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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

Pastor: Rev. Charles C. Dillingham

Associate Pastor: Rev. David F. Murphy
Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith
Deacons: John Giacci, Larry Brecht, Joseph Jackson, Joseph LoPorto, Larry Morris

Parish Office Staff

Daniel DiGiacobbe, Business Manager	ext. 11
Annette Fad, Parish Secretary	ext. 33
Sandy Fiscella, PREP Coordinator	ext. 18
Flora Giacci, Receptionist	ext. 10
Deacon John Giacci, Director of Liturgy	ext. 32
Pablo Gonzalez, Facility Manager	ext. 41
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Cindy Krebs, Director of Religious Ed.	ext. 17
Denise Troise, Bookkeeper	ext. 14

Parish Religious Education Program

PREP: Grades 1 through 8 • Confirmation: Grade 9
Mrs. Cindy Krebs, DRE (302) 239-7100, ext. 17.

St. Mary's Preschool

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

Contact the Parish Office, (302) 239-7100.

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Contact Daniel DiGiacobbe (302) 239-7100, ext. 11.

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Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Office closed for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM)

Mass Intentions

Monday June 27, 2022
8:30 am Father's Day Novena & Elizabeth Durnan

Tuesday June 28, 2022
8:30 am Father's Day Novena & Fred Costanzo

Wednesday June 29, 2022
8:30 am James D. Howell

Thursday June 30, 2022
8:30 am Horace Wahl

Friday July 1, 2022
8:30 am Carmella Beattie

Saturday July 2, 2022
5:00pm Parishioners

Sunday July 3, 2022
7:30 am Living Intentions of Kevin & Sarah Locke
9:30 am Beverly Cannon
11:30 am Francis & Mary DiBenedetto

The Rosary will be prayed at 8:00 am before daily Mass

In observance of the 4th of July the Parish office will be closed:

Monday, July 4, 2022
Tuesday, July 5, 2022

FAITH & CHARITY
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2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – "*Walking By Faith*"

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese.

Our parish goal is **$269,000**.

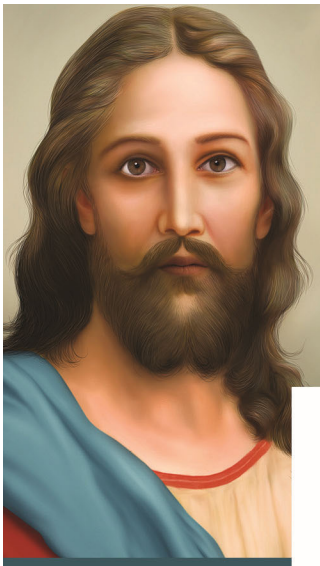
Pledge envelopes are available in the gathering space.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

Amen

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



JESUS ANSWERED HIM,

"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests,
but the Son of Man
has nowhere to rest his head."

Luke 9:58

June 26, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALLED BY GOD

We return to Ordinary Time this Sunday, and with this new season we focus on what it means to be a person who is called by God for some definite purpose. Elisha recognized God's call in Elijah's greeting and prepared immediately to follow. The people who came to Jesus seemed ready to follow, yet each had reasons to linger behind. As people who are given the freedom to follow or to stay behind, we must ask ourselves what we are ready to do for the sake of Christ and the call of the gospel. What are you called to do at this time in your life? Are you prepared to leave behind the things that get in the way of living as a Christian?

FOLLOW

What does it mean to follow Jesus? The Gospels show us that Jesus called each person individually, recognizing the things that stood in the way for each. He looked into the person's heart and saw the true desires of the person standing before him. Each of us experiences Christ's call uniquely as the persons we are. For some, following requires us to take stock of our lives and let go of the obstacles that keep us from the way of true discipleship. For others, the call may lead us to deepen the way that faith directs our lives, with more intentional time in prayer, regular participation in Mass, renewed attention to family, involvement in our parish, or new acts of service.

BE READY

It is easy to say we want to follow Jesus, yet most of us feel competing desires that stand in the way of discipleship. We may be distracted by the constant swirl of activity so prevalent in our surrounding culture; we might be lured by worldly wealth and the status that often accompanies it; we may simply be comfortable with the way things are and find it difficult to risk changing anything. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we must stop putting off making the changes that will bring us closer to him and to God's way of life. We must trust in the Lord, knowing that what he most deeply desires is that we be close to him. If you encountered Jesus today and said you were ready to follow him, what would he see in your heart, what obstacles or hesitations would he perceive? Go to Jesus in prayer this day. Listen to him say, "Follow me." Prayerfully place your life in the Lord's hands and be ready to follow.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:16b, 19–21
Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11
Galatians 5:1, 13–18
Luke 9:51–62

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Legion of Mary

Holiness

There was much in the Magdalen that she had never used, perhaps never dreamed of, until she came to our Lord. He revealed to her the secret of true self-development, which is another word for sanctity. And she found under His guidance that everything in her had henceforth to be used, and used in a fuller and richer way than she had ever imagined possible. It was in no narrow school of self-limitation, in no morbid school of false asceticism, that this poor sinner was educated in the principles of sanctity, but in the large and merciful school of Him who has been ever since the hope of the hopeless, the friend of publicans and sinners; who knows full well that what men need is not to crush and kill their powers, but to find their true use and to use them; that holiness is not the emptying of life, but the filling; that despair has wrapped its dark cloud around many a soul because it found itself in possession of powers that it abused and could not destroy and did not know how to use. Christ taught them the great and inspiriting doctrine 'I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Fr. Basil W. Maturin
Submitted by the Legion of Mary

Weekly Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer plus a variety of faith- filled topic discussions. Join us by watching our Legion of Mary Wilmington Curia YouTube Channel (link below)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn7uDEUrHNg4xPmdf8lBW2Q
Then click on the "LIVE image for the week"

Every Friday afternoon at **3pm Eastern Standard time** For questions and more information, call the St Mary's parish office and they will contact the Legion of Mary Ministry to respond.

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent "messenger on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others.

In the month of June, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist **17 families**, provide **$7,400** in food, utility and rent bills.

Diocese of Wilmington Office of Communications:

The book, **"A Grain of Wheat: Collected Sermons of Fr. Leonard R. Klein",** edited by Christa Klein and forward by George Weigle, will be published in November and is available for bulk pre-ordering. The cover price for this hardback volume will be $29.95. If a carton of 24 books is purchased, a 40% discount, plus shipping applies. Total cost would be about $19. Available November 2022 www.clunymedia.com hardcover | 372pp. $29.95 for info & ordering: sales@clunymedia.com

TESTED BY FIRE

Since gold and silver, which are only corruptible metals, are purified and tested by fire, it is but reasonable that our faith, which surpasses all the riches of the world, should be tried.
—St. Peter Claver

Thursday, November 3, 2022 trip to see David Live on Stage

Trip Includes:

- $138.00 per person
- Depart St. Mary of the Assumption at 8:15 am
- Admission to Sight and Sound's "David" show at the Millennium Theatre at 11:00 am
- Luncheon Smorgasbord at Bird-N-Hand Restaurant at 2:00 pm
- Depart for Home at 3:30 pm
- Arrive Home at the Church around 5:30 pm
- Please make payment out to St. Mary of the Assumption

If interested please contact Rosemarie Morris at 302-239-7994. Payment is due by September 7, 2022

Vacation Bible School is coming to Saint Mary's and we need YOU!

Adults are needed to provide a fun and safe VBS! We need enthusiastic adults to oversee snacks and to lead the opening songs and prayer. We have manuals that match the theme, we just need your enthusiasm! Help us, help our elementary age children see God's greatness!

Monday, July 18th- Friday, July 22nd
9:00am – 11:30 am
*Adult Planning session Thursday, June 30th, 6:30 pm.
Contact Cindy: dre@smachurch.com

Children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to register to attend a fun week of Vacation Bible School here at Saint Mary of the Assumption: **July 18-22, 2022,** 9:00am -11:30am each morning. Donation requested is $30.00 per child. **Email DRE @smachurch.com to receive a registration link.**

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In today's first reading, God tells the prophet Elijah to prepare Elisha to succeed him. Succeeding Elijah will be no easy task; he has spent his life facing threats from the kings he has confronted about their infidelity to the God of Israel. The psalm illustrates the emotional and spiritual distress that the prophets' steadfast faithfulness to God brought them. Paul's description of the Christian's freedom from the law as opposed to "the desire of the flesh" puts this struggle at the very heart of Christian identity. The reading from Luke's Gospel recounts Jesus' decision to journey toward Jerusalem, where he knows he will meet his earthly fate. Following Jesus—like succeeding Elijah as prophet—will now become more difficult. Unlike his calls to the first disciples, Jesus encounters those who are not ready or are not strong enough to journey with him.

Director of the Diocesan Office for Religious Education, Wilmington, Delaware

The Diocese of Wilmington is seeking a full-time Director of the Diocesan Office for Religious Education to develop, implement and evaluate programs for all formal religious education in the Diocese: Pre-K through adult. The Director is responsible for developing an effective catechist formation program for parishes, providing leadership for local parish catechetical leaders, organizing and directing religious education workshops on both the diocesan and regional level. The Director works closely with the Diocesan Board of Religious Education and implements the approved policies.

Email resume and letter of interest with salary requirements to jobs@cdow.org. Please reference ORE in the subject line.

Invitation for FAMILY ROSARY
every 5th Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parishioners to join us to pray the rosary at 9:00 am (before the 9:30 am Mass). Traditionally we meet in the pews in front of the Blessed Mother and recite the Glorious Mysteries during every **5th Sunday**. We are open to any family that would like to lead the rosary that morning. Volunteers will be solicited prior to the rosary.

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. 10

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St. Mary's Events Calendar

Monday, June 27, 2022
8:30 am Mass (C)

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
8:30 am Mass (C)

Wednesday, June 29, 2022
8:30 am Mass (C)

Thursday, June 30, 2022
8:30 am Mass (C)
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 803 Meeting (M)

Friday, July 1, 2022
8:30 am Mass (C)
9:15 am Legion of Mary (CF)
9:15 am Mother's Prayer Group (CP)
3:00 pm Legion of Mary (CF)

Saturday, July 2, 2022
3:30 pm Confessions (CP)
5:00 pm Mass (C)

Sunday, July 3, 2022
7:30 am Mass (C)
9:30 am Mass (C)
11:30 am Mass (C)

***Rooms*: CF-Coffee Run, M-St. Mary, H-Hall**
SJ-St. John, CP-Chapel, C-Church

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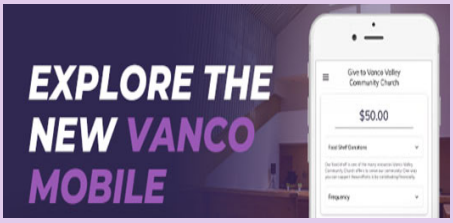

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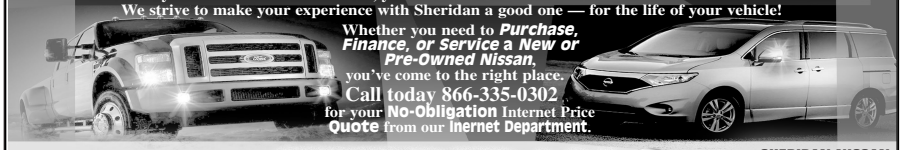

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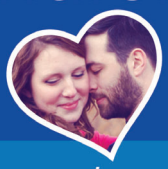

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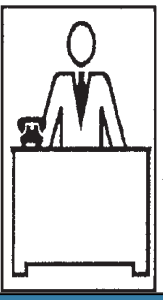

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