

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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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
& 11:30 AM

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

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PREP: Grades 1 through 8

Confirmation: Grade 9

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Ages 2 through Pre-K.

Mrs. Cindy Krebs, 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.

Prayer of the Week

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

MASS Intentions

Monday, March 7th

6:30am Richard F. Welch, Jr. (offered privately)
8:30am Joseph F. Meriggi

Tuesday March 8th

8:30am MaryAnn Kissinger

Wednesday March 9th

8:30am Avery Noel Thompson

Thursday March 10th

8:30am MaryAnn Kissinger

Friday March 11th

6:30am Donald Hertsenberg (offered privately)
8:30am Mary Versagli

Saturday March 12th

5:00pm David Reach—Living Intentions

Sunday March 13th

7:30am John Thorp
9:30am Sean Michael Locke
11:30am Parishioners

IN THE DESERT

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God’s presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God’s ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

We support parents in their efforts to raise their children in the Catholic faith. Options are available for parish children in grades 1 to 8 who do not attend a Catholic school.

Grade 1 is required to prepare for Sacraments in 2nd grade.

Rising 9th graders will receive information for Confirmation preparation in late spring.

Registration is OPEN. go to:

www.smachurch.com/youth

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; Julian calendar Lent begins

Tuesday: St. John of God

Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome

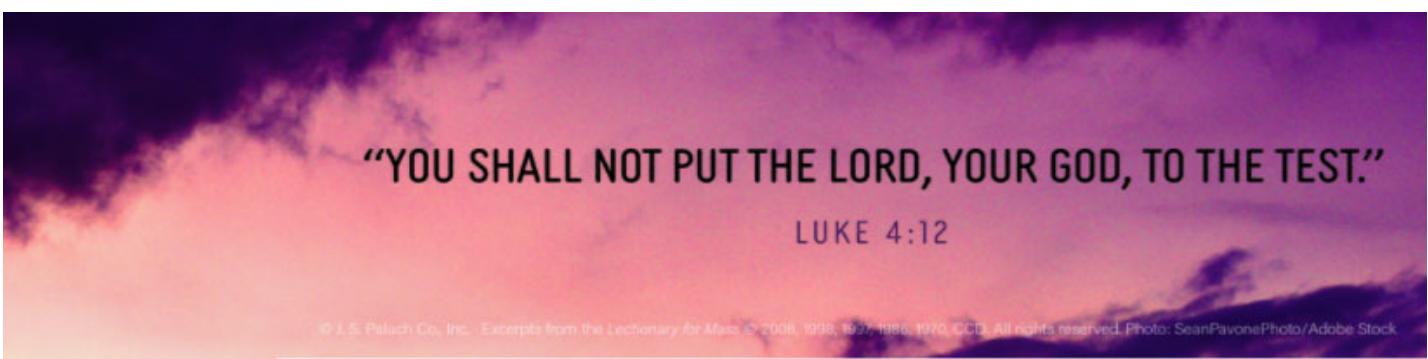
Friday: Abstinence

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

Delores Jean Preston
Mother of Parishioner Lia Preston



Judy Macknis
Parishioner



"YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST."

LUKE 4:12

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RELYING ON GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong "touchstones" to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster." For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those "go to" prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



Our 2022 54-day Rosary Novena
Starting on January 2, 2022, we have
restarted our Rosary Novena. Join us by
 watching our Legion of Mary Wilmington
 Curia YouTube Channel (link below)
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Then click on the "LIVE image for the day"
 daily every night at **7pm Eastern Standard time**
 For questions and more information, call the St Mary's
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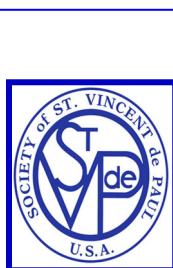
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 Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer plus a variety of
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Then click on the "LIVE image for the week"

Every Friday afternoon at 3 pm Eastern Standard time
 For questions and more information, call the St Mary's
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In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes
 the temptations to wealth, power and
 esteem. As we begin Lent, may we
 open our hearts to the grace of
 prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul
 Poor Box will help the poor to
 celebrate the grace of God's love
 this Easter.**

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 becomes a sign of God's love to those who are
 suffering, and you give them reason to believe
 and to trust.**

Reading the Holy Scriptures

Reading the holy Scriptures confers two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns man's attention from the follies of the world and leads him to the love of God. Two kinds of study are called for here.

We must first learn how the Scriptures are to be understood, and then see how to expound them with profit and in a manner worthy of them . . . No one can understand holy Scripture without constant reading . . . The more you devote yourself to the study of the sacred utterances, the richer will be your understanding of them, just as the more the soil is tilled, the richer the harvest."

St. Isidore of Seville

Submitted by the Legion of Mary



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

When the devil had finished every
 temptation, he departed ...

	I	M	F
H	O	F	O
M	R	R	T
E	M	I	A

F

Answer: *from him for a time*

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Baked Goods for Fish Fry

If you are interested in contributing any baked goods for the dessert table at the Fish Fry's. Please contact Elizabeth Swift at : 302-932-2398 or email her at easwift0823@gmail.com.

All contributions are truly appreciated!



2022 Results

\$6,091.00 Raised

~1115 pounds of food

11 different organizations

Thank you to the Knights and their families that helped in the coordination and delivery!

Friday Fish Fry

Each Friday During Lent: 2022
March 4, 11, 18, 24 & April 1, 8

Dinner Served 5 – 7 PM



Menu

Main Dish

- Baked Fish
- Fried Fish
- Crab Cake

Sides

- French Fries
- Mac n Cheese
- Green Beans
- Cole Slaw

Other

- Tossed Salad
- Clam Chowder
- Seafood Gumbo

Cornerstone 8

New Dates!

Friday April 1st and
Saturday April 2nd

Alumni are welcome to attend!

For more information please go to:

WWW.SMACHURCH.COM/MENS-CORNERSTONE



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Celebration of the parish's first church at Coffee Run

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH (5:00 P.M. MASS)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH (ALL MASSES)

Please join us for one of these Masses and a hospitality gathering afterwards sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Historical information honoring the Coffee Run site will be displayed in the gathering space.

HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

From the Office for Marriage & Family Life

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

FAITH ENVIRONMENT/SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Are you aware that every adult who is engaged in Ministry with young people signs a volunteer covenant annually. The Volunteer Covenant presents general guidelines of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors. It is not exhaustive in nature. To be cleared for service, every adult leader must have completed a Volunteer Covenant each year. These signed documents must be kept on file with the FSGC compliance officer for your parish or school and must be available upon request to the diocesan auditor.

For St. Mary's Ministry Contact list please visit our website: www.smachurch.com
<https://smachurch.com/ministry-contacts>
 or call the parish office
 302-239-7100, ext. 33

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**Weekly Events Calendar**

Monday March 7th
9:00am Exposition, Adoration, Benediction
6:00pm Monday Evening PREP (H)
7:00pm K of C Planning Meeting (CF)

Tuesday March 8th
9:15am Adult Faith—In His Likeness (M)
6:45pm Adult Faith—In His Likeness (M)

Wednesday March 9th
10:00am Ladies Guild Meeting (M)
11:00am Adult Faith Committee Meeting (J)
5:30pm K of C Rosary Meeting (CF)
6:30pm K of C Business Meeting (M)
7:00pm K of C Ladies Auxiliary (J)

Thursday March 10th
6:00pm Cornerstone Core Team Meeting (J)
7:00pm RCIA Pre-Jordan (CF)

Friday March 11th
9:15am Legion of Mary (CF)
9:15am Mother's Prayer Group (CP)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (CF)
5:00pm K of C Lenten Fish Fry (H)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (C)

Saturday March 12th
****250th Anniversary—Coffee Run****
****Hospitality Weekend (GS)****

3:30pm Reconciliation

Sunday March 13th
****250th Anniversary—Coffee Run****
****Hospitality Weekend (GS)****

9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
9:45 am RCIA Breaking Open the Word (J)

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