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Please call Parish Secretary for details  
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#### MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.  
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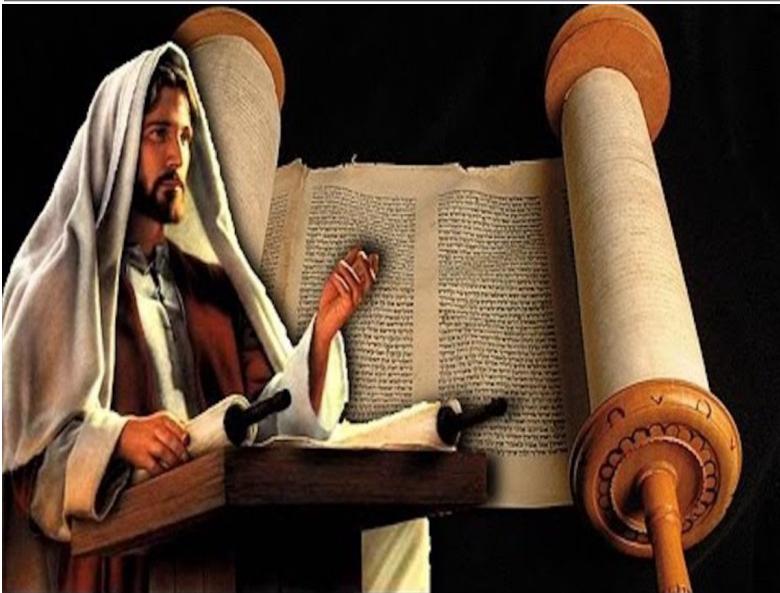
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From Father Joe:

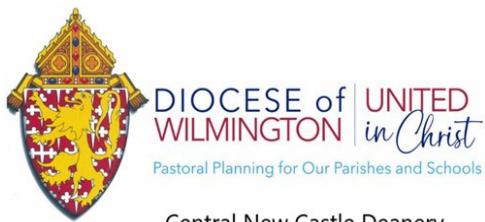
These recent weeks we hear how Jesus had been cornered by Jewish religious leaders who were trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. Today, Jesus is asked about the greatest of the commandments. The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law. Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Jesus' response shows the integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law... Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

NOVEMBER 1

## All Saints All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated this Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses that day will be 8:30 am and 7:00 p.m. It is a great feast in the Church remembering those saintly people who entered the Kingdom of God and continue to be connected to us in their example and prayers. All Soul's Day is Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Masses that day will be at 8:30 a.m. The Mass of Remembrance will be at 7:00 p.m. remembering those among us, especially this year, who have passed from this world. We collectively pray for the repose of our dearly beloved and those who need our prayers to enter the Kingdom. *May they rest in peace...*



Central New Castle Deanery

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. Please fill out the survey at your convenience before the beginning of November. Your wisdom is needed. What will be gathered will be shared with everyone in time.



**Mass Intentions****Monday October 30, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Carolyn LaFazia

**Tuesday October 31, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Amelia Fragomele

**Wednesday November 1, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Departed Legionaries

7:00 p.m. All Saints Mass

**Thursday November 2, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Bruce Kirk

All Soul's Novena

7:00 p.m. Mass of Remembrance

**Friday November 3, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Eve Costanzo

All Soul's Novena

**Saturday November 4, 2023**

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

All Soul's Novena

**Sunday November 5, 2023**

7:30 a.m. Jeremy Madonna

All Soul's Novena

9:30 a.m. Victor Uro

11:30 a.m. Edward Melasecca

*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.**

**+Robert Carl Shannon, father of parishioners Kevin Shannon and Rocco Shannon**



In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

This past month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting **27** families, providing **\$7,788** for food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the **Diocesan Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**. Kindly fulfill what you have pledged to the appeal. In doing so, we should reach our goal of \$269,000. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by our bishop, diocese, pastor and parish. God reward you hundredfold.



St. Mary of the Assumption's Saint Vincent De Paul Society is having its annual Christmas greens and Poinsettia sale October 28 - November 17. For your holiday decorating you can order decorated wreaths, swags, grave blankets and poinsettias. Orders will be taken at all Masses October 28/29 and through email through November 17 ([smadesvdp@gmail.com](mailto:smadesvdp@gmail.com)). Payment and delivery will be on December 2/3 at all Masses. Home delivery is also available, if requested. This is a fund raiser to help our SVDP Society assist families in financial need. Thank you for your generous support

**"Bottles for Babies Benefit"**

This fund raiser benefits Birthright of Delaware, which provides for pregnant mothers who are in need of housing, medical care, clothing, etc. before and after their babies are born. Thank you for returning your filled baby bottles to support them. If you have not returned your baby bottle donation, please mail a check to: Birthright of DE (payable to them)

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Please include a note that you are from St. Mary of the Assumption so that it will be included with our parish tally. We thank you for your generous support!

Annual October Baby Shower to benefit Bayard House  
Thank you for your gifts to benefit the pregnant mothers and their babies living at Bayard House (sponsored by the diocese). All gifts should be unwrapped, and the basics are needed, like diapers, baby wipes, receiving blankets, sleeping sacks, bibs, etc.

**Donations may be left in the designated box in the main vestibule, please.**



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Pie/Cookies

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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](mailto:jenlafrankie@yahoo.com)

Thank you.

### 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:

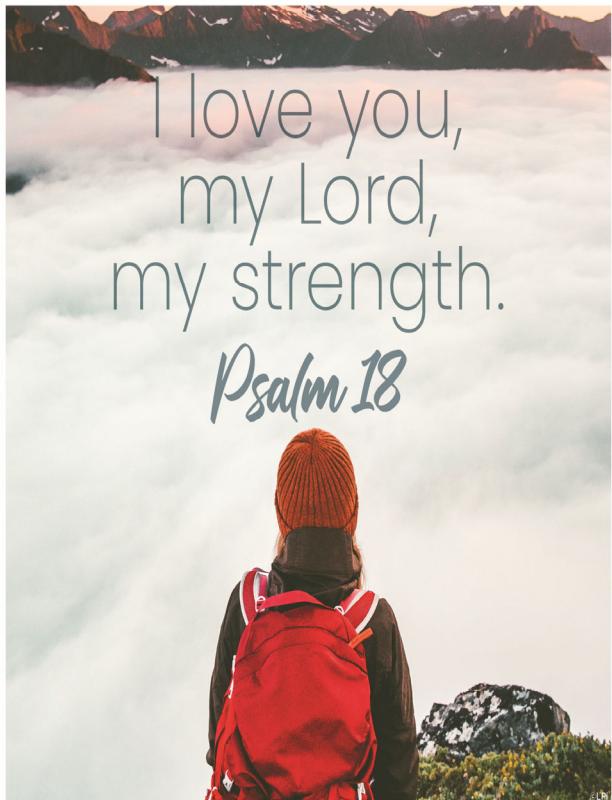
- Canned foods
- Personal hygiene (bar soap, deodorant, etc)
- Articles of clothing (socks, undershirts, etc)

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.

**Sages Luncheon for November 1st** Please join us at the next Sages luncheon on Wednesday November 1st at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. All parish members and their guests, 50 years of age and older, are invited. We request donations of \$8 per person and, if you can, bring a small dessert.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Liturgical Life



### Mary and the Church

Such was she that it is declared that Our Lord got from her all the consolation that He needed; even if He were deprived of everything else, after a fashion that would have been enough. As a consequence, He loved her more than all other creatures put together. It can be said that He saw all other creatures through her. So to speak, she was His foot-hold in this world. And that is what she continues to be. That order of things was not terminated on Calvary. She maintains the same relation to the Mystical Body that she had held in regard to Our Lord.

This relation is described by the Church under various titles: Mother of Divine Grace, Mediatrix of All Graces, Mother of our Souls, and so on. She lavishes on us everything that she gave to Jesus. In fact, her love for us is not a separate love from her love for Him. It is the one love, the same love carried on. She loves us as she loved Jesus. She loves us because she sees Him in us. We reproduce Him. So must we continue in the Mystical Body that amazing love which Jesus bestowed on her. We must love her distractedly. We must catch a glimpse of her immensity. We must unite ourselves to her in all our actions, and in spirit live inseparably with her.

As Jesus united her to His mission in such a way that it would not be carried on at all without her, so must we unite her to our course in life. She is just as necessary to us as she was necessary to Jesus Christ. We are familiar with that idea because it is put before us in every page of our Handbook. We must live in a state of union with her, seeing everything and doing everything along with her, so that Mary is veritably doing those actions through us. We must live that life of union with such an intensity as to reflect that faith and love and heroism of hers which drew the Second Divine Person down on earth and brought forth the Mystical Body.

Such a program may seem unrealizable, so lofty is it. Lofty it is, but not unrealizable. Because just as Our Lord depends on His members to carry on His present-day existence, so does He give them the grace to do it. As He lives on in the Mystical Body with a real life perpetuating His earthly mission, so part of this is the perpetuation of that immense love which He had for His Mother and of the state of union which He had with her. Therefore, He will fill with His own love for Mary those who open their hearts for it; through them His love for her continues. That is a consequence and a vital one of the doctrine of the Mystical Body. We produce something which is absolutely necessary, something which was supremely characteristic of Our Lord, that is the extraordinary love which He had for her and His dependence upon her and His co-operation with her. And it is through the Mystical Body, that is through His Members, that He is put into a position to fulfill that vital requirement.

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

**Divine Will Class**

**November 7th through November 21st**  
**We meet in the Coffee Run Room**  
**From (10:00am-11:00pm)**

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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 12th**. 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.

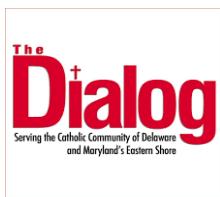
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**Calendar****Monday October 30, 2023**

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

**Tuesday October 31, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

**Wednesday November 1, 2023**  
8:30 a.m. Mass (C)  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Guild meeting (M)  
12:30 p.m. Sages Luncheon (H)  
7:00 p.m. Solemnity of All Saints Mass (C)

**Thursday November 2, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)  
1:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Prayer Group meeting (CP)  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 803 meeting (H)  
7:00 p.m. Mass of Remembrance (C)

**Friday November 3, 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 November 4, 2023**

**Outreach Adopt a Family in the Gathering Space**  
3:30 p.m. Confessions (CP)  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (C)

**Sunday November 5, 2023**

**Outreach Adopt a Family in the Gathering Space**  
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)

**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)**

**Bulletin announcements due 2 weeks in advance**

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