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(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

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From Father Joe:

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish will celebrate the three-day
Forty Hour Devotion, in our church, this 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. Guest speaker at our Sunday Masses and for the Evening Prayer Services on Sunday and Tuesday is **Father John Kolodziej OSFS**, Provincial of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.



Monday, October 16th The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. when the **Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Program** and Benediction will take place with the **Father Richard Jasper**, pastor in Elkton MD & 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 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction. Please take advantage of spending this time in prayer with the Eucharistic Lord.

Mass Intentions

Monday October 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. Frank Mossman

Tuesday October 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mary Queensberry

Wednesday October 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. Living Intentions Ed & Caren Donnelly

Thursday October 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. Ann Buchanan

Friday October 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. James Edward Sobolack

Saturday October 21, 2023

5:00 p.m. Carter Dillingham

Sunday October 22, 2023

7:30 a.m. Pat Tenney

9:30 a.m. Parishioners

Diane Ostapchenko

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Brecht

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.**

**+Vincent Snyder, husband of
parishioner Shirley Snyder**



In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say:
"Many are invited, but few are chosen"

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given to you, have you considered
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October 17th through October 31st
We meet in the Coffee Run Room
From (10:00am-12:00pm)
Any questions, please call 302-528-5767**



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Pastoral Planning for Our Parishes and Schools

Central New Castle Deanery

Enclosed in last week's 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. It is being done in conjunction with the Synod or Synodality that is taking place in Rome this month with our Holy Father. Pope Francis invited a wide range of participants to discuss contemporary issues in the global Church. We are participating in this Synod as a Diocese and specifically as a Deanery when we take part in the survey, either on paper or on line. It allows us to know in the local area what is occurring with our parishioners. Your voice is important.

Your prayers are also needed. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has stressed how prayer is integral to the synod. This emphasis should strike us as significant because prayer reminds us not only of the Church's but also our own dependence on God in Christ and instills in us a surrender of our will to Him, the purpose of which is to assist us in becoming receptive to what God wants us to see and to do.

Without this disposition of humility and receptivity born of prayer, we can convince ourselves that the life of faith is self-willed and self-directed, rather than the acceptance of an invitation to become ever more like Christ through acts of mercy and service that the Lord Jesus Himself has chosen for us to accomplish.

During this Synodal month of October, please pray that the Lord will send forth His Holy Spirit to impart to our Holy Father, to the bishops and to all the participants in the Synod lively wisdom, counsel, and most importantly, faith, hope, and love to guide us into the future.

Listen to Catholic Forum

Next Saturday, October 21st, tune -in to hear an interview with Sr. Mary Josefa of the Eucharist, a Sister of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles . Sister will discuss the new book "Brides of Christ" and the life of their foundress, Sister Wilhelmina, who made headlines around the world— years after her death at age 95. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/Catholic Forum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) , or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at [Youtube.com/Diocese of Wilmington](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilmington).

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Love and Service as Thanks to Mary

But this only refers to half of the transaction, that is to Mary's going to us. There is another aspect which has to be taken into account. It is the reciprocal one, that is our behavior to Mary. The idea of religion is the rendering of acknowledgment for what has been done to us. The worship much reflect what we have received. We must comprehend the nature of the services rendered to us and we must return gratitude accordingly. The gratitude which would only take in some angles of what has been done for us would be incomplete.

Furthermore, that return of ours must not confine itself to sentiments and words. It must go on to action of a worthy sort, including apostleship. We must pray to her in return for her potent prayer for us. We must have faith in her by way of recompense for her heroic faith which brought down the Redeemer upon earth. We must give her love and service in thanksgiving for her superhuman mothering of Christ and of ourselves. Was there ever such a motherhood? It is one of the great sorrows of life that it is only as the years pile up do we realize what we owe to our parents. 'then perhaps we try to do something about it. But at that stage what return can we make to our mothers for the tireless, selfless attention which they lavished on us? It is impossible, and this forms one of the crowning sorrows of life. Though we can pass on love and service to others, we cannot repay that person properly. Such is the case in regard to the natural relationship to Our Blessed Lady. Here we can make some attempt at repayment, because she is still living and because we have it in our power to love her ardently and to render supreme service to her.

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

Reproduce the Love Jesus gave Mary

But a common return is not enough. How far are we to go? Obviously as far as we can go. In this matter, as in all others, we must imitate our divine Head. We must seek to reproduce the love which Jesus gave Mary, a quaint phrase from one of the saints or great writers of the Church declares that as Christ was better in every way than Mary, so He was a better Son Than she was a mother. This gives us a glimpse of what His love for her was, and is. Because after a fashion we do realize how much Mary loved her Child. Then to be told that it was as nothing compared with the way He loved her – that is something startling and stimulating. We must stress this intriguing idea as a counterblast to Protestantism and cold Catholicism. We are bound to take Our Lord as our model in all things, and so we must imitate His most prominent Characteristic, which was love for his mother. After His love for His Eternal Father, His love for His Earthly Mother was his special feature, exceeding any other. We must enable the special feature, exceeding any other. We must enable the Mystical Body to carry on that unique relation to Mary. The essential idea of the Mystical Body is the reproducing of the life of Christ in its completeness. It is no shadow, no mere projection, but a true living of Our Lord in our conditions and through us. In this new life He has made Himself dependent upon us as a person is dependent on his limbs. We can portray Him; we can falsify Him. Remember that He got from Mary almost infinitely more than the natural child receives even from the best mother. Nothing could be more comprehensive than her cooperation, because that was the design of the Holy Trinity. Her prayer was instrumental in drawing down the Redeemer. Not all the other prayers of man through the ages would have sufficed to bring Him. Her prayer added in, settled that question. It attracted Him irresistibly. Then her consent to the Incarnation was pivotal and necessary. So was her care of Him during His youth, and her co-operation with Him during His whole life, and on Calvary. This offers a mystery, for that pair who seemed to be living the usual separate lives of mother and adult son, were as but one, more united even than when he was a Babe unborn. He was the child of her prayer, of her faith, of her will, of her flesh, of her humility, of purity, of her love.

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The Columbiettes would like to invite **YOU** to a Meet and Greet session on Wednesday, Oct. 25th at St. Joseph on the Brandywine's Family Center between 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm. We are a unique auxiliary of 50 women coming from 22 different parishes in New Castle County. We welcome all Catholic women who have an interest in serving God, country, our parishes, community & each other. ALL are welcome. Please come and bring a friend. Get Involved.

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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.



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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.



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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

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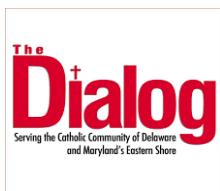
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Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. Contact, John Ryan, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at, 302-507-7915.

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Calendar

Monday October 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 9:00 a.m. 40 Hours Eucharist Prayer (C)
 6:00 p.m. Monday Night PREP
 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir (C)

Tuesday October 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 9:00 a.m. 40 Hours Eucharist Prayer (C)

Wednesday October 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Guild meeting (M)
 1:30 p.m. Cemetery Committee meeting (J)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)

Thursday October 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 6:00 p.m. OCIA 2023-24 Inquiry sessions (J)
 6:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Prayer Group meeting (CP)
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 803 meeting (H)

Friday October 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (CF)
 9:15 a.m. Mother's Prayer group (CP)

Saturday October 21, 2023

3:30 p.m. Confessions (CP)
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (C)

Sunday October 22, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
 11:30 a.m. Mass (C)
 12:30 p.m. Junior Praesidium (CF)
 1:00 p.m. Scheduled Baptisms (C)

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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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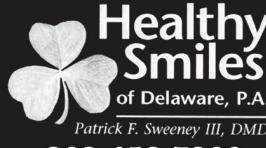
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