

July 26, 2026
17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday July. 25 - 5:00pm

† Anna Eddis &
Frances Dalessio

Sunday July. 26 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People
Monday July. 27 - 8:30am

† Margaret Townsend
Tuesday July. 28 - 8:30am

† Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Friday July. 31 - 8:30am

† Matthew Tyler Snook
Saturday Aug. 1 - 5:00pm

† Helen Dudlek
Sunday Aug. 2 - 9:00am

† Donny Janiszewski

Sanctuary Candle
Babe, Harry Frank McNulty

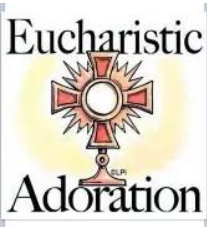
From the Pastor

It was a surprise for me when Bishop Koenig contacted me last Thursday to tell me that he was coming to our Parish to have Mass on Sunday. He said he enjoyed having Mass for us and would like to come back again.

Fr. Dave

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
Every Thursday Evening at 7PM

Come and spend an hour with the Lord! Each Thursday evening, our parish invites you to step away from the noise of the world and draw near to the One who waits for you — Jesus Christ - truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Most Holy Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. Our Holy Hour will include time for silent prayer and personal reflection and will conclude with Benediction. Whether you are carrying a heavy burden, seeking peace, or simply longing to sit with the Lord, this hour is for you. God loves you and wants to spend time with you — and the more you come, the more you begin to see the gift we have in Eucharistic Adoration!



Catholic Men of Delmarva (CMD) will have its inaugural conference on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Saint Mark's High School in Wilmington. Titled Authentic Masculinity: A Call to Catholic Men, the conference will feature presentations from noted speakers, Mass with Bishop Koenig, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, refreshments, catered lunch, displays and more. Visit DelmarvaCatholic.org for more information and to register.

Dear Padre July 26, 2026

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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