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UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

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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

DECEMBER 8, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PEACE



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!

Midnight Breakfast – Dec. 11 – 10pm – 1am
Free breakfast cooked by the UD religious leaders at the United Methodist Church on Main Street.

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

This weekend is the last
Blue Hen Student Mass of the semester.

6:30 pm Masses will resume with the
Spring Semester in February.



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



St. Lucy

Feast day: December 13

This saint, venerated by Christians since her own time, likely was martyred in Sicily, probably during the persecutions of Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruled from 284-305. Legends about Lucy include a rejected suitor denouncing her as a Christian and miracles that saved her from life in a brothel, from being burned at the stake, and from having her eyes plucked out. Another legend says she bled to death after her throat was cut. Lucy, whose name suggests light, is among the saints listed in the canon of the Mass; she is the patron saint of electricians and ophthalmologists, and Christians pray for her intercession regarding diseases of the eyes.

READINGS

December 8th

Isaiah 11:1-10

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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

OFFERTORY

This Month

December 2018

Dec 1, 2019 \$4,963.00

Dec 2, 2018: \$6,836.21

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

\$103,612.22
\$270,000.00

Next 2nd Collection

December 29, 2019
STMO Charities

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Dec. 7	5:00pm	†Joseph K. Murphy, Sr.
Sun.	Dec. 8	9:30am	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
		11:30am	†Ralph Aleno
		6:30 pm	†Sheamus O'Connor
Mon.	Dec. 9	12:30pm	†Stanley Radulski
Tues.	Dec. 10	12:30pm	Joseph Miller
Wed.	Dec. 11	12:30pm	†Peggy Spranger
Thurs.	Dec. 12	12:30pm	†Teresa Constantine
Fri.	Dec. 13	12:30pm	†Helen Koslick Carpenter
Sat.	Dec. 14	5:00pm	St. Thomas More Oratory Community
Sun.	Dec. 15	9:30am	†Fr. Gerard O'Brien
		11:30am	William Bampfield

Salesian Sunday Reflection Second Sunday of Advent



In today's Gospel, we experience John the Baptist urging us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. St. Francis de Sales has us start with our hearts:

Our heart is the source of our action. As our heart is, so are our actions. Whoever wins a person's heart has won the whole person. Yet even the heart, where we wish to begin, must be instructed. John the Baptist wants us to fill our fearful hearts with faith and hope. Certain fears and anxieties, when excessive, unnerve the heart and often lead to discouragement. These are the ditches and valleys that must be filled with confidence and hope to prepare for Our Lord's coming.

Make straight the paths. Roads that twist and turn fatigue and greatly mislead the traveler. We must straighten our ways with confidence that God will give us the necessary help to acquire an even disposition. Don't lose heart. Be patient. Do all you can to develop a spirit of compassion. I have no doubt that God is holding you by the hand. If God allows you to stumble, it is only to let you know that if God were not holding your hand, you would fall. This is how we learn to take a tighter hold of God's hand.

It is not possible for us to have a change of heart so totally right away. We need patience. If you strive to practice patience faithfully God will give it to you. We must be like the mariner who, in steering his vessel, always keeps his eye on the needle of the compass. We must have only one intention and that is pleasing God. Let us pay attention to the Word of God and digest it well. How delightful it is to reflect on our Savior. He had perfect equanimity of spirit shining brilliantly in the midst of all sorts of changing circumstances. How pleasing it is to find this even disposition in someone. Those who have Jesus Christ in their heart will soon have Him in all their ways.

(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.

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.wvme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.