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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil • 5:00PM

Sunday • 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 6:30PM

Daily Mass • (Mon. – Fri.) 12:30PM

Adoration • Tues. 5:00PM

Confession • Tues. 5:30PM -6:30PM

Benediction • Tues. 6:30PM

Oratory Office Hours

Monday-Friday • 10:00AM – 2:00PM



"Repent and believe in the Gospel."

- Mark 1:15



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20

5:00PM Joseph Miller

Sunday, February 21

9:30AM †Mary Sestak

11:30AM †Betty & Thomas
Bergendaghl

6:30PM †William Sharp

Monday, February 22

12:30PM †Joan Rees

Tuesday, February 23

12:30PM Marieliz Pendang

Wednesday, February 24

12:30PM †Joe DiSilvestro

Thursday, February 25

12:30PM †John Flynn

Friday, February 26

12:30PM Joseph Miller

Saturday, February 27

5:00PM †Margarita Rodriquez

Sunday, February 28

9:30AM †Alberto Fresco

11:30AM †Gene McKenna

6:30PM Anthony Squitieri

Readings

This Sunday

Gn 9:8-15

Ps 25:4-9

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Next Sunday

Gn 22:1-2, 9a,10-13, 15-18

Ps 116:10, 15-19

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Greetings from Fr. Tim



My Brothers and Sisters Who Are
Saint Thomas More Oratory:

In our Catholic Tradition, the three traditional practices of Lent have been prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As most of us know, but it never hurts to be reminded, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday we fast and abstain from meat, while on Fridays during Lent we simply abstain from meat. Many of us may choose to fast throughout the Season of Lent from chocolate, alcohol, and desserts or cut back on things that we find pleasurable such as the amount of television we watch, or time spent on social media. However, as I wrote in last week's bulletin, sometimes the most important things that we can give up or fast from partaking in are our bad habits, and poor attitudes and dispositions.

Most people that I know desire to help make the world a better place in which to live. Now, we might not be able to change the world, but we can make the world in which we live a better place through our abstaining from bad habits and fasting from displaying poor attitudes and negative dispositions, as Pope Francis reminds us.

He writes:

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

We might not be able to affect world peace or resolve the political and social divisiveness rampant throughout our nation, but we can bring peace and harmony to the world in which we live if we take Pope Francis' advice to heart and fast from all those things that create tension, conflict, and division within our families, in our workplaces, classrooms, and neighborhoods.

Let us remain bonded together in prayer and strive this week to live as Jesus would have us!

Fr. Tim

Mark your Calendars!

Weekly Rosary (via Zoom)

Monday, February 22nd, 7:30PM

Weekly Adult Bible Study (via Zoom)

Wednesday, February 24th,
11:00AM - 12:00PM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent

February 26th

March 12th, 19th and 26th

3:00PM and 7:00PM

March 5th

7:00PM

Saint Joseph Prayer Cenacle

Fridays of Lent

5:30PM - 6:30PM

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5th

Mass, 9:30AM

Adoration following Mass

Benediction, 5:00PM

Student Activities

Catholic Leadership And Salesian Spirituality - (CLASS) (via Zoom)

Monday, February 22nd, 8:30PM

UD Student Instagram Takeover

Tuesday, February 23th

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Wednesday, February 24th, 7:30PM

Walking with Purpose (via Zoom)

Thursday, February 25th, 7:30PM

Virtual Pasta Dinner (via Zoom)

Friday, February 26th, 6:00PM

Diocese of Wilmington News

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat

The Diocese of Wilmington is hosting a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat May 14-17, 2021. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For additional information contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 or visit rachelvineyard.org.

Wisdom from Saint John Chrysostom: On Prayer



Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call him to mind...

Offertory

Thank You for Annual Appeal Support

On behalf of Bishop Malooly and the nearly three dozen ministries within the Diocese of Wilmington financially supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity during this economically challenging year. The Oratory made our re-adjusted goal:

Original Goal: \$60,000
Re-Adjusted Goal: \$50,100
Amount Pledged: \$54,440
Amount Collected: \$54,340

Because we did not meet our Original Goal, we will not receive a rebate, but the Good News is that overall, the Amount Pledged throughout the Diocese was \$4,298,661.61, and the Amount Collected was \$4,276,151.84 against an Adjusted Goal of \$4,067,287, which means that the Diocese will continue to operate ministries whose purpose is to carry out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Again, Thank You!