

August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday Aug. 15 - 5:00pm

♦ Mass for the People

Sunday Aug. 16 - 9:00am

† James Rodek Jr.

Monday Aug. 17 - 8:30am

† Andree Macree

Tuesday Aug. 18 - 8:30am

† Helen & Stephen Sefcik

Friday Aug. 21 - 8:30am

† Helen Brannon

Saturday Aug. 22 - 5:00pm

† Fred & Joan Juergens

Sunday Aug. 23 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle
Anthony, Frieda,
Anthony Jr. & Diane Felpo

From the Pastor

Our Second Collection for this weekend is for the Support of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, the Cathedral Church of our Diocese. Thank you for your support of the Cathedral for the Diocese of Wilmington.

Please remember that all are invited to our weekly Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction every Thursday at 7pm in the Church.

Fr. Dave

Catholic Men of Delmarva (CMD)

The Catholic Men of Delmarva 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.



St. Joseph's on French Street Invites All to the 20th Anniversary
Knights of St. Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Gala
20th Anniversary Gala Revolution of Faith, Evolution of Service
Saturday, September 19, 2026 - 6 PM to 10 PM
Double Tree by Hilton
4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
Tickets - \$100; 2 tickets for \$175 until September 5th
Evening will include Casino Night,
Dinner, and Silent Auction.
For additional information and ticket purchase, please email:
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Dear Padre

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What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

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