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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

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Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith

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

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Please call Parish Secretary for details
(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

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

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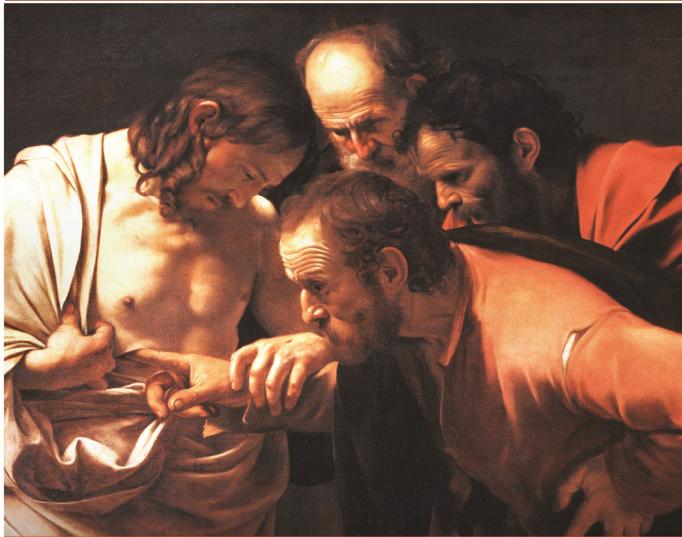
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Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

Mass Intentions

Monday April 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. Easter Novena
Avery Noel Thompson

Tuesday April 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. Easter Novena
Ellen Santoro

Wednesday April 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. Ann Smith

Thursday April 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. Robert Amorusa

Friday April 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mary Alice Vinc

Saturday April 22, 2023

5:00 p.m. John Cokefair

Sunday April 23, 2023

7:30 a.m. Susan Ann Tyskowski-Duty
Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Anne Smith

11:30 a.m. Thomas B. Luke

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



2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “Shining the Light of Christ”

In the Resurrection of Jesus, we find hope in the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must accept the Lord's invitation to follow Him. Christ left us an example that we should follow in his footsteps. When we follow Jesus, we are called to shine the light of Christ and we are invited to share that light.

During the weekend of April 29th & 30th, our parish will participate in the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – a campaign conducted each year throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Funds generated through the Appeal help provide critical financial support to forty pastoral, charitable and educational programs and ministries.

The theme of the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is “**Shining the Light of Christ**.”

Light dispels darkness; it enables people to see what they are doing. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside the faithful. We are all ambassadors of Christ on earth. We reflect God's very presence in the world. It is not enough for us to know about God. We are called to be God in the world.

Together, “**Shining the Light of Christ**”, we will continue to transform lives.

You can learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal by reading about the campaign insert in this week's Dialog or visiting the diocesan website at www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.”



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

+Robert Boyd, husband of
parishioner Doherty Boyd

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.

Observances for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Earth Day

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly overcame incredible adversity caused by her husband and other men in her life to go on to form a wildly successful congregation — the Society of the Holy Child Jesus — which still operates in spiritual works of mercy in 14 countries to this day.

Prayer

The Prayer of Cornelia

Let us love one another
and pray,
Let us love one another
and be faithful,
Let us love one another
and be humble,
Let us love one another
and be filled
with the charity of God.
Let us love one another
with God,
in God, and
for God,
And we shall thus be
one with God
for all eternity.

(Written by Cornelia Peacock Connelly, Foundress, Society of the Holy Child Jesus)

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

The Holy Shroud - Its Subsequent Wanderings (Part 2)

The dimensions of the Shroud are three feet seven inches by fourteen feet three inches. It was originally bigger but relics were cut off each end in earlier times when people were more casual about such treasures. It shows two impressions, one of the front and one of the back of a human body. It is smudged, dirty, and the outlines indistinct. In parts it is stained and burnt as the result of being caught in a fire while it was in France. As I have stated, up to the beginning of this century there was a clash of opinion in regard to its authenticity, and possibly the majority doubted its miraculous quality, believing that it was no more than an extremely expert piece of painting.

Rather would it merit being regarded as a work of genius. Remember that it gave the effect of linen dating from the beginning of the Christian era This progressively brought with it the doubt that the Shroud could last so long. This plausible objection has been completely refuted by the fact that fabrics, including linens, made in Egypt 3,000 years ago, are as good today as ever. Moreover the Shroud gave the impression of having only been briefly in contact with a Body done to death after ill-treatment of the most brutal and comprehensive kind, agreeing in every respect with the detailed account of Our Lord's tortures. Every impression, discoloration or damage was so brilliantly produced in reverse as to rival reality. So those that doubted its genuineness as the Shroud did not disparage it, but on the contrary revered and treasured it as a most perfect memorial of the greatest event in history.

Such was the situation up to the year 1898. In that year permission was given to exhibit the Shroud for investigation. Scientists of every kind hurried to submit it to the most up to date tools of their trades. It was tested as to the age claimed for it, and as to the source of each marking or stain.

-from *Gems of Wisdom* by Frank Duff

Submitted by the Legion of Mary

Gospels Tell of the Shroud (Part 1)

I will begin by quoting liberally from all the four Gospels to supply the foundation:

St. Matthew: "Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered the Body to be given up. And Joseph, taking the Body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out in the rock". (St. Matthew 27: 58-60).

St. Mark: "And Joseph bought a linen cloth, and took Him down and swathed Him in the linen cloth and laid him in the tomb and when the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome brought sweet spices that they might go and anoint Him". (St. Mark 15: 46).

St. Luke: "Joseph took Him down and wrapped Him in a linen sheet and laid Him in a rock-hewn tomb where no man had yet lain. But the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after and beheld the tomb and how His Body was laid. And they went back and prepared spices and ointments" (St. Luke 23: 53-56).

St. John: "Joseph took away the Body of Jesus. And there also came Nicodemus (who at first had come to Jesus by night) bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes... they therefore took the Body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices after the Jewish manner of preparing for burial" (St. John 19: 39-40).

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**All are welcome to join in celebrating
Rev. Charles C. Dillingham's Fiftieth Anniversary
of his Priestly Ordination**

Sunday, May 7, 2023

3:00 pm Mass

**St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike Hockessin, DE 19707**

**A light reception will follow immediately
in the Parish Hall.**

RSVP <http://smachurch.com/frd50th>

Divine Will Prayer Group
April 25, 2023
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

What is the Gift of Living in the Divine Will?

"The work is already done. There is nothing left except to make it known, so that, not only you, but also others may take part in these great blessings."

"It behooves you to know that acts done in My Will Form the pathways that will serve to admit souls to live in My Will, and they are not so very necessary that if heroic souls do not first come forth in order to live in it and form the principal pathways of its kingdom generations, not finding those pathways, will not know what to do to enter into My Will. Do you see how necessary these pathways?"

"I told you many times that the mission of calling a soul to live in My Will is the greatest one; it is the highest and most sublime call. There is no other call that can match it."!!!

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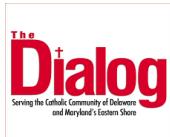


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The Week Ahead

Monday April 17, 2023

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

Tuesday April 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday April 19, 2023
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Sages Committee meeting (J)
11:00 a.m. Adult Formation meeting (J)
1:30 pm Cemetery Committee meeting (J)
6:00 pm Holy Spirit Worship Group (M)
7:00 pm Adult Choir (C)

Thursday April 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop meeting (H)

Friday April 21, 2023

8:00 am St. Elizabeth Senior Retreat (M)
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary (CF)
9:15 a.m. Mother's Prayer group (CP)

Saturday April 22, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday April 23, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word
OCIA Mystogogy (J)
10:30 am PREP Catechesis
12:30 p.m. Junior Praesidium (CF)
11:30 a.m. Mass
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday (C)
6:00 pm Confirmation Retreat Penance (C)

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Send information to: office@smachurch.com

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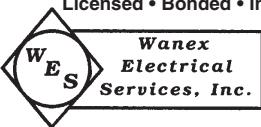
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