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#### **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

#### PASTOR: REV. CHARLES C. DILLINGHAM

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#### 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.

# The kingdom of God



is like a mustard seed that is the smallest of all the seeds.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.

Mark 4:31-32

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 13, 2021

#### Mass Intentions

Monday, June 14th

6:30am Joan & Jerome Clark (offered privately)

8:30am Joan Trolio

Tuesday June 15th

8:30am Kathleen Wisniewski

Wednesday June 16th

8:30am Richard Toto

Thursday June 17th

8:30am Vincent Fiscella, Sr.

Friday June 18th

6:30am Mary Curtin (offered privately)

8:30am Joan Trolio

Saturday June 19th

8:30am Christopher Fortugno (offered privately)

5:00pm Parishioners

Sunday June 20th

7:30am Father's Day Novena

9:30am Karen DiMaio

Dr. Camillo A. Alberico (offered at the 9:30am Mass)

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

+ Angeline DiMedio, sister-in-law of Anna Brown and aunt of parishioner Debbie Marinelli

+ Marilyn Griffin, parishioner



#### A Thank You from Fr. Smith

Dear Parishioners.

I would like to thank you for all your prayers, best wishes and Mass cards during my recent surgery. The surgery went very well and recovery time was less than anticipated thanks be to God.

Thank you again for your continued prayers for me. It is good to be back with my fellow parishioners at St. Mary of the Assumption as I resume my priestly ministry.

Sincerely, Fr. Jim



#### Jovful News!

Bishop Malooly, has lifted the dispensation, thereby reinstating the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation for Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington, effective June 26, 2021. The dispensation that went into effect on March 13, 2020, was put in place to help limit the spread of coronavirus, and allow the Diocese of Wilmington

to conform to guidelines and regulations adopted by the States of Delaware and Maryland.

Our bishop decided to lift the dispensation because the average number of new cases of COVID-19 continues to decline due to the observance of safety protocols and the increased availability of the vaccine. The obligation does not apply to those who are ill, have been exposed to the virus, or have any serious underlying health conditions.

We welcome and encourage the Faithful to return to full in-person participation of the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Let us continue to be united in prayer for one another and for an end to the global pandemic.

#### **GOD'S TIME**

We either pay attention to or ignore "clock time" as we play in the summer sun and note the earth's tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like suppertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of "saving time," that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday's readings alert us to the reality and the import of God's time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal – Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope

In the Resurrection of Jesus we find hope and the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must recognize Christ's call to be His witnesses. We must become his obedient servants.

Our parish target is \$269,000. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since, 50% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministry needs.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, "Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope", brings hope and the good news of Christ's love to thousands of families and individuals throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Funds generated through the Appeal help provide critical financial support to more than thirty pastoral, charitable and educational ministries. With continuing impact caused by the pandemic, when employment has dropped and the hardships of the needy have increased, the hope for the generosity of our parishioners is needed more than ever.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal visit the diocesan website at <a href="www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal">www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal</a>. Consider viewing a brief video highlighting some of the supported ministries at <a href="https://youtu.be/1789oOHmTkg">https://youtu.be/1789oOHmTkg</a>.

Thank you for your support.



#### **Spotlight on Adult Faith Formation**

The Adult Faith Formation (AFF) Committee offers programs to enhance parishioners' knowledge and love of God. It customarily offers two programs a year, one in the fall and one in the spring, which are open to all. Additionally, its special subcommittee sponsors an annual one-day Women's Retreat typically held in January. Behind the scenes its members perform many functions. They research programs and speakers, manage registration, purchase materials, collect funds, handle advertisement, reserve facilities. They also handle the technological and hospitality elements of program delivery as well as serve as table leaders for discussions and faith sharing. The Women's Retreat subcommittee performs all those functions as well as the many responsibilities involved in catering and food service. Watch the Bulletin in September to learn about AFF's latest program! If you have questions or would like to join AFF, please call the parish office or email: <a href="mailto:joanfortugno@gmail.com">joanfortugno@gmail.com</a>

#### Father's Day Novena Cards

If you would like to purchase a Father's Day Novena card, please call the parish office 302-239-7100, ext. 33.

Thank you.



#### FEAST OF FAITH

The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that "the altar is Christ" (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4). The altar is a table "on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes"; but it is also the place for a festive meal: "a table at which the Church's children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ" (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for "body") over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the *Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal*, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

**Gospel** — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

#### THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace, and the Spirit is truth.

—St. Irenaeus



You are invited to join us for the 104th Fatima Celebrations with Rosary and Prayer Service on the following Apparition Anniversary dates:

- Sunday, June 13, after the 9:30 Mass
- Tuesday, July 13, after the 8:30 Mass
- Friday, August 13, after the 8:30 Mass
- Monday, September 13, after the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish 7200 Lancaster Pike ~ Hockessin, DE 19707 Please plan to participate with us in Prayer

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## Titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Litany of Loreto Virgin Most Faithful

Semper fidelis — always faithful. That is the inspiring motto of the United States Marines who are faithful to their country, ready to serve and defend our country to the point of death. The Blessed Mother is always faithful to God, always faithful to Jesus, always ready to stand by Him in the hour of his greatest need. When all of the apostles have fled, except the youngest one, John, Mary is there next to Jesus on the cross, "close to Jesus to the last." At the most humiliating moment in the life of Jesus, when it looked like his entire life had been a complete and utter failure, Our Blessed Mother did not hesitate to stand at his side. A faithful woman makes her husband strong, and a faithful husband will never tolerate the least bit of disrespect for his wife.

Virgin Most Faithful, pray for us.

Fr. Francis Hoffman, JVD Submitted by the Legion of Mary

#### **Weekly Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer plus a variety of faith-filled topic discussions
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In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his

knowing how it happens."

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.



#### **THANK YOU from Outreach!**

On behalf of St. Mary's Outreach, thank you to all parishioners who generously donated items to the Warner Elementary School Outreach Program this past year. Despite the challenges that Covid created, we managed to help **over 60** families within Warner by providing food, coats, school supplies and household items. This newly created partnership will continue to grow in the upcoming months and we appreciate your continued support of this new program.

God Bless.

Jennifer LaFrankie, Outreach Coordinator



#### Mary Mother of Hope House I

Located in Wilmington, Mary Mother of Hope House I provides housing, supportive services and opportunities for young ladies to transition into a more independent living. Mary Mother of Hope House I can presently house 13 women and 2 staff members.

St. Mary's helps **Mary Mother of Hope House I**, by providing prepared foods such as casseroles, pasta entrees with all the trimmings If you prefer, you could just pick up some groceries for the girls who enjoy cooking and they can make dinner! Maybe put together all of the requirements for one of your favorite meals with some recipes for the girls to try. How much fun would that be!

As always check out the website at www.smachurch.com for more information on this ministry and all the ministries we have at St. Mary's.

Enjoy your Sunday!

#### St. Mary's Ladies Guild Calendar 2021-2022

Regular meetings are on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary room

#### **Bake Sale**

The weekend of October 2nd & 3rd after all Masses

#### Christmas Bazaar

The weekends of December 4th, 5th &11th & 12th

#### Bake Sale

The weekend of June 11, 2022

Six Week Small Group Study

### "God's Purpose For Me"

7:00 pm, Holy Angels St. Gabriel Room 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711

June 22:"Only You Can Be You"
June 29:"Unwrapping My Spiritual Gifts"
July 06:"Fulfilling My God-Given Heart Desires"
July 13:"Discovering My Natural Abilities"
July 20: "Recognizing My Personality"
July 27:"Understanding My Experience"
Questions: Contact Phyllis Edwards
phyllis510@comcast.net

#### 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

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Divine Will Prayer Group, Linda Riofski

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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

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Prayer Line, Parish Office

Pro-Life Committee, Ann Courtney

RCIA, Deacon John Giacci

Refresh Group, Deacon Larry Brecht, Mike Bailey

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Sages (50+ Group), Nick Mastrocinque

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Visitors for Christ, Mary Lloyd

WilCYA, Elise Maloney

Women's Faith Sharing, Mary Tigani

#### Join us every Sunday for 9:30 a.m. Mass

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Visit our website: smachurch.com





#### **Weekly Scheduled Events**

Monday Jur 8:30am Mass (C) June 14th

<u>Tuesday</u> <u>June 15th</u>

8:30am Mass (C)

Wednesday June 16th

8:30am Mass (C)

9:15am Divine Will Prayer Group (CF)

9:30am Ladies Guild (M)

Thursday June 17th

8:30am Mass (C)

Friday June 18th

Mass (C) 8:30am

9:15am Legion of Mary (CF)

June 19th Saturday

3:30pm Reconciliation (CP)

5:00pm Mass (C)

June 20th <u>Sunday</u>

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

Please send all articles for the bulletin 2 weeks in advance thank you.

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