of property and the rights of the Church. In civil law the parish corporation hold title to the property and assets of the parish.

There are Five Parish Trustees for St. Thomas More Oratory—three are Ex-Officio members and officers, and two are Lay Trustees.

The Three Ex-Officio Trustees are: Bishop Malooly (Diocesan Bishop), Fr. Joseph McQuaide (Chancellor of the Diocese), and Fr. Michael Vannicola, OSFS (Pastor).

Two Lay Trustees are elected each year as members of the Parish Corporation. This takes place by an annual election and recorded in the Book of Minutes. Generally the trustees do not have regular meetings, but are convened by the Pastor as circumstances require.

The Lay Trustee is both a parishioner (a member of the Roman Catholic Church, which is governed by Canon Law) and a citizen (they follow the law of the State and thus fulfill the requirements for Religious Corporation).

Lay Trustees must be at least 25 years of age, a registered parishioner of St. Thomas More Oratory, and a practicing Catholic.

### *Obligations and Duties of the Lay Trustee*

- The law requires an annual meeting of the trustees typically in January. The minutes of the meeting are recorded in the Book of Minutes.
- Lay Trustees assist the pastor in the oversight of parish management and review all major decisions about the funds and property of the Oratory. Their consultation is required for: the acquisition, lease, and sale of real estate and other major assets; execution of contracts involving major financial commitments; borrowing money and incurring financial liability.
- The Trustees review the Annual Financial Report and Oratory Budget.
- The Trustees are informed of all legal issues related to the Oratory.

As Pastor of St. Thomas More Oratory I am nominating **Jerome and Carol Postako** as our Lay Trustees for 2020.

Jerome and Carol will serve their second term which became effective January 13, 2019.

I will ask the Oratory community to vote for Jerome and Carol to continue a second term on Sunday, January 19, 2020.

# READINGS

January 5<sup>th</sup>  
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

January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

## 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  
Dec. 29, 2019 \$4,353.78

### 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*  
*Dec. 30, 2018: \$4,098.38*

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

\$125,469.00  
\$270,000.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Jan. 4	5:00pm	†Dave Riley
Sun.	Jan. 5	9:30am	†Bety Ricardo Hernandez
		11:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Mon.	Jan. 6	12:30pm	† Clelia Giugliano
Tues.	Jan. 7	12:30pm	† James LeNoir
Wed.	Jan. 8	12:30pm	† Fred McElroy
Thurs.	Jan. 9	12:30pm	†Thera Detweiler
Fri.	Jan. 10	12:30pm	† Robert Winchell
Sat.	Jan. 11	5:00pm	†Michael Foster
Sun.	Jan. 12	9:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
		11:30am	†Larry Sullivan

## Salesian Sunday Reflection Epiphany of the Lord



On this feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that God accepts those who approach God in simplicity of heart. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Many wonders accompanied the birth of the Savior. One was the appearance of the star that brought the Magi. They came with simplicity of heart to adore and render homage to our new King lying in the manger. Let us, likewise, love Our Savior in simplicity of heart, having but one aim and object in all we do. Simplicity is nothing else but a pure and simple act of charity which has only one end in view, and that is to obtain the love of God. The heart full of sacred love has no less love when it turns to external duties than when it prays. In such hearts, their silence and their speech, their action and their contemplation, their work and their rest equally sing God's praises. They do all their deeds, great or small with great love. Such were the lives of the saints.

We may ask, "How can we acquire God's love?" Some people think that a certain art is needed in acquiring sacred love. In fact there is no art other than to set ourselves to the work of loving God, which means applying ourselves to the practice of those things that are pleasing to God, in simplicity, without trouble or concern. Imitate the simple love of doves in their having only one mate, for whom alone they do everything, and whom alone they wish to please. Imitate them also in the simplicity with which they express and show their love. They are happy to rest quietly in each other's presence.

The true means of finding and acquiring holy love is to remain in Christ's presence. In this Presence, let us delight in the joy of experiencing many inspirations and affections because we belong exclusively to God. Like the Magi, let us come close to the crib of the Christ Child. Let us be rich in love for our Savior who desires to show us how to love.

*(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

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| 5:30 – 6:30 | Exposition & Adoration                   |
| 5:30 – 6:30 | Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **FAN THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY**

St. Mark's High School is excited to host our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Fan the Fire Youth Rally for teens in grades 9-12 on Sat., Mar. 14, 2020 from 9am – 5:15pm. Fan the fire is an exciting one – day Eucharistic centered retreat that includes national speakers like Bob Perron, praise and worship lead by Sean Patrick Malloy, awesome workshops by regional presenters, Reconciliation, a powerful Holy Hour, lunch, and a reverent closing Mass with Bishop Malooly. For more information or to find out how to register, please visit our website at [www.fanthefirerally.com](http://www.fanthefirerally.com).