

SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION



"PEACE IN HEAVEN
AND GLORY IN THE
HIGHEST." - LK 19:38

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

PALM SUNDAY ✝ APRIL 13, 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
Hockessin, DE 19707
302-239-7100
www.smachurch.com



Matt Terranova



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are entering our High Holy Days. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord begins our most sacred time. First, we celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus unto Jerusalem to accomplish His Paschal Mystery. Soon the mood changes from the “Hosannas!” and spread palm of that Sunday to later that week when the crowds shouted “Crucify Him!” Fickle is the human heart.

Please enter this week prayerfully and intentionally. The dramatic episodes we celebrate each

day are full of insights into our need for a Savior and the Divine redemption shown to us by Our Lord. *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

Father Joe Piekarski



Holy Week Schedule

Monday,	8:30 a.m. Mass	3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Confessions in our Church
Tuesday,	8:30 a.m. Mass	7:00 p.m. Diocesan Chrism Mass, <u>in Dover, DE</u>
Wednesday,	8:30 a.m. Mass	
Holy Thursday,	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament to 10 p.m.
	10:00 p.m. Night Prayer	
Good Friday,	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	
	3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
	6:00 p.m. Confessions	
	7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
Holy Saturday,	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	
	12:00 Noon Blessing of Food (St. Mary's Room)	
	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass	
Easter Sunday	7:30, 9:30 (church & hall) & 11:30 a.m. Masses	



As parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, we are being asked to serve others by sharing our resources. Your generosity enables us to accompany our brothers and sisters in need with Catholic Education, Pastoral Services, Catholic Charities, Administration & Communication.

Our parish target is \$275,725. **Thank You to everyone who has pledged to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.** If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real and lasting impact on the lives of individuals and families across our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church.

Participants in the 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.



Tomorrow is **Reconciliation Monday.**

All parish churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore will be open for confession **from 3 until 8 p.m.** For more information, look at the diocesan website, cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday.

St. Mary of the Assumption takes part in this annual event. In addition, confessions will be available in our church on Good Friday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fast, that is limited to a single full meal. All those who are fourteen years old are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are eighteen years old and not yet fifty-nine years old.

The Red Altar Cloth, created by the Trappist Monastery, was donated to the parish in memory of Bernadette J. Piekarski.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	APRIL 14, 2025
8:30 am	Lawrence Michael
TUESDAY	APRIL 15, 2025
8:30 am	Irene Arcaro
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 16, 2025
8:30 am	Bernadette Piekarski
THURSDAY	APRIL 17, 2025
8:30 am	No Mass
7:00 pm	Mastrocola Family
FRIDAY	APRIL 18, 2025
8:30 am	No Mass
3:00 pm	No Mass
SATURDAY	APRIL 19, 2025
8:00 pm	Priest's Mass
SUNDAY	APRIL 20, 2025
7:30 am	Priest's Mass
9:30 am	Priest's Mass
9:30 am	Priest's Mass
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



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY	APRIL 14, 2025
8:30 am	Mass (C)
9:00 am	Legion of Mary—Rosary Prayers (C)
9:30 am	Bible Study Group Meeting (M)
3:00 pm	Reconciliation Monday (C)
TUESDAY	APRIL 15, 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)
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 16, 2025
8:30 am	Mass (C)
9:00 am	Sages Committee Meeting (CF)
10:00 am	Ladies Guild Meeting (M)
1:30 pm	Cemetery Committee Meeting (J)
2:00 pm	Hall SETUP for Easter (H)
4:00 pm	Clergy Practice for Easter (C)
7:00 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal (C)
THURSDAY	APRIL 17, 2025
8:30 am	Morning Prayer (C)
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (C)
10:00 pm	Night Prayer (C)
FRIDAY	APRIL 18, 2025
8:30 am	Morning Prayer (C)
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (C)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (C)
SATURDAY	APRIL 19, 2025—NO 5PM MASS
8:30 am	Morning Prayer (C)
9:00 am	Liturgical Environment in Church (C)
12:00 pm	Blessing of the Food (M)
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass (C)
SUNDAY	APRIL 20, 2025—EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 am	Mass (C)
9:30 am	Mass (C, H)
9:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
10:00 am	OClA— Weekly Sunday Meeting (M)
11:30 am	Mass (C)
12:15 pm	Legion of Mary—Junior Praesidium (CF)

Submit bulletin articles 2 weeks ahead of time.

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

PALM SUNDAY





Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.



St. Mary's Preschool News!

Meet our New Director
Effective July 1, 2025

Chrissy Meko is a career and passionate educator with over a decade of teaching experience. She has taught pre-school, kindergarten, first, second and third grades. Chrissy has observed firsthand the value of creating an engaging learning environment. She enjoys nothing more than seeing the growth and development of young minds. She thoroughly enjoyed her time as a teacher at Saint Mary's preschool and she is so excited to be back.

Chrissy holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Saint Mary's College in South Bend, IN. Chrissy and her husband Justin reside in Avondale, PA with their three children, Connor a sophomore at Salesianum School, Caroline an 8th grader at Kennett Middle School and Carter who is a proud graduate of St. Mary's preschool.



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

Julia Burgos
Tammy Burgos
Al Caporaso
Jeannine Caporaso
Sandra Cleary
Kathy Cusick
John Cusick
Caitlin Gregory
Teresa LoPorto

Deacon Joe LoPorto
Arturo Lugo
Maria Lugo
Gina Maduskuie
Mary King O'Leary
Dan Shields
Diane Taylor
Patrick Taylor
Connor Wrinn

God chose you to make Him known to the youth of our parish!



TOMORROW!! – STARTS @ 3:00 PM

**PREPARE YOUR HEART
FOR EASTER**

**RECONCILIATION
MONDAY
APRIL 14 • 3-8 PM**

VISIT A CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DELAWARE OR MARYLAND'S
EASTERN SHORE DURING OUR EXTENDED CONFESSION HOURS.
VISIT CDOW.ORG TO FIND A CHURCH NEAR YOU.



2025 Vacation Bible School

This year we are combining with
St. John of the Beloved's VBS.

June 16th to 20th

9:00 am—12:00 pm

All children entering Pre K4—4th
grade in the Fall of 2025.

Volunteer are needed!!

Registration opened March 17th for
participants and volunteers!





THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH DEACON LARRY BRECHT

They were ordinary fisherman, but empowered by the Holy Spirit they obeyed Christ's command to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations!"

The 3rd installment of the Bible Symposium at St. Mary's.

Thursday Evenings

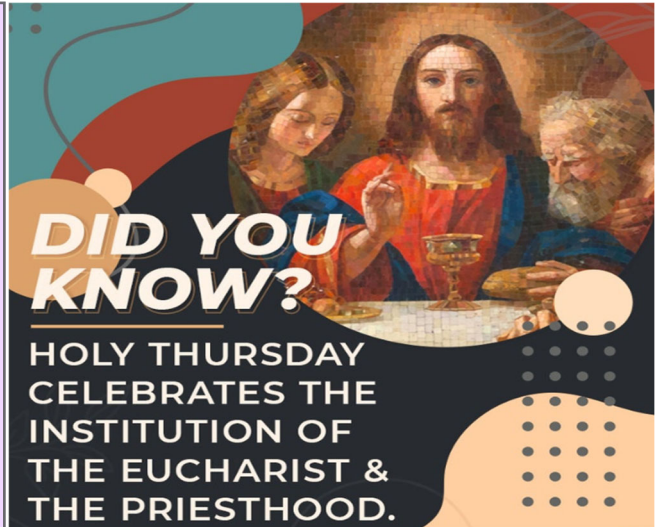
May 1st, 8th, and 15th

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Chapel

Sessions are FREE, and no registration is needed!

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 your 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

PREP Registration is open at:
www.smachurch.com/youth

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



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

www.smachurch.com/svdpeaster



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>.



SHERIDAN FORD AND NISSAN

IS PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE PREMIER DEALERSHIPS IN THE AREA.

From the moment you walk into our Showroom, you'll know our commitment to Customer Service is second to none. We strive to make your experience with Sheridan a good one — for the life of your vehicle!

Whether you need to **Purchase, Finance, or Service a New or Pre-Owned Nissan**, you've come to the right place.

Call today

for your **No-Obligation Internet Price Quote**
from our **Internet Department**.

**SHERIDAN
FORD**

302.999.0269

4001 Kirkwood Hwy. • Willimington, DE

www.sheridanautosales.dealerconnection.com



SHERIDAN



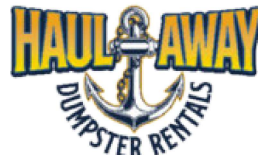
**SHERIDAN
NISSAN**

302.326.6100

Route 13 & 273 New Castle, DE

www.sheridannissan.com

HENDRIXSON'S



We Haul Away:

Clutter ~ Yard Waste
Bulk Materials & More

302-217-6007

HaulAwayDumpsterRental.com

SERENITY MONUMENTS

Cemetery Monuments & Engraving

302-598-4187

206 Winterthur Lane, Newark, DE 19711

www.serenitymonuments.net

serenitymonuments@gmail.com



Patrick F. Sweeney III, DMD

302-658-7200

Fax: 302-658-7500

1700 N. Rodney Street, 1st Fl.

Wilmington, DE 19806

www.healthysmilesofdelaware.com



Complete Exterior Remodeling Services

Family Owned
Since 1989
Financing Available

**Mention this Ad
for 20% OFF Any
Roofing Project**



CALL (302) 337-5649 • www.Roofers.org

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert! STARTING AT

\$19⁹⁵

/mo.

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire
✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! 800.809.3570 md-medalert.com



CHANDLER FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY



Hockessin | Wilmington | 302-478-7100



**VICTOR L. GREGORY, JR.
DMD, MAGD
Parishioner**

**FAMILY & COSMETIC
DENTISTRY**

New Patients Welcomed

302-239-1827

5301 Limestone Rd., Suite 211, Wilmington, DE

www.victorgregorydmd.com

**SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS!**

WE'RE HIRING!

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

**BE YOURSELF.
BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.**

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community



Contact us at
careers@4lpi.com or
www.4lpi.com/careers

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME
Monica Sankey**

**msankey@4LPi.com
or (800) 888-4574 x3101**

**DOES YOUR NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION NEED
A NEWSLETTER?**

Engaging, ad-supported
print and digital newsletters
to reach your community.

Visit lpicomunities.com

**OUR COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER**
OCTOBER EDITION



Scan to
contact us!

**MacElree
Harvey**

WILLS TRUSTS ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

Trust experience.

DANIEL T. CROSSLAND CAROLINA R. HEINLE JOHN C. CRONIN



Voted "Best Law Firms" 2025 by Best Lawyers®

macelree.com | 302-239-3700

offices in Hockessin, Centreville, West Chester & Kennett Square



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Mary of the Assumption, Hockessin, DE 03-4128

In your Charity, please
consider a donation to
The Little Sisters of the Poor
Jeanne Jugan Residence
185 Salem Church Road
Newark, Delaware 19713
Sponsored by a friend.



Attention: IT Professionals

Have you worked as a 'full-time' employee most of your career, but wondered what 'IT Independent Contracting' would be like? The benefits are fulfilling and worth exploring! That's why PCSx was formed. We are here to ease the way to ignite your independence from full time to IT contracting by providing all the backoffice support necessary to take the leap into the IT Consulting world.
Learn more at igniteYI.com • Email: admin@igniteYI.com



*Dedicated to
Integrity,
Honesty,
and Fairness*

Family Owned & Operated Since 1912

703 North Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19805 | (302) 652-5913
2509 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808 | (302) 654-3005
www.mealeyfuneralhomes.com

Simply Clean by Ana, LLC

Home & Office Cleaning - Hockessin DE
(757) 535-1996

Ana & Donald Finch, Parishioners • Fully Insured & Bonded

WWW.SIMPLYCLEANBYANA.COM



302-654-0224

davey.com



**Tree, Shrub
and Lawn
Professionals.**

**Homewatch
CareGivers®**

*Let our family care
for yours.™*

Jim & Paulette Nacchia
Parishioners

www.homewatchcaregivers.com

302-442-4260

catholicmatch®

Delaware



CatholicMatch.com/DE

Licensed • Bonded • Insured



(302) 326-1700

Serving DE, PA & MD
Industrial - Commercial
Residential

"Installing Tomorrows
Technologies Today"



Lisa Norman-Jones

REALTOR/PARISHIONER

610.806.2209

lnormanjones@mkgre.com



**McKee | Kubasko
GROUP**
PREMIER REAL ESTATE SPECIALISTS™

3711 Kennett Pike, Suite 220, Greenville, DE
302-351-5000

lisanormanjones.mkgre.com

PENN GREEN STORAGE

"For All Your Storage Needs"

Including Boats & RVs • Units from \$24.99 per month

Penn Green Road & Rt. 41, Avondale, PA

Call 239-4624

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

833-287-3502



**SUPPORT
OUR PARISH**

**DOHERTY
FUNERAL HOMES**
WILMINGTON • PIKE CREEK
&
CREMATION SERVICES



Wilmington

1900 Delaware Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

302-652-6811

Pike Creek

3200 Limestone Road
Wilmington, DE 19808

302-999-8277



William Banks



BANKERS LIFE®

Financial Representative, Bankers Life Securities, Inc.
No Consultation Fee
Bankers Life and Casualty Company

Wilmington, DE 19807
(302) 415-1226 • william.banks@bankerslife.com

**Place Your Ad Here and
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator

**NEVER MISS
OUR BULLETIN!**

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed
to you every week.



Visit www.parishesonline.com

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Mary of the Assumption, Hockessin, DE

03-4128