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Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM • Saturday: 5:00 PM • Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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PASTOR: REV. CHARLES C. DILLINGHAM

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Joseph LoPorto, Larry Morris

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

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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.

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever
is angry with his brother
will be liable to
judgment." - Mt 5:22a

Mass Intentions

Monday February 13, 2023

8:30 a.m. John Cokefair

Tuesday February 14, 2023

8:30 a.m. Bertha Curtis

Wednesday February 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. Albert Suber

Thursday February 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. John Cokefair

Friday February 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. Living intentions of Rosemarie Morris

Saturday February 18, 2023

5:00 p.m. Thomas Bowe

Sunday February 19, 2023

7:30 a.m. Eva Marie Leidig

9:30 a.m. Joan Clark

11:30 a.m. Kenneth Mersman
Parishioners

*The Rosary will be prayed at
8:00 a.m. before daily Mass*

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



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

+ Jeff Willis, father of parishioner Brian Willis

+Susan Donaldson, parishioner

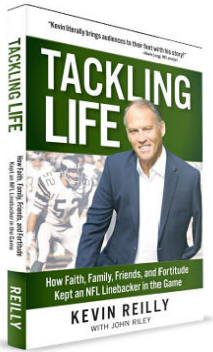
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parishioner of Christine Ginnard

+Joseph Peart, brother of parishioner Bob Peart

+Diane Ostapchenko, wife of
parishioner Mark Ostapchenko

+Edward Geist, father of
parishioner Ted Geist

**St. Mary's Men Connect
Faith and Football
March 18, 2023 – 8:30 AM to 12:00PM**



Kevin Reilly

Former Salesianum, Villanova
And Eagles Football Player

Faith and Football is a ½ day conference for the men of the parish.

Children (12 and over) are welcome to attend the Kevin Reilly presentation – 11:00.

Check the bulletin and e-mail for additional information.

Questions?: Victor Gregory – vgregorydmd@comcast.net

Snacks and lunch provided. There is no cost for this event.



Geoff Gambol

Former Papal Ambassador
to Missions and Refugees

You may Register at
the smachurch.com
website

Legion of Mary

The Rosary is Irreplaceable (Part 5)

Part of the foundation which the Rosary infallibly supplies is Our Blessed Lady. It mixes her up with the Holy Trinity and with Our Lord and with all the circumstances of His life. And that is what God Himself has done. He mixes her up with everything. The Rosary counteracts any tendency to relegate her to a sub-compartment in the Christian life. The Rosary casts a comprehensive picture on the mind. It shows the purpose of Redemption and all its phases from beginning to end. It does not show Jesus alone as if no one else counted, but gives the settings and circumstances and persons, turning all into a vivid image, a living drama. And all fashioned into a prayer.

In that process of Redemption from beginning to end, Mary played a vital part, such that all who benefited by it must not separate her from it. She must figure prominently in the tribute of gratitude which we offer to Heaven. All generations must call her "blessed".

-from Gems of Wisdom by Frank Duff



In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

PREP registration opens February 15th for the upcoming school year. Please visit our website for options and registration. smachurch.com/youth



On Thursday, March 30th, our GIFT team is happy to invite you to an evening with Marie Monville, as she presents "The Transformative Power of Forgiveness". Learn more about Marie and sign up to attend the GIFT event at www.smachurch.com/gift

Seats will fill up fast so please sign up soon.

Hope to See You There!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds
matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ,
the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

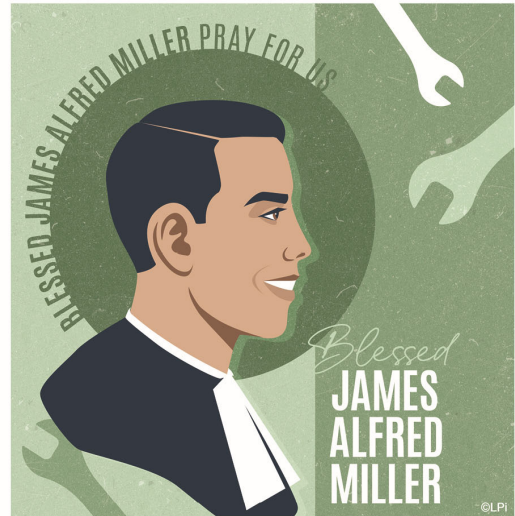
Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Intercession of
Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC*

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6
10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12
13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5,
10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2,
3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor
3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *Father John Muir*

Good News

from the
Office of Communications



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. **Next Saturday, February 18th**, tune-in to find out about the hot new books to help you on your Lenten journey when Therese Brown from the Association of Catholic Publishers is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

Columbiettes Ladies Retreat

We reflect on the lives of Four Teresa's and how their example guides us today. Saturday, March 4th at St. Bernadette Church Hall, [109 Dixon St. Harrington, DE](#). Cost is \$10 per person - we ask everyone to bring their own lunch - breakfast, snacks and drinks provided. Retreat begins at 8:30 am with breakfast, 9:00 am we begin our day and conclude at 3:30 pm with Mass at 4 pm. Please make checks payable to Delaware State Columbiettes and mail to Linda Darling, [206 Pitch Kettle Ct., Magnolia, DE 19962](#) by February 24, 2023. Questions? 302-233-2246.

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The Week Ahead Calendar

Monday February 13, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Monday PREP session
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting (CF)

Tuesday February 14, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday February 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Sages Committee meeting (CF)
10:00 a.m. Ladies Guild meeting (M)
11:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (J)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (C)

Thursday February 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Men's special event meeting (J)
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 803 meeting (H)

Friday February 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary (CF)
9:15 a.m. Mother's Prayer group (CP)

Saturday February 18, 2023

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday February 19, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m. OCIA Breaking Open the Word
11:30 a.m. Mass
12:30 p.m. Legion of Mary Prsadium (CF)

Please send all articles for the bulletin **2 weeks** in advance.
Send information to: office@smachurch.com

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, John Ryan, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at, 302-507-7915.

2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK is available during parish office hours 9:00 am-4:00 pm with the exception from 12:30 pm-1:30 pm. We ask parishioners to keep a maximum of 3 Masses.

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