



SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION



"THIS IS MY CHOSEN
SON; LISTEN TO HIM."
- LK 9:35

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ✝ MARCH 16, 2025

PASTOR

Very Rev. Joseph J. Piekarski, V.F.

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Mon–Fri 8:30 AM

Saturday 8:30 AM
5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM

PARISH INFORMATION

Saint Mary of the Assumption
7200 Lancaster Pike
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Matt Terranova



From Father Joe. . .

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. In His Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. The disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness His Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

This is Commitment Weekend for the Diocese of Wilmington. Unlike the disciples who witnessed the glory of Christ first and later experienced His tragic death and waited in wonder what it all meant, we know the complete story. Jesus rose from the dead. Our knowledge allows us to witness the transfiguration of life into the glory of Christ. Under the theme "Together in Hope," we are inspired by this powerful message. We are reminded that hope is the foundation of our faith and the light that guides us through all challenges.



TOGETHER
IN *hope*



The [Diocesan 2025 Faith and Charity Appeal](#) is an opportunity to come together as one community, embracing our shared mission to transform lives in the here and now through the love of Christ. This Appeal is not just a call for financial support; it is an invitation to actively participate in the shared journey of hope. Each contribution, no matter the size, is a meaningful step toward building a more connected, compassionate, and hopeful community in Catholic Education, Pastoral Services, Catholic Charities, Administration & Communications. This is our chance to embody the essence of being "Together in Hope," transforming the lives of many in the Gospel message.

Help our parish demonstrate a strong level of active participation. We are all invited to be beacons of hope, supporting one another and our diocesan family on this sacred journey. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this vital campaign. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal."

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	MARCH 17, 2025
8:30 am	Virginia Marinelli
TUESDAY	MARCH 18, 2025
8:30 am	Theodore Mendala
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 19, 2025
8:30 am	Rev. Edward J. Fahey
THURSDAY	MARCH 20, 2025
8:30 am	<i>Living Intentions of:</i> <i>Patricia Ciccarelli</i>
FRIDAY	MARCH 21, 2025
8:30 am	Sebastian Tronto
SATURDAY	MARCH 22, 2025
8:30 am	Dorothy E. Berlingis Timothy Turner Earl Girardi Martha Saienni Audrey Sinko Angela Rivera Munoz
5:00 pm	Anthony Anderson
SUNDAY	MARCH 23, 2025
7:30 am	Iole & John Pelle
9:30 am	Richard Baccino
11:30 am	Parishioners

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

+**Michael Sisk**
Parishioner



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY	MARCH 17, 2025
8:30 am	Mass (C)
9:00 am	Legion of Mary—Rosary Prayers (C)
9:30 am	Bible Study Group Meeting (M)
11:00 am	Finance Council Meeting (J)
6:00 pm	Monday Evening PREP (CR)
TUESDAY	MARCH 18, 2025
8:30 am	Mass (C)
10:00 am	Divine Will Group Meeting (J)
1:30 pm	Monthly Preschool Meeting (J)
7:00 pm	SMA Bell Choir Rehearsals (C)
7:00 pm	Bible Symposium w/ Fr. Piekarski (M)
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 19, 2025
8:30 am	Preschool Donuts with Dad (H)
8:30 am	Mass (C)
9:00 am	Sages Committee Meeting (CF)
10:00 am	Ladies Guild Meeting (M)
6:00 pm	Youth Ministry Meeting (M)
7:00 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal (C)
7:00 pm	Youth Ministry Leadership Meeting (CF)
THURSDAY	MARCH 20, 2025
8:30 am	Preschool Donuts with Dad (H)
8:30 am	Mass (C)
2:00 pm	K of C—Fish Fry SETUP (H)
6:30 pm	K of C—Exemplification Meeting (M)
6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 803 Meeting (H)
FRIDAY	MARCH 21, 2025
8:30 am	Mass (C)
9:15 am	Mother's Prayer Group Meeting (CP)
9:15 am	Women's Faith Sharing Meeting (M)
9:30 am	Legion of Mary Meeting (CF)
1:30pm	Adult Faith Retreat SETUP (M)
5:00 pm	K of C Fish Fry Dinner (H)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (C)
SATURDAY	MARCH 22, 2025
8:30 am	Mass (C)
8:30 am	Adult Faith Retreat (M)
3:30 pm	Confessions (CP)
5:00 pm	Mass (C)
SUNDAY	MARCH 23, 2025—**1st SCRUTINY**
7:30 am	Mass (C)
9:30 am	Mass (C)
9:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
10:00 am	OCIA— Weekly Sunday Meeting (M)
10:30 am	Confirmation 2025 Session (H)
11:30 am	Mass (C)
12:15 pm	Legion of Mary—Junior Praesidium (CF)

PARISH ROOMS

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



Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

FEBY's FISHERY

Cook's for a Cause to Benefit Little Sisters of the Poor
Today, March 16th 3pm—8pm
3701 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE 19805



“Our Mother of Hope”

Two Moments, One Mission:
Mary at the Annunciation and
Guadalupe

Saturday, March 22
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

St. Mary's Room

\$35.00

Includes materials, breakfast and lunch

Scan Below to learn how to sign up!!!



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR WEDNESDAY MAR 19 6-8 pm

Shakes & Prizes!

YOUTH GROUP BINGO NIGHT!

St Mary's Room @ St. Mary of the Assumption Church

RSVP w QR Code or Youthministry@smachurch.com



Our parishioner, **Alexander Ralsten**, son of Kenneth & Kelly Ralsten, earned his Eagle Scout Badge on March 9th. A senior at St. Mark's High School, Alex constructed his Eagle Scout project at St. Mark's High School because of his long-standing association with the diocesan school. He

completed a new nature trail on the school's premises. The trail features a woodchip lined path with 36 feet of elevated boardwalk-style pathway leading to a gathering area with six benches. The trail was dedicated in December and Alex is most appreciative of our parish, St. Mary of the Assumption, for supporting his fund-raising efforts which included funds for ongoing maintenance of the trail. St. Mark's High School recognized Alex's gift as a beautiful example of the Catholic Social Teaching principle of caring for creation. He exemplifies a Spartan Strong work ethic that embodies humility and upholds integrity.

Congratulations Alexander and God continue to Bless you!!!

The Lazarus Ministry

If you are looking to add a little something to your life, consider joining the Lazarus ministry.

At SMA, we offer a luncheon for our parishioners and their families after the funeral Mass.

We are in need for cooks!

If you like to bake for fun or maybe make a potato dish that is a family favorite, we would love to have you on the list.

We bring joy to families who are grieving, and in the end we all enjoy a meal together as a team.

Email Pam Kushner for more information:
pkmy3grls@gmail.com

Brothers - We are happy to announce that the St. Mary's Men Connect Spring event "Being a Man Of Faith" is ready for registration. Details below:

ST. MARY'S MEN CONNECT

"BEING A MAN OF FAITH"

A FREE half-day program for Men

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30 am to 1:00 pm



Our retreat leader is:

Damon Owens

Founder and Executive Director of joytob.org

Damon invites us to ponder our identity, to explore how we build relationships on our spiritual Mission.

After brief presentations you will have opportunities to participate in table discussions with other men.

NOTE: Lunch and snacks provided. There is no cost for this event !

Questions?

Contact Mike McDonnell @ 610-442-7250 or michael.m.mcdonnell@gmail.com

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls - Matthew 11:29

Go to www.smachurch.com to sign up!!



Stay up to date on Parish events and news!!!

Location

St. Mary of the Assumption Church (Parish Hall)

7200 Lancaster Pike,
Hockessin, DE

Friday Fish Fry



Each Friday During Lent: 2024

March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4 and 11

Dinner Served 5 - 7 PM

New Pricing

Includes choice of 2 Sides

- Single Dinner \$14
- Double Dinner \$19
- Kids Dinner \$5*

*Fish Sticks and Fries

Cash or check ONLY

Carry out Available

Menu

Main Dish	Sides	Other
• Baked Flounder	• French Fries	• Tossed Salad
• Fried Flounder	• Mac n Cheese	• Clam Chowder
• Crab Cake	• Green Beans	• Seafood Gumbo
	• Cole Slaw	

<https://www.smachurch.com/>

BIBLE SYMPOSIUM WITH VY. REV. JOSEPH J. PIEKARSKI



TUESDAY EVENINGS

ST. MARY'S ROOM

7:00 PM

MARCH 18

MARCH 25

There is no cost, all are welcome!



RELIGIOUS ED. at SMA (PREP)

We support parents in their efforts to raise their children in the Catholic faith. Options are available for parish children in grades 1 to 8 who do not attend a Catholic school.

Grade 1 is required to prepare for Sacraments in second grade.

Rising 9th graders will receive information for Confirmation preparation this summer.

Our in-person sessions need catechists! Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to share you faith with the young people of our parish. Training materials and support will be provided.

Two Different Sessions:

August Session:

August 4th-7th and August 11th-14th
9:30 am to 11:30 am

Monday Sessions:

6:00 pm to 7:15 pm during the school year

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

CHURCH STAFF

Very Rev. Joseph J. Piekarski, V.F., Pastor
Deacon John Giacci
Deacon Larry Brecht
Deacon Joseph Jackson
Deacon Joseph LoPorto
Deacon Larry Morris

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Jeannine Caporaso, Afternoon Receptionist..ext. 10
Daniel DiGiacobbe, Business Managerext. 11
Sandy Fiscella, Director of Religious Edext. 18
Flora Giacci, Morning Receptionist.....ext. 10
Deacon John Giacci, Director of Liturgyext. 32
Matthew Jewell, Director of Musicext. 16
Cindy Krebs, Director of Preschool.....ext. 34
Denise Troise, Bookkeeperext. 14

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Office closed for lunch from
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

PREP: Grades 1 through 8.
Confirmation: Grade 9.
Sandy Fiscella, DRE,
302-239-7100, ext. 18.

SAINT MARY'S PRESCHOOL

Ages 2 through Pre-K.
Cindy Krebs, Director,
302-239-7100, ext. 34.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office,
302-239-7100.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

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

BAPTISM

During a Mass or Sunday afternoon a 1:00 pm.
Baptisms are scheduled the second and fourth
Sundays of the month.
Baptism classes are every other month.
Contact the Parish Office for details.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office before a wedding date
is finalized. The Diocese requires one year of
preparation.

NEED A RIDE?

Do you occasionally need a ride to Church or per-
haps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations
of our parish, the Knights of Columbus may be able
to help. Contact Pete Seely, 302-239-7100, ext. 81.

Please consider online giving at
<https://smachurch.com/online-giving>.



Thank You!

HELPING YOU STAY SOCIALLY CONNECTED!

Join us every Sunday for the 9:30 AM Mass,
Live-Streamed on www.smachurch.com or
<http://www.youtube.com/c/smachurch>.

