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(Office closed for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM)

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Live streamed Mass Sunday at 9:30 AM on
St. Mary's website: www.smachurch.com

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

PREP: Grades 1 through 8

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Mrs. Cindy Krebs, DRE (302) 239-7100, ext. 17.

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Mrs. Karen Rombach, Director (302) 239-7100, ext. 34.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISM

During a Mass or Sunday afternoon
at 1:00 PM.

Baptisms are scheduled the second
and fourth Sundays of the month.
Baptism classes are every other month.
Please call Parish Secretary for details
(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.
The diocese requires one year of preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Each weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion
to those unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.
Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for this ministry.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

For information, contact Parish Office (302) 239-7100.

March 7, 2021



Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other
Gods besides me.

— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday March 8th

8:30 am Mary Garyantes

Tuesday March 9th

8:30 am Avery Noel Thompson

Wednesday March 10th

6:30 am Albert Garyantes (offered privately)

8:30 am Living intentions of the Dowling Family

Thursday March 11th

6:30 am Donald Hertsenberg (offered privately)

8:30 am Michele Gillen

Friday March 12th

6:30 am Charles Joseph Leidig, Sr. (offered privately)

8:30 am Eleanor Brown

Saturday March 13th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday March 14th

7:30 am Bryan Lucente

9:30 am Kimberly Williams

11:30 am Viola Luckring

(offered at the 9:30am Mass)

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

In your charity, please pray for all who have gone
before us and all the deceased of
St. Mary of the Assumption.

+ **Edward Smith, Sr.**, parishioner



Third Sunday of Lent



MARCH 7, 2021

*Jesus found in the temple area those
who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there.
He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.*

John 2:14-15

FORMED

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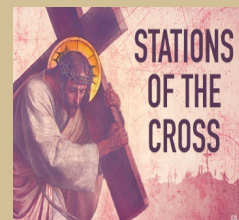
Words we long to hear Jesus say to us!

The Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to participate in its Lenten program **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession**. While we are not yet able to meet in church, please join us in spirit virtually. Let this excellent, inspiring and informative program help prepare you to return confidently, humbly, and gratefully to Confession and to Mass. This program is offered on FORMED at no cost to you. The first three videos comprise the series and offer people's experiences of confession, both lay persons and priests. They speak directly to the viewer defining what a gift this sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness is for each of them. Each video runs for approximately 30 minutes. To learn more about this program and to view the trailer go on the parish website at: smachurch.com Questions? Contact Joan Fortugno at joanfortugno@gmail.com

Please join us every Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent for
The Stations of the Cross

View the Stations of the Cross on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/c/smachurch>



In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor. 302-239-7100, X15.

LENT

THIRD
SUNDAY OF

March 7, 2021

LEGION OF MARY



**We continue a 4th session of
Our 54-day Rosary Novena
to pray for a courageous and heroic
Church and country.**

So join us through March 26, 2021 daily at 7pm
Eastern Standard time on our Legion of Mary
Wilmington Curia YouTube Channel (link below)

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For more information, call Jane Aniceto 302-898-1058
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Weekly Divine Mercy Lenten Holy Hour
In observance of Lent, we invite you to pray the
Divine Mercy Chaplet plus the Stations of the Cross
every Friday afternoon at **3 pm Eastern Standard Time**
Join us by watching our Legion of Mary Wilmington Curia
YouTube Channel (link below)

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Did you Know?

Titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Litany of Loreto Mother Most Pure

Outside the entrance to Our Lady of Peace Chapel in Rome where St. Josemaría is buried, you will find a serene white marble sculpture of the Blessed Mother titled "Mother of Fair Love." "She sits as a silent sentinel and beckons all who pass by to invoke Her maternal intercession for the gift of Holy Purity. A perpetual vigil light nearby signals the power of Her intercession for all who wish to be faithful to vows, promises, and commitments of love." That's how I explained it to a visiting Bishop from Texas twenty years ago. He began to weep. I did not understand why. Later we would all know of the broken vows of sacerdotal sons who were never taught the necessity of devotion to their Blessed Mother as an indispensable means to be faithful.

Mother Most Pure, pray for us.

Fr. Francis Hoffman, JCD

Submitted by the Legion of Mary



St. Mary's Preschool
Enrollment for the
2021-2022 school year
Registration is open and will
run until March 26, 2021
Please call for more information at
302-239-7100, ext. 34
Please visit our website:
stmaryspreschoolhockessin.com

Families interested in learning more about our Preschool are
welcome to schedule a tour and hopefully attend an
Open House in late spring if possible.

Third Sunday of Lent



PREP registration opens March 1 for the upcoming school year.

Please visit our website for options and registration. smachurch.com/youth



Easter Food Baskets

Donations Due Saturday, March 27th,
8am-noon in the church hall.

Per Covid restrictions, no early drop offs please.

St. Mary's Outreach is collecting for Easter Food Baskets for St. Paul's Catholic Church. Please sign up on the SMA web page under Outreach, Easter Food Baskets.

Email Jenlafrankie@yahoo.com with questions



HELP WANTED:

We are looking for creative minds to re-envision our Vacation Bible School experience for this coming summer. Help is needed to plan a scaled down event,

using our outdoor spaces and all safety protocols.

If interested in being part of the planning team email Cindy at dre@smachurch.com.



House of Joseph Thirteen Hungry Men

Lasagna, chicken, roast beef, chili..... What is your specialty? Can you prepare your "piece de resistance" for others? St. Mary's prepares a meal for thirteen men at House of Joseph on Thursdays. If you would like to sign up to make a meal, there are 13 hungry men at House of Joseph who would love it!

Dinner consists of: protein, starch and vegetable, along with a salad, dessert and rolls/bread. You can sign-up to make the entire meal, or partner with friends. Dates are still available. Please go to <https://smachurch.com/house-of-joseph> for more information.

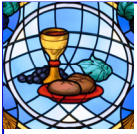
Your generosity is so greatly appreciated,
Marcia Berger, sign-up coordinator

Outreach needs your help supporting Warner Elementary School

Outreach is pleased to announce the creation of the St. Mary's Closet at Warner Elementary School. Working in conjunction with the dedicated teachers at Warner, led by their principal Dr. Newton, a storage area is being converted into a closet that St. Mary's will assist in furnishing. Parishioners can support this partnership with a financial contribution or by purchasing necessary items. Outreach will have a designated Warner Elementary drop box set up in the church vestibule and the office foyer. Items will range from non-perishable foods to school supplies and paper products. Needed items will be listed monthly on the SMA web page.

This is a wonderful partnership that serves children in need and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

March 7, 2021



Jesus, I love You. O my God. I cannot receive You in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Ministry Contact list for phone numbers please call our parish office 302-239-7100

Adult Faith Formation, **Joan Fortugno**
Athletic Association, **Mike Pietlock**
Church Camp, **Cindy Krebs**
Cornerstone, **Mike McDonnell**
Divine Will Prayer Group, **Linda Rioski**
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Sojourners, House of Joseph, **Marcia Berger**
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Knights of Columbus, **Mike Bailey**
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, **Judy Safranski**
Ladies' Guild, **Janet Kook & Rosemarie Morris**
Lazarus Ministry, **Rita Willis**
Legion of Mary, **Jane Aniceto**
Mary Mother of Hope, **Kate Morris**
Meals on Wheels, **Kathy di Girolamo**
Men's Faith Sharing, **Frank DeGennaro**
Men's Small Group, **Jim Robinson**
Mother's Prayer Group, **Sandra Cleary**
Pastoral Council, **Bill Raiford**
Prayer Line, **Parish Office**
Pro-Life Committee, **Ann Courtney**
RCIA, **Deacon John Giacci**
Refresh Group, **Deacon Larry Brecht, Mike Bailey**
Safety Committee, **Bernie McKay**
Sages (50+ Group), **Nick Mastrocinque**
Scouts (Boy & Cub), **Greg Weaver**
St. Vincent de Paul Society, **Mercedes Diaz**
Visitors for Christ, **Mary Lloyd**
WilCYA, **Elise Maloney**
Women's Faith Sharing, **Mary Tigani**

Need a Ride???

Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. **Contact Steve Haller, Community Director for the council.** You may contact him at, 302-690-6164 or email: govmler@hotmail.com

Weekly Scheduled Events

Monday March 8th
8:30 am Mass (C)

Tuesday March 9th
8:30 am Mass (C)

Wednesday March 10th
8:30 am Mass (C)

Thursday March 11th
8:30 am Mass (C)

Friday March 12th
8:30 am Mass (C)
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 13th
3:30 pm Reconciliation (CP)
5:00pm Mass (C)

Sunday March 14th
7:30am Mass (C)
9:30am Mass (C)

(CF) = Coffee Run, (J) = St. Johns,
(M) = St. Mary, (CP) = Chapel, (C) = Church,
(GS) = Gathering Space, (H) = Hall

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