

Our Lady of Fatima
801 North DuPont Highway, Wilmington Manor
New Castle, Delaware 19720
(302) 328-3431

Mass Schedule:

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

December 3, 2023

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Hours: 9AM – 1PM

Partnered Outreach Office/Asbury Methodist Church: Food Closet Needs

Open on Friday from 9:30AM – 11:30AM

Located across from Penn Mart Shopping Cntr.,
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302-322-1525

Hall Rental Information: 302-328-3431



Rev. David F. Murphy, Administrator
Mr. Eliezer Soto, Permanent Deacon,

1st Sunday of Advent

Parish Policy/Parroquia Depolitica

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements for Marriage must be made at least one-year prior to the intended wedding per the policy of the Diocese of Wilmington. The Bride and Groom must have an interview with the parish priest before any date is set. Call the Rectory for an appointment.

el Matrimonio deben hacerse por lo menos un año antes de la boda prevista de acuerdo con la política de la Diócesis de Wilmington. La novia y el novio deben tener una entrevista con el Diácono antes de preparar cualquier fecha. Llame a la Oficina de Liturgia para una cita o para obtener más información sobre el Sacramento del Matrimonio.

Convalidación Preparación: ¿Usted está casado, pero no en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Es su deseo de casarse en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Tienes tiempo para recibir la Eucaristía? Nuestra Señora de Fátima parroquia le está ofreciendo la oportunidad de hacer su deseo realidad. Si desea más información por favor llame a Deacono Soto. Toda la información se mantiene confidencial.

Quince Años Si usted está planeando una celebración años del membrillo, la formación comienza en el año 13 de su candidata. Por favor llame a la oficina de la liturgia para obtener información sobre cómo registrarse para la formación o programar su celebración.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism are to be made at the Rectory Office. The Baptismal Formation Program is required for all parents who wish to have their children baptized. You may download our brochure on the website at www.olfnewcastle.com link and hit the Parish Information link.

BAUTISMOS: Los arreglos para el Sacramento del Bautismo son de hecho a través de la Oficina de Liturgia. Se requiere que el Programa de Formación de bautismo para todos los padres que desean que sus hijos sean bautizados. Nuestra clase de bautismo en español se celebra el primer sábado de cada mes de 5-7 PM. Bautismos en español se celebran el Sábado 2 de cada mes a la 1 PM.

VISITS TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is sick and would like a visit at home or in the hospital, please call our main office at 302-328-3431.

First Fridays of the month is held in the Chapel beginning after **8:30AM with prayers and rosary.**

Confessions: Every Saturday at 4PM before the 5PM Mass. Bilingual on Thursday at 6PM in the Chapel



December 3, 2023
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We begin our beautiful season of Advent as we continue to open our hearts and minds to the Coming of the Lord. He is always calls us to Himself – to be renewed in our faith, hope, and love. Please keep the true spirit of Advent. It (Christmas) is not as the commercial world tells you. We are preparing spiritually for the Coming of the Savior. We encourage you in your own home to keep the Advent Spirit with an Advent Wreath, Jesus Tree, etc.

During Advent, we are called to focus on our relationship with God. We are called in particular, to repent our sins and receive God’s forgiveness. That way, we can be ready when Jesus comes. While Jesus is away (like the traveling man in the Gospel), what are we doing with what He has given us? Are we working diligently to fulfill what He asks us to do? Or are we sleeping and, therefore, not paying attention to God’s will? We cannot know when Jesus will return but we can ensure that when He comes, His house will not be in shambles. We should prepare our hearts by turning from sin and turning to God this Advent.



Marriage Moments: Each day, try to notice one act of helpfulness or kindness that your beloved does. Don’t take each other for granted.

Parenting Pointers: During this Advent, each day watch your child and note one kind, joyful or positive action.

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 \$9.95. Once you have taken the class, we can get you on our baptism calendar.

This week we celebrate the **Immaculate Conception of Mary**, our national patroness for the United States. We rejoice that God prepared Mary to receive in her womb and bring forth to our World the Son of God made man, the Christ. He made her worthy to be the Mother of His Son by preserving her from all sin from the first moment of her conception of existence. We pray in a special way for all our fellow citizens, that we recognize America’s need to live by God’s laws. **Mass will be held on Friday, December 8th at 8:30AM, 5:00PM and 7:30PM (Spanish).**



“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or religious life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. If you think God is calling you, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org)

Today’s Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious – Support a Lifetime of Service

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.





The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!!

Spending time now thinking through and creating a schedule that will help to implement this year's Advent/Christmastime preparations and seasonal activities. Just like home, we even need someone to go to the attic to bring down the decorations! What a gift, what a joy you share and what fulfillment you receive knowing that you had a special part of bringing the seasons to life as we welcome our family members, college students and former parishioners "home for the holy days. Too early you think?

This year *we have a situation – a short Advent season.*



This year the 4th Sunday of Advent IS Christmas Eve. The church must be entirely prepared to celebrate Christmas Masses when we come to Mass this weekend of December 23/24 – the 4th Sunday of Advent.



There is a brief window to straighten and brush up before we return to celebrate the Christmas Masses when doors reopen. If you would like to help with the church

decorations *to deck these halls with boughs of holly*, please contact the Rectory Office at 302-328-3431 or email at fatimachurch@aol.com

Our Lady of Fatima

***Welcomes you this Christmas Season to join us as a Catholic Community of Faith
Come Home for Christmas***

Celebrate the Birth of Christ this Christmas Season with family, friends, new parish family members, those returning home from college, those we welcome home from the military, those together for their 1st Christmas as a couple, and especially those celebrating the birth of a newborn child.



December 24th- 4th Sunday of Advent – 9:30AM Only

December 24th – Christmas Eve Mass – 5:00PM and 7:30PM (Spanish)

December 25th – Christmas Day Mass – 9:30AM and 11:00AM

A **Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat**: will be held the weekend of April 19-21, 2024. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion.

Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by April 5



Pray for the Sick:



Frances Grecco, Eugene Smallwood, Donald Yanick, Carmelita Kutch, Leslie Hampton, Anna Brown, Matthew Gray, Richard Woerner, Joseph Martino, 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, Mary Beth Querey, Rose Santos, Kay Jarman-McElwee, Gina Coburn, Angeline DiRienzo, Meghan Ward, Linda Murphy, Raul and Juniata Lopez, Mark Davis, Amy Hamm, Debbie Ferraro, Tommy Marino, Joshua Waltz, Rhonda Mullins, Barbara Quin, Lily Marie, Michael Lewis, Charles Rossi, Eleanor Davidson, Carolyn Trush, Cecil (Ed) Ellis, Lael Hevi, Debbie Allen, Pat Kerrigan, Jamison Waltz, Joseph Keenan, Jr., Theresa Waltz, Shawn Zink, Frank Lombardo, Jr, Christian Aument, Eileen Cutron and Debbie Alle

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, December 4

8:30AM Carl Koekkoek (wife, Dorothy)

Tuesday, December 5

8:30AM Clara McNichol (Ellis Family)

Wednesday, December 6

No Mass

Thursday, December 7

8:30AM Mary Ekert

Friday, December 8

8:30AM Loretta Messick

5:00 PM Thomas Cuane, Sr. (Family)

7:30PM Spanish Intention

Saturday, December 9

5:00PM People of the Parish

7:30PM Spanish Intentions

Sunday, December 10

9:30AM Nick DiGirolamo (Family)

Noon Marigold Pascual and Cesar Pascual (Joylyn Pascual)

The Candle burning over the the tabernacle is in Memory of the Thomas & Audrey Cullen



Santa....Not Sure What to Bring This Year??

Gift cards make great gifts for those “hard to buy for” people on your Christmas list. Make them happy with a SCRIP card. SCRIP cards are great store gift cards that you can purchase right here at *Our Lady of Fatima*. Just place your order with the order form inserted in this weekend’s bulletin. **Orders must be placed by Friday, December 15th to ensure arrival**

before Christmas. We Thank You for Your Support Throughout the Year and Wish you a Blessed Holiday Season.

Advent Giving Tree: For more than 45 years, Our Lady of Fatma has sponsored a **Christmas Giving Tree** filled with ornaments with names of children and each year many, many gifts are collected and distributed. Each tag on the tree represents a child that you will buy a toy, pjs and clothes for this Christmas. You can help by taking an ornament and purchase the gifts or you can help by joining the *Giving Tree Volunteer Team*, collecting gifts and/or delivering the gifts. If you take an ornament, please make every effort to return your gifts by **December 10th** so that the volunteers have time to organize all packages. **If you can assist the Giving Tree Volunteer Team or if you have questions, please call the Rectory at 302-328-3431 or email at fatimachurch@aol.com**



Christmas Flowers and Decorations: A special envelope to make donations to the collection for Flowers for Christmas is included in the offertory packet mailed to you. Additional envelopes are available at the exits of church. We appreciate your sacrifice to help us provide suitable decorations at Christmastime.

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, December 9th, Michael Foley, author of the international bestseller, “*Drinking with the Saints*,” will talk about his book, “*Why We Kiss Under the Mistletoe: Christmas Traditions Explained*,” plus we will chat with Sister Ann David Strohming about the 800th anniversary of St. Francis establishing the tradition of the Christmas Creche. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum or by searching “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DioceesofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceesofWilm)

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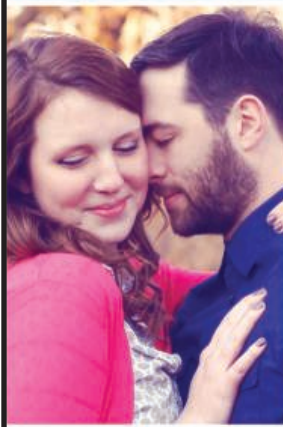
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