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Baptism classes are every other month.
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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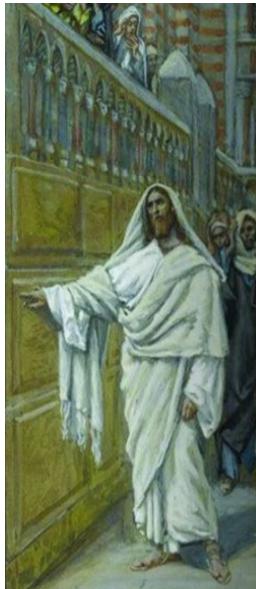
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Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Office closed for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM)



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
- Mt 21:42ab

From Fr. Joe:

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the Jewish religious leaders with a parable, this time about a landowner leasing his vineyard to tenants. Several times his servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard, plot and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the religious leaders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In Jesus telling the parable, the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. The parable discloses the Kingdom of God being taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful.

Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who did not want to believe in Him and thought that His message was dangerous. It also reflects the conflicts found between the Jewish neighbors and the early Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. This Gospel reminds us of the loss we chance when we disregard God's Word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition and teaching. Are we attentive and receptive to God's Word?



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Pastoral Planning for Our Parishes and Schools

Central New Castle Deanery

Enclosed in this bulletin, and provided at the entrances of the church, is a Paper Survey from the Central New Castle Deanery Leadership Team. It is a part of the pastoral process that The Diocese of Wilmington has begun in early spring to plan for the future of our parishes and schools. At this stage, each of the seven diocesan deaneries is seeking the experiences of the faithful in their particular area of the diocese.

Thus, our deanery has compiled this survey to know your thoughts, concerns, advice in making the nine parishes in our deanery solvent and vibrant. Please allow every member to have a say, especially those who may have strayed away from their parish and faith. We are opening a wide net to build a better encounter with our parishes. When completed, simply return the paper survey to the boxes at the entrances of church, mail them to our office or hand deliver them. In addition, there is also an Online Survey, with a link on our parish website and Flocknote. We have the month of October to achieve this task.

Thank You in advance.





Mass Intentions

Monday October 9, 2023

8:30 a.m. Jane Bowers

Tuesday October 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. Brianna Albano

Wednesday October 11, 2023

8:30 a.m. George Howard Stike

Thursday October 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. Brianna Albano

Friday October 13, 2023

8:30 a.m. James J. Dougherty

Saturday October 14, 2023

5:00 p.m. Living Intentions of (Mr. & Mrs.)
Kara (Jurkowski) & Matthew Myrick

Sunday October 15, 2023

7:30 a.m. Joseph Peart

Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Pablo O. Velasco

11:30 a.m. Jerry Sanderson

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



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

+Earl Girardi, husband of
parishioner Rita Girardi

+Dorothy Deaven, wife of
parishioner Donald Deaven

+Marie Gigliotti

+Ann Zebrowski, mother of
parishioner Donna Slivinski



St. Mary of the
Assumption
Parish will celebrate the
**three-day Forty Hour
Devotion, in our
church,** next week:

Sunday, October 15th The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Monday, October 16th The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. when the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Program and Benediction will take place with the Diocesan Office Youth Minister, Dan Pin... followed by light refreshments and camaraderie.

Tuesday, October 17th The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Guest speaker for the Evening Prayer Services is **Father John Kolodziej OSFS**, Provincial of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Please take advantage of spending this time in prayer with the Eucharistic Lord.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEVER LEFT UNATTENDED WHEN EXPOSED.

Will you come and spend time with Our Lord, talking to Him face-to-face, and heart-to-heart? Can you commit to an hour or even a half-hour of Adoration time?

COVERAGE IS NEEDED:

Sunday, Oct. 15 from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 16 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

You may sign up in the Gathering space after all Masses the weekends of October 7/8 and 14/15.

And you may sign up on-line NOW by going to the SMA website.



The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir

Peace Week DELAWARE

October 7-15, 2023

The Ministry for Black Catholics
Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
Is Sponsoring
An Ecumenical Candle-lighting Service
for the
Victims of Gun Violence in Delaware

October 11, 2023 - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

All are welcome.

Please join an Ecumenical Prayer and Candle-lighting service to commemorate the victims of gun violence in our community.

Musical Prelude by the Sine Nomine

Directed by Marion Jacob
Anne McWalters of Moms Demand Action – Update on Legislative Action
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Mark P. Gardner
Volunteer Services Coordinator/Chaplain Ferris School -
“Guns, Gangs, or God?”

Soloist: Nanette Archie-Snow accompanied by Rev. Kevin Benjamin
Supported by St. Elizabeth Choir & Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir





If you missed donating or would like to donate by Credit Card go to <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/CouncilNews.asp?CNO=6768#19980> or make the check out to K of C Coffee Run Council and drop it by the office or mail to P.O. Box 595, Hockessin, DE 19707.

OUTREACH NEEDS YOUR HELP

St. Mary's Outreach is currently collecting **Acme** and **ShopRite gift cards** for veterans in need. Our partnership with the VA Hospital continues to grow and we hope to provide gift cards for veterans and their families for Thanksgiving. All gift cards are due on **November 1st**. Please drop a gift card off to the church office or in the collection box in the back of the church. If dropping off in the office, please clearly mark 'outreach' on the envelope. Thank you in advance for helping our veterans. Questions, contact Jennifer LaFrankie at jenlafrankie@yahoo.com

Thank you.



ST. MARY'S THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE DONATION LIST:

Frozen turkey, turkey breast or whole chicken
Rice/bag or box
Instant mashed potatoes
Canned Vegetables
Canned fruit
Pillsbury rolls
Canned gravy
Butter
Eggs
Pie/Cookies

DELIVER FOOD TO THE CHURCH HALL ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER, 18TH FROM 8:00 A.M.—NOON
QUESTIONS: Contact outreach at [Jenlafrankie@yahoo.com](mailto:jenlafrankie@yahoo.com)

Dear Parishioners,

We are encouraging you to help our local Wilmington VA. The VA medical center in Wilmington is always seeking donations for their patients, and we are encouraging members of St. Mary's to please bring in a donation by **Veteran's Day, November 11th** before Mass to give to the VA.

Acceptable donation items include:

- Canned foods
- Personal hygiene (bar soap, deodorant, etc)
- Articles of clothing (socks, undershirts, etc)

Please bring in donations and place them in the marked box by the **chapel** before Mass, and we will ensure that it gets sent to the VA. Please join us in doing whatever we can to help our veterans.

Bake Sale

The Ladies Guild will be having their annual Bake sale on the weekend of **October 14th and 15th**. Please stop by to purchase a special treat after all Masses.

Donations are always welcome.

Please stop by and support our Ladies Guild.



SOCK-TOBER IS HERE!

Please bring newly purchased men's, women's and children's socks to provide to shelters this fall/winter. Our **SOCK-TOBER** bin will be located in the church's gathering space through **November 12**. Drop offs can be made before or after all Masses. An additional bin will be located in the Parish office entrance for drops offs other than Mass times. All donations need to be new.

Athletic and Winter Weight

socks are preferable.

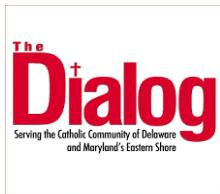
Need a Ride???

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.

Helping you stay socially connected!

Join us every Sunday for the 9:30 a.m. Mass Live-streamed
<http://www.youtube.com/c/smachurch>

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Calendar

Monday October 9, 2023

Parish office closed Columbus Day
 8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Business Meeting (CF)
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting (J)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir (C)

Tuesday October 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Wednesday October 11, 2023
 8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Guild meeting (M)
 5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting Rosary (CF)
 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting (M)
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Auxiliary meeting (J)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)

Thursday October 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 9:00 a.m. Women's retreat
 6:00 p.m. OCIA 2023-24 Inquiry sessions (J)
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 803 meeting (H)

Friday October 13, 2023

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

Saturday October 14, 2023

3:30 p.m. Confessions (CP)
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (C)
 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Crab/Beef Feast (H)

Sunday October 15, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (C)
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
 10:30 a.m. 2024 Confirmation Kickoff Meeting (H)
 11:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 12:30 p.m. Junior Praesidium (CF)

Parish 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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