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Open on Friday from 9:30AM – 11:30AM
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Baptism – Bautismos

Marriage – Matrimonios

Anointing of the Sick – Unción de los Enfermos

Arrange by Calling the Parish Office
Haga arreglos llamando a la Oficina Parroquial

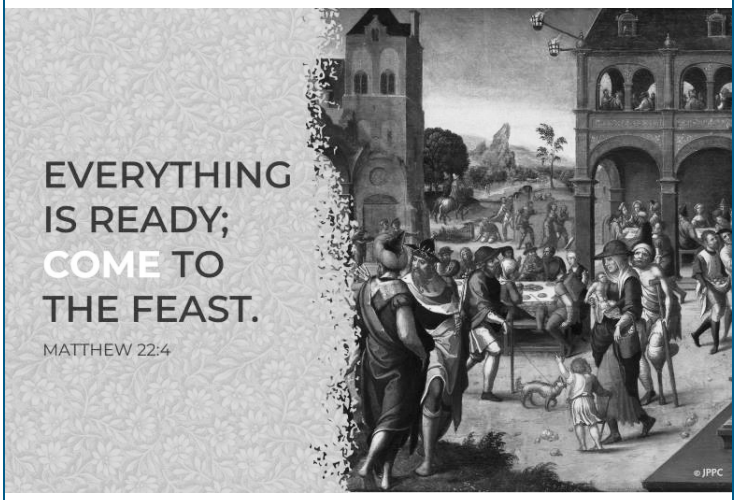
Rev. David F. Murphy, Pastor

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5PM Mass, 7:30PM Spanish Mass
Sunday Masses: 9:30AM, Noon

First Fridays of the month is held in the Chapel beginning after **8:30AM with prayers and rosary.**
Confessions: Every Saturday at 4PM. Bilingual on Thursday at 6PM in the Church



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In the first reading and Gospel this Sunday, the image and symbol of the meal and banquet are used to let us know how generous God is. The first reading tells us that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich wine and food. The Lord will remove the veil of sadness and all people will be invited to this celebration. In the gospel, Jesus continues this message. The table is set and the food is ready. However, those invited gave various excuses why they could not go to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. They were the ones who enjoyed the food and wine.

Jesus calls us by our name and invites us to come to the feast. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation. We are all invited personally to the table of the Lord. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is the host and we are His guests. We come as we are, not how we would like to be. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. It is God's gift to us and no one is to be excluded.

As Pope Francis reminded us, *"the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak…the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems."*

Marriage Moments: What does it mean to be a good spouse? Certainly it includes sharing life's task and supporting each other. Talk about what it would feel like to live alone. Name one thing you especially like being married?

Parenting Pointers: Ask each person in your family what they are most thankful for today. Maybe make it part of your prayer before dinner.

HAVING YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED?

There is an online Baptism PREP class required for parents and godparents if you have not taken a class within the last two years. Just visit the "Ascension Press" website ascensionpress.com and look for the Belonging-Certification Course. The cost for the class is $14.95. Once you have taken the class, we can get you on our baptism calendar.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus' parable speaks of people who are invited to a wedding banquet but choose not to attend. What a squandered opportunity – to be invited but to decline! Is God inviting your to serve His people as priest, deacon or religious man or woman? If you think so, please call or write Father John Solomon, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org

Married Couples: "Live your Best Life" in Fall 2026: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next Delaware Marriage Encounter Weekend will be November 6th – 8th at Rehoboth Beach. For more information visit: https://wwme-delmar.org/apply/Weekend.php

Registration is now open and Sponsorship Opportunities are available for the **Igniting Hope 5K on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at St. Mark's High School.**

This fantastic family event is back this year to support the ongoing work of Catholic Charities! All proceeds benefit the clients served by CCWilm. Catholic Charities offers food assistance, housing stability, counseling, financial education and other essential services that provide a path toward self-sufficiency.

Participants can sign up as an individual or form a team and are asked to bring a non-perishable food donation to bolster the Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

Registration cost includes complimentary snacks, water, pizza and beer for those 21+, face painting and games and giveaways for non-participant attendees are also available!

Together we can spark miracles! Help us honor the Bishop's call for all to serve and make a plan to join us for this great event again this year!

More information can be found on: https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/IgnitingHope

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #11469

Are you interested in Becoming a Knight of Columbus? Catholic Men who are interested in serving our parish, helping those in need and strengthening our Catholic faith are invited to learn more about the **Knights of Columbus.** For more information, please contact, Keith Dill, olfkofc11469@gmail.com or 302-824-5876

Birthright Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser!! Throughout the month of October we celebrate **"Respect Life."** Birthright of Delaware hosts its Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser. The weekends in October, baby bottles can be picked up after all the Masses. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. On behalf of our mothers, birthright staff and volunteers, we Graciously Thank You! Director T. Brown

Immaculate Conception Church Annual Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 14 – 8:30AM to 4:00PM at the School Building (452 Bow Street, Elkton, MD). 58 crafters and vendors, raffles including $1,000 cash raffles, pictures and visits with Santa, food and baked goods. For more information, email icc.bazaar.chair@gmail.com

Pray for the Sick:

Frances Grecco, Eugene Smallwood, Donald Yanick, Carmelita Kutch, Leslie Hampton, Anna Brown, Matthew Gray, Donna and Bill Thomas, Rev. Robert Hoban, Hayden Godwin, Pat Donohue, William Hoops, Tony Ne Castro, Silva Lopez, Robert Evanousky, Mary Harrison, Scott Baker, Tyler Messinger, Ben Saffer, Joe Ellis, Margaret Earl, Fred Hagerty, Helena Miller, Tommy Martone, Samuel Watts, Frank Yarusso, Betsy Tong, Tony Arcaro, Christopher White, Maureen Monaghan, Darlene Bargelski, Donna Hagen, Dr. Marion Payan, Kansas Collins, Rose Santos, Kay Jarman-McElwee, Gina Coburn, Angeline DiRienzo, MeghanWard, Linda Murphy, Mark Davis, Debbie Ferraro, Tommy Marino, Joshua Waltz, Rhonda Mullins, Barbara Quin, Lily Marie, Michael Lewis , Charles Rossi, Carolyn Trush, Lael Hevi, Debbie Allen, Jamison Waltz, Frank Lombardo, Jr, Christian Aument, Eileen Cutron ,Debbie Allen, Anthony Spinella, Lou Velez, Betty Anne Burris, Jordan Alexander, Helen McDonnell, Andrea Emilia Bernabe, Judy DiMeglio, Slayden Ferandes ,Chrissie LaFashia , Connor, Aaron Cuppingood., Mike Maguire, Paul Bisignani, Matt Dennison, Joseph Haslam, Prashanth Manilla, Angel Antonio, Louise Fiori, Barbara Day, Baby Knox, Robert Berry, Zyaire, Marjorie Redman, Jamie Murphy ,Judith Redman, Kathy Olsen and Linda Taggart.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, October 12
8:30AM Intentions of
Michelle DelRosario

Tuesday, October 13
8:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Garlick

Wednesday, October 14
No Mass

Thursday, October 15
8:30AM Anita DiSimplico (Stelly Family)

Friday, October 16
8:30AM Yvette Demers

Saturday, October 17
5:00PM Jackie Montgomery (Tom)
7:30PM Spanish Intention

Sunday, October 18
9:30AM Donna Marie DeLillio (Anthony & Vinnie DeLillio)
12:00PM Harry D. Walker

The Candle burning over the tabernacle is in Thanksgiving of the 45th Wedding Anniversary for Tony and Madeline Romano. And the Wedding Anniversary for Len and Margaret Earl, though Len is no longer with us, your love and memories remain with you forever.

Footprints Mass - October 18, 2026

The Diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life sponsors an annual Mass of remembrance and healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss called the *Footprints Mass*.

On Sunday, October 18th, the Office for Marriage and Family Life will be hosting the Annual Footprints Mass at St. John the Beloved Church at 9:30am.
This year, we are blessed to have Bishop Koenig as our celebrant.
Any questions, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life - OMFL@cdow.org.

Throughout the United States, October 15th has been designated as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. It is a day when grieving parents come together and are surrounded by family and friends' loving support to remember their little one. It is a time when our parish communities can pray for the families and the children lost. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children because of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years.

Called to Serve: In the papal document called *Immensae Caritatis* (1973), Pope Paul VI, wrote "from the very way in which the celebration (of the Mass) is organized, the Church should be seen to consist of different orders and ministries." This tells us that we need to hear the voice of God calling us to serve in many different ways during the celebration of Mass.

- We are in need of many to assist with the **distribution of Holy Communion** both during Mass and in our parish ministry to the nursing home and to the home bound.
- Others could see themselves called to serve as **Ushers**, who are Ministers of Hospitality.
- We need both children/youth and adults to consider serving as **Altar Servers.**
- Those who are gifted to speak and comfortable with public speaking should consider becoming **Lectors.**

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