



CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of the Holy Child Parish is a growing, diverse, welcoming Roman Catholic community serving Northern New Castle County and the surrounding area. As a Catholic community we daily embrace and strive to know, love and serve God as we grow in our relationship to Jesus. Our experience of prayer, worship, the sacraments and faith formation call us to acts of service and to address the needs of our brothers and sisters.

JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Kathryn Kahn
Jim Kossek

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 a.m. Bonnie Ritchie
George & Mary Fallat

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Frank Drill
Patricia Drill

Thursday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Randy Ochonicki
Nancy & Mike Truono

Saturday, January 29

4:00 p.m. Frank Bicchetti
Florence Bicchetti

Sunday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Jack Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Owsiany

THIS WEEK

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Sock Collection
11:00 a.m. Special Needs RE
12:30 p.m. Baptism

Monday:

4:45 p.m. Religious Education –virtual
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Orientation Mtg

Tuesday:

9:45 a.m. St Vincent DePaul Society (Spiritual
Mtg) -virtual
4:45 p.m. Religious Education-virtual

Wednesday:

9:45 a.m. In Viam Ad Caelum Faith Sharing ZOOM

Thursday:

10:00 a.m. Synod Mtg for Religious

Friday:

Saturday:

STEWARDSHIP

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Thank you for your continued generosity!!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love you provide
ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call
to serve the Church of Wilmington
as priests, deacons and consecrated religious.
Inspire in them a generous response.
Grant them courage
and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service call your
people to respond to the presence
of your Spirit among us
that, faithful to the Gospel and
hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:
announce glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free
and renew the face of the earth.
Amen!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for the sick and homebound: *Gerri Collom, Hector Colon, Tim Corcoran, Francis Cunniffe, Natasha Evans, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Craig Harris, Michael Keller, Ginny Lewis, Karen C. Luistro, Francine Passerini, Ed Romford, Bill Spratt, Christine Stublely, Gordon Taylor, Joe Theranger, Bea Wallace.*

If you know someone who should be added to our list, please call the Parish Office (302) 475-6486 ext. 110. Prayer requests will remain on this list for one month.

WE PRAY

For members of our armed service who have recently been deployed:

PO1 Colleen Fitzgerald – U.S. Navy
Major Jigar Patel MD – U.S. Army
Seaman Ian Nuhfer - U.S. Coast Guard
AWO2 Anthony Campolongo—U.S. Navy

As they continue to work for peace in our world, we remember them and their families with our prayerful support. Do you have a loved one or friend who has been deployed? Contact Margie Fiorella (302-475-6486 ext. 122 or mfiorella@chcparish.org) so we may include them in our list and prayers.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN APPOINTED TIME

“There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3

“A time to be born”

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome the following members to our Parish family:

Mia Ka-Yee Luu
Daughter of Man Luu & Loan Pham

2021 TAX STATEMENTS

The tax statements were sent to parishioners who have given \$250 or more in the weekly collection during the 2021 year, using your offertory envelopes. If you gave less than this and would like a statement, please contact Johanna Jones our parish secretary (302-475-6486 ext 110 or jjones@chcparish.org) **no later than 1/25/2022**. Those parishioners who give through our **FaithDirect**, our e-giving, will be sent a tax statement directly from **FaithDirect**. Or you may download it from your **FaithDirect** account.

EMAIL / ADDRESS

From time to time we send out an **email blast** to inform you of upcoming events or changes. Are you receiving them? If not, check your spam/junk mail. Do we have your correct email address? If you are uncertain, please contact Johanna Jones, parish secretary (302-475-6486 ext 110 or jjones@chcparish.org) to verify that we have your correct email address.

The same is also true with your home address. With recent mailing we have discovered many families have moved. Please notify us of any change. This allows us to keep our records up to date.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

With the continuing surge of COVID cases we have returned to some of our safety procedures and practices for everyone's safety and comfort.

Face masks are required for all attending any mass (ages 5 and older), regardless of your vaccination status.

Also, face masks are required when visiting our parish offices.

All meetings and programs will be virtual until at least mid-February.

We have returned to using every other pew for seating. Keeping some distance between families.

Also, the section behind the organ has marked seating spaced out for those who wish more space between folks.

Please remember our hand sanitizers are available in each portico for your use.

We have installed air purifiers along the back wall of the church. In so doing, standing along the wall is not permitted since it impedes the proper functioning of the air purifiers.

We also continue to sanitize the entire church after each with our sainting equipment and chemicals.

I again remind you, if you are not feeling 100% - **STAY** home, until you feel better. Or if you fall ill once you have arrived for mass, please leave and go home to rest. We will certainly miss you. However, this is the **BEST** practice for your safety and others.

We continue to live-stream ALL of our masses for your convenience. If you aren't able to join in person, join us through live-stream and stay connected to your parish family.

Let us continue to seek the Blessed Mother's intercession to bring this pandemic to an end.



Masses will always be held as scheduled. With live-stream you may join us at any time. Any closure of our offices or cancelation of programs and meetings will be placed on the home page of our website. Also, email blasts will be sent (so check your emails). Stay safe.

PARENTING POINTERS

If you are blessed to have children, no matter how aggravating they may be at times, remember those who have lost a child through miscarriage or abortion. Pray for couples trying to conceive. Fertility is a daunting responsibility. If you know someone who has had an abortion, do they know about Project Rachel?

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Because we are humans, we have eyes, ears, hands, feet, and many other body parts. Ideally, they all work together. Is there any part of your body that sometimes gives you trouble? How might your beloved aid or comfort you? Ask.

RETRouvaille

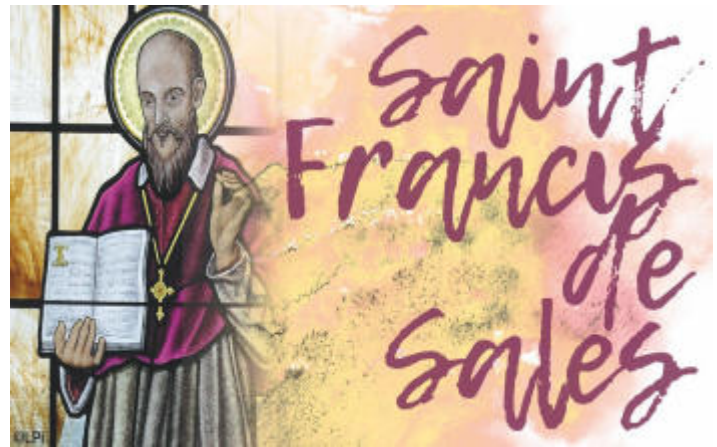
Rediscover the love in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **February 11-13, 2022**, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to *Catholic Forum* each week. Next Saturday, January 29th, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week when Mr. Tom Fertal, president of St. Mark's High School, is the guest. 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. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It's that time of year, when the Girl Scouts begin their yearly ritual of offering us their "cookies." You don't have to go far to purchase your cookies. Members of Troop 5006 will be here on Saturday **February 5 at 4:00 p.m.** and Sunday **February 6th at 11 a.m.** with this years delicious cookies. Thank you in advance for supporting the Girls Scouts.



Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

St. Francis deSales is the patron saint of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Feast day: January 24th.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Prior to the Second Vatican Council the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was called "Extreme Unction" (last Anointing) and was reserved for those in danger of or near death. In the Catholic Church today, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated for all those who are sick or infirmed, including the elderly and those in need of healing (physically, emotionally or spiritually).

The sacrament is ministered by a priest and includes the invocation of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and anointing on the forehead and hands with the Oil of the Sick. The Oil of the Sick, along with the Oil of the Catechumens and Sacred Chrism, are blessed and consecrated each year by the Bishop during Holy Week at the Chrism Mass.

Anyone who is dangerously ill due to sickness, injury or old age may be anointed. The sacrament is for serious mental or emotional illness as well. The rite states clearly that a person should be anointed at the beginning of illness, or before surgery whenever a serious condition is the reason for the surgery. The anointing may be repeated if the same illness or condition becomes more serious. Often a family may wait until an individual is in their final moments to request the Anointing of the Sick. It is truly best to make arrangements to celebrate the sacrament while the person is living, as the sacraments are encounters between a living person and God. If you would like to celebrate the sacrament contact Sr. Ann Hughes 302-475-6486 ext 120.



WHO CAN OFFER ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

Question: Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

Answer: The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

From time to time, people look for different ways to remember a loved one who has died (instead of flowers) or a special day (wedding anniversary, birthday, or just to say "thank you"). A gift to our St. Vincent dePaul Society in memory of a loved one or on that special occasion is a wonderful way of honoring that individual and aiding in the society's ministry in serving the poor. Memorial gifts or gifts to honor a special occasion may be made at the Parish Office. A card will be given for you to give or send to the family or individual.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need a prayer? Email your prayer requests to Michelle Lapihuska at lapihuska@comcast.net. Parishioners are always welcome to join in prayer for others. If you would like to join the prayer chain email Michelle.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Due to the continued surge of COVID positive cases and for everyone's safety, our Religious Education has gone to virtual. Hopefully, we will resume in person once the surge comes to an end.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING

Our Confirmation Orientation Meeting will be held on Monday January 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., in the Church (use portico 2 to enter). Any 8th grade students not in our Religious Education Program attending a private or catholic school interested in joining the preparation program, should contact our Religious Education Office (302-475-6486, ext. 122) to register.

THANK YOU!!

We take this opportunity to "thank" our Religious Education families for their generosity in providing the many items given in our Christmas Baskets to our shut-ins. May God continue to bless you for bring joy to the lives of our parish's shut-ins.

PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

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S B C H O S E N V E
U P A T R H A R T I
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MISSION

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

GOD'S WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10.

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

Believing the Word of God.

We are the Body of Christ (Corinthians) assembling as the graced community of believers (Nehemiah) each week to give thanks and praise, to share in Communion, and then sent to serve. We are part of the great Communion of Saints to whom is handed down the living Word of God – both the Scriptures and the Tradition as well as the very person of Christ who is the spoken Word of God (Luke). During the first Mass in a brand-new church building, the bishop shows the *Lectionary* to the assembly and says: "May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church." The word of God is central to faith.

How will I set aside a few minutes each day to read/
reread Scripture?
What is a good time?

How will I look for the unfolding mystery of Christ
in little and big ways today?

How will I be "good news" this week
by what I say and do?



DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 4:21-30

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekdays (Monday—Thursday).....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Vigil (Saturday).....4:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held at 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements at least **one** year in advance of desired date. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish family. To register, Parish Census forms are located in each portico, on our website or you may call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submissions

Information for the bulletin must be in to the Parish Office **15 days** prior to the publication date. Submission does not guarantee publication.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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