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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.

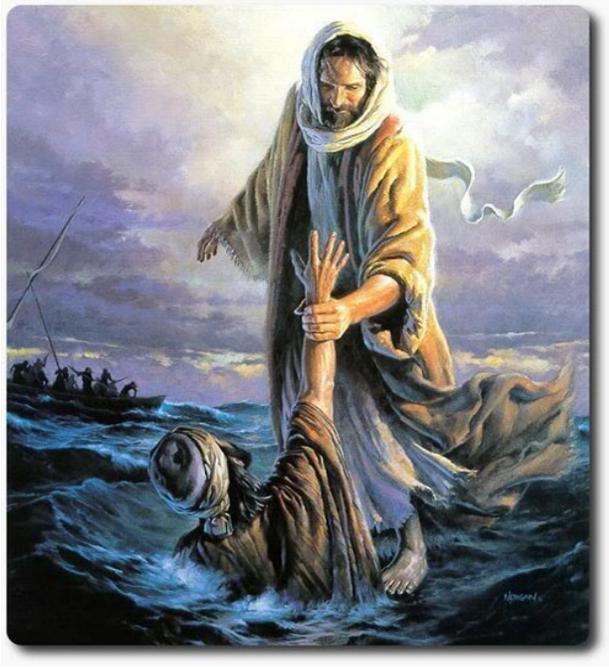
#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

#### ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

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





**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother...**

Our parish Patronal Feast is this Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, truly a beautiful celebration of the entry of Mary, body and soul, into heaven. Our Blessed Mother's Assumption is the foretaste of our own resurrection of the body on the last day. In her Assumption, we faithfully believe that our material bodies will be transformed and be raised to that glory that the Virgin Mary has already achieved as the first disciple of Christ. Masses that day are 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



**From Father Joe:**

Today's beautiful Gospel is intriguing because it explains our fears and captures our hope. The sea in the Bible is always synonymous with danger and chaos. Remember the turbulent waters that engulfed people in the Old Testament and the panic of the professional fishermen, including Saint Peter, in today's scripture. Even the bravest of souls have their fears of drowning not only in the waters but the terrors of life...failure, change, loneliness, rejection, uncertainty, hurt, loss.

Peter seems confident that he can approach the Lord who was walking on the sea. Initially he succeeded but judging the turbulence around him, Peter capitulated. "**Lord, save me**" is his cry when Christ immediately caught Peter acknowledging his lack of faith. I always felt sorry for poor Peter, but his bravery and cowardice reflect all of us. Everyone has their drowning point. The miracle of Jesus walking on water is a summoning of faith in Him. A new way of approaching Christ leaving behind our old way of measuring things and learning to see all in the light of the One who calls to us.

Also, we should not be surprised that Jesus often comes in ways that often "underwhelm" us. The Lord repeatedly comes to us in simple ways where we overlook His presence as we heard in today's first reading. Be it minor or unbelievable, Jesus' hand is outstretched to save us. It takes a faith that truly trusts Him in all the episodes of life. But when such faith takes hold of us, we want everyone to share in it.

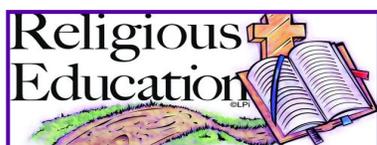


*In your charity, please pray for all who have gone before us and all the deceased of St. Mary of the Assumption.*

*+Marybeth "Betsy" Curran, former DRE at St. Mary of the Assumption*

*Flowers at the altar are in memory of Bryan J. Kosc.*

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Confirmation 2024

All parishioners who are parents of students beginning 9th grade this fall should have received a mailing to begin Confirmation preparation for 2024. If you have not received this mailing, please contact Sandy Fiscella at [dre@smachurch.com](mailto:dre@smachurch.com)

A great big thank you goes out to our August PREP volunteers!

Caitlin Acox  
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Dylan Michels  
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We couldn't have done it without you!

God chose you to make Him known to the youth of our Parish

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are  
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To date, our parish has raised **\$251,559** toward our **Diocesan Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**. We are short of **\$17,441** to make our goal. If you have already pledged, please fulfill your contribution and Thank You for your support. If you have yet to make a gift, please prayerfully consider a donation and help our parish achieve our goal. Money collected over our goal returns to our parish. The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal assists a number of ministries and services throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The seminarians studying for our Diocese, Catholic education, outreach to the needy as well as our diocesan newspaper...The Dialog are some of the areas supported by this appeal. It is through the generosity of our parishioners that these ministries will be able to fulfill the Church's mission. Together, we work toward Shining the Light of Christ. **Thank You so very much.**

### Mass Intentions

**Monday August 14, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Jennifer Ferritti

**Tuesday August 15, 2023**

***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:30 a.m. Angela Pacelli

7:00 p.m. Ignazio Torres, Rosalia Torres, Gino Torres

**Wednesday August 16, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Drew H. Woodall, Jr.

**Thursday August 17, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Albin G. Okniewski

**Friday August 18, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Marie Jeandell

**Saturday August 19, 2023**

5:00 p.m. Patti Clarke

**Sunday August 20, 2023**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Phyllis Hinkle Episcopo

9:30 a.m. Patricia Clarke

11:30 a.m. Anna Gazzillo Oddo

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

August 13, 2023

**Healing Service with Fr. Rafal Walczyk**  
August 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Angels Church

Join us Friday, August 25, at 7:00 pm for Praise & Worship, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Healing Prayer Service, and Individual Prayer. This is a special opportunity to encounter Jesus and invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those places that need God’s healing graces. This is a FREE event. All are welcome! Fr. Rafal Walczyk, OSPPE (Pauline Fathers) is from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA and is the Director of Encounter School of Ministry – Doylestown Campus. For questions about the event contact Rich Deegan at [deeganrj@gmail.com](mailto:deeganrj@gmail.com) or (281) 415-2002.

**Legionary Littleness (Part 2)**

When He came to choose His Apostles He took the ordinary, and very ordinary people, and for this reason they were despised. You might say that He made a great mistake in doing this. You know the remark made by Lloyd George when he was warring greatly against the Conservatives? He said that they were the son of men that would not have accepted Christianity originally unless it had been preached to them by 12 dukes! Definitely then, Our Lord acted from quite another point of view. His disciples did not stand out in any way - not even from the point of view of ability. Yet those men were His own selection: none of them came just by chance. Every single one of them was called by Our Lord Himself in that very deliberate manner. There was in each case a very definite vocation. And what was the work given to these simple people? They were to undertake the greatest task that the world has ever known or imagined. They were to overthrow in whole, or in part, the religious beliefs of the whole world. And not only the religious beliefs, but every human idea, for every idea in the world is affected by the Christian creed.

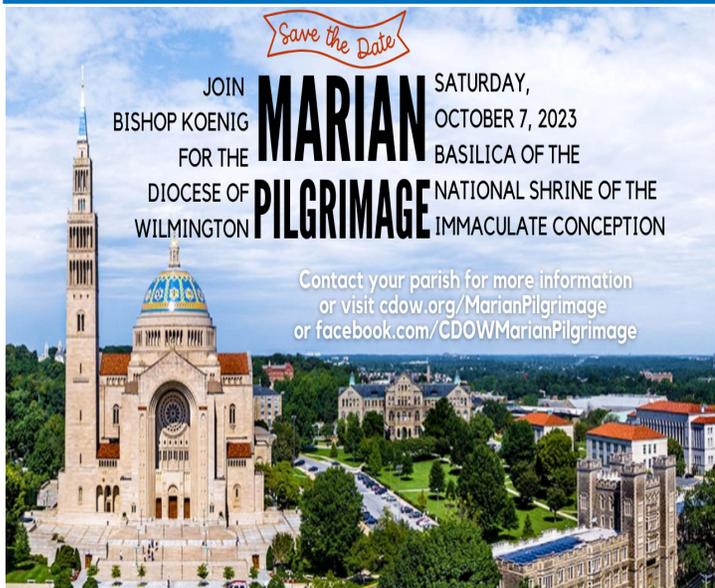
Well, to pass from that great thing to another great thing, let us come to the Legion. Its origin is characterized by that same note of littleness. At the first meeting, the numbers were not great, in fact quite the reverse, but there was present the great Christian note of having a mission, and the members were strangely confident about the future. They were confident because they were leaning upon Our Lady.

- from Frank Duff's *Gems of Wisdom, Volume 2*  
Submitted by the Legion of Mary



In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

**Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!”**



*Save the Date*

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**Save the Date!**

Saturday-Sunday, August 26-27, 2023  
Fr. Roger DiBuo - St. Elizabeth Parish and the St. Pius X Columbiettes will host the Vatican International Exhibition of  
The Eucharistic Miracles and Carlo Acutis' 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic.

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## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Call, The Response, The Journey In Saint John's Gospel, we hear Jesus' invitation "Come and See." If you know of someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church, or you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or if you need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist and Confirmation please call the Parish Office (302) 239.7100 ext. 32 or go to St. Mary's website [smachurch.com](http://smachurch.com) and click on the link – **Becoming Catholic**. OCIA inquiry sessions start on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the St. John's Conference Room in the Parish Office complex, and please accept Jesus' invitation to "Come and See." Your journey starts on September 14, 2023, The OCIA team in ready to share our Catholic faith story with you, and to hear your story as we walk this journey together.



St Mary of the Assumption "Beef & Crab Feast"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th 2023 6 PM TO 9:30 PM

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### St. John the Beloved "Year of the Eucharist" Pilgrimage

Join us on an extraordinary pilgrimage from October 22nd to October 28th, 2023, where the Bible comes alive! Experience spiritual activities, televised Masses at EWTN, and meet Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Explore the splendor of Mother Angelica's Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine, John Paul II Eucharistic Center, Noah's Ark Encounter, St. Mary's Basilica, and more. Enjoy dinner at St. Bernard's Abbey, lunch with the Sister Servants of EWTN, witness a stunning sunset view from Burrett Mountain, and visit St. Anthony's Chapel with Catholic relics dating back to the Apostles. Be part of this awe-inspiring journey and connect with like-minded men and women. Don't miss the Power Point Presentation on **Thursday, August 17th at 6:30pm** in the St. John the Beloved Bosco conference room located at 907 Milltown Rd., Wilmington. We are now accepting reservation deposits. Reserve your spot and obtain a brochure by contacting Helen Holroyd at [helenshorizons@gmail.com](mailto:helenshorizons@gmail.com) or 610-213-4141. We can't wait to embark on this unforgettable adventure with you!

### Marriage Moments for August

August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Through Mary Jesus came into the world. She nurtured him, witnessed his passion, and stood by the apostles at Pentecost. Mary's life mirrors God's relationship with us during times of bliss, agony, and fear. Despite being the mother of God, she focused on those in need; the lowly. Let go of self-importance today and be lifted up with Mary.

### Parenting Pointers for August

"A woman...was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth." (Revelation 12:2). Perhaps you who are mothers experienced great pain in giving birth. Perhaps not. Perhaps you who are fathers joined emotionally in the angst of giving birth. Either way reflect together today about what bringing a new life into the world has meant for you.

August 13, 2023

# Parish Harvest Bonfire

Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

St. Mary's Parking Lot  
6:00 pm

Food Trucks, Family games, a bouncy house for kids, Music, and Drinks from Dew Point Brewery

Bring your family and friends!

We hope to see you here!!

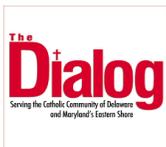
### Need a Ride???

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.

For St. Mary's Ministry Contact list please visit our website: [www.smachurch.com](http://www.smachurch.com)  
<https://smachurch.com/ministry-contacts>  
or call the parish office 302-239-7100, ext. 10

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## Calendar

### Monday August 14, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

### Tuesday August 15, 2023

#### Feast of the Assumption

8:30 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Divine Will Prayer Group (CF)

7:00 p.m. Mass

### Wednesday August 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Sages Monthly Committee meeting (F)

11:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee (J)

### Thursday August 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Prayer Group meeting (CP)

### Friday August 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary (CF)

9:15 a.m. Mother's Prayer group (CP)

6:00 p.m. Music Ministry Recitals (M)

### Saturday August 19, 2023

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday August 20, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. Junior Praesidium (CF)

1:00 p.m. Music Ministry Recitals (M)

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Send information to: [office@smachurch.com](mailto:office@smachurch.com)

**Office and Church Rooms:**

**Coffee Run Room (CF), St. Mary Room (M)  
Chapel (CP), Church (C), St. John Room (J),  
Hall (H), Gathering Space (GS)**

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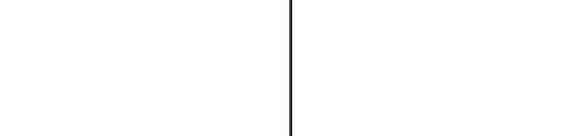
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