

St. Mary's Church - St. Patrick's Church

6th & Pine Sts.

Wilmington, De. 19801

15th & King Sts.

Rev. Leonard R. Klein, Administrator

Rev. John C. McVoy, Assisting

Deacon Robert J. Levesque

MASSES: ST. MARY'S

Sunday: 10:15 A.M.

Baptisms: By Appointment

Holy days: As announced

Rectory: 1414 King St. **Phone:** 652-0743

MASSES: ST. PATRICK'S

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8:00 A.M.

Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 P.M.; Confession 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 9:00, 10:30 A.M. (Extraordinary Form/Latin)

Confession—10:00 AM, 5:00 P.M.

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM (Vigil); Confession 3:30 PM

First Friday: 6:00 PM (Extraordinary Form/Latin)

First Saturday: 9:00 A.M. (Extraordinary Form/Latin)

Website: <http://smspwilmington.com>

Third Second Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return
And enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.
Isaiah 11:9

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 10	4:00 PM	Teresa & Harold Taggart(D), Req. Family
Dec. 11	9:00 AM	Renate Klein(D), req. James Zakreski
	10:15 AM	Ciconte Family(D), req. Louise Giliberto
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 12	8:00 AM	Ruth & Robert Stellhorn(D), Req. Andrew Stellhorn
Dec. 13	5:30 PM	Francis J. Boleslawski, Jr.(D), Req. Jean & Ed. Manlove
Dec. 14	8:00 AM	William H. Thomas(L), req. Colleen Pruitt
Dec. 15	5:30 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving, req. Pat & Irene Dougherty
Dec. 16	8:00 AM	Paul & Abbie Perlsweig(L), Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 17	4:00 PM	Mary Cunningham(D), req. Friends
Dec. 18	9:00 AM	Casmir & Pauline Zackreski(D) Req. James Zackreski
	10:15 AM	Lawrence Lane, Sr.(D), req. Virginia Lane & Family
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Archer Family, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 14	Clean Church - St. Patrick
Dec. 15	Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall
Dec. 20	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Dec. 21	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 24	Vigil of Christmas
Dec. 25	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Dec. 28	Clean Church—St. Patrick

This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**.
Today's readings for the Third Sunday of Advent, Year A, are
at page 175.

Please Note: Bishop Francis Malooly will celebrate 9:00 AM
and 10:15 AM Masses at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's on
Sunday, December 18.

**Advent Penance Service, for the City Deanery, with
individual confession, is Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 PM
at St. Elizabeth Church, Cedar & Clayton Streets, Wilm.**

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 4, 2016
Offertory	\$7,535.79
St. Vincent DePaul Society	178.00
Book of Sacred Liturgy	22.00
Cath. Camp. For Human Dev.	25.00
Archdiocese for Military Services, USA	100.00
Christmas Needy	2,026.00
Religious Retirement	20.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 4, 2016
Offertory	\$1,523.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	
Christmas Needy	\$104.00
In Memory of Nora Cook	50.00
Refrigerator Fund	200.00
Christmas Bazaar	1,504.65

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

St. Patrick	\$2,962.00
St. Mary	\$865.00

**The second collection this weekend of December 10/11 is
for the Religious Retirement.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Barbara Stackow,
Arlene Dahl, Lisa Sulecki, Pat Zickgraf, Terry Mowbray, Louise
Myers, Steve Naughton, Mary Dennis, Robin Passwaters, Lillian
Devenney, Alena Rossita, Sharon Edwards, Chris Seltzer, Sherlene
Emory, Madeline Askins, Jay Slagle, Lareine Hagen, Elena Tadlock,
Judith Gertman, Elaine Moser, Michael Hare, Dorothy Walsh, Ronald
Lane, Jim Kelly, Kath McDermott, Virginia Lane, Patrick McGinnis,
Bill McGiveny, J. B. Harrington, Bill Taylor, Harry Coulsting,
Christopher McGonigle, Duncan Ryan, Cristina Smith, Juanita
Henderson, Sean Dahl, Cynthia Herrick, Tyler White, John Lewis,
Judy Leary, Mary Sobocinski, Larry Tobin, Jr., Jack Manlove,
Richard Grier, Ida Lane, Joey Farrell, Grace Monaco, John Alexander
McGonigle, Liz Adams, Cindy Crispin, Fay Weldon, Brian Matt,
Julia Farrell, Mary Ciritella, Nancy Read Keil, Christine Sacharok,
Alexis Collins, Henry Manlove, Sr., Jack McDermott, III, Susan
Naughton, Vici Manlove, Anna Matt, Ann Tobin, Claire Cambra,
Samantha Nelson, Judy Maciey, Catherine Manlove Pugliese, Anita
Flynn, Christina Mallon, Mary Elizabeth Selsky, Veronica Scully,
Alex Miller, Nicholas Miller, Kevin Miller.

If you wish to add or remove a name from this list, please call the
Parish Office—652-0743. Thank you.

There is a **new electronic gate at St. Patrick's parking lot French
St. entrance**. This enhanced security has been done in cooperation
with the Ministry of Caring. It is operated by an electric eye from the
inside, so that you can exit the church parking lot to French Street.

Mass is celebrated for those impacted by the sickness of addiction
each Wednesday in Advent at St. Matthew Church in Newport, DE at
6:15PM. Come remember loved ones who have died from alcohol
and drug addiction.

Father Trainor Council K of C is continuing the Advent Food
Drive. Please be as generous as you can and thank you in advance for
your generosity. Boxes are in the back of church.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Peter's Cathedral:

It is Gaudete Sunday, the Third of Advent, when the rose candle is lit and rose vestments are permitted for one of two occasions in the year. The custom of using the rose color arises from a time when Advent was treated as a seriously penitential season and real fasting was expected. It would be a good idea for each of us to revive that way of keeping Advent. Let there be some abstinence and by all means a trip to the confessional.

Abstinence and penance are, after all, not at odds with the theme of this Sunday, as established in the first word of the Mass: *Gaudete*, that is, *rejoice*. Penance and abstinence are sources of joy if we understand them properly. Sin separates us from God and our neighbor; repentance restores and reconciles. Abstinence reminds us of our dependence on God.

Abstinence and penance point us to the promised future, so beautifully laid out for us in the readings for this Sunday. They remind us that in this life we are in training for the Kingdom of God. What is beautiful in this life points us to the future. What is evil or excessive needs to be left behind.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells two disciples of John the Baptist to go to him and tell what they have seen. John's fierce call to repentance was intended to prepare the way for the inbreaking of the Kingdom and victory of God. Jesus points to his works to demonstrate that the Kingdom of God is coming in him.

The Kingdom of God is near for the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory. The fulfillment lies ahead of us, but already we enjoy its fruits—when we proclaim the Kingdom and imitate the mercy and healing of Christ. And so we rejoice—even as we repent. We rejoice because we can repent, for that means that sin and death do not have the last word.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: *Las Posadas* begins

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 AM on 1150AM WDEL now found on 101.7 FM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 18 tune in to learn about the new book, "Angels of the Lord." Available on-air, online and on-demand, Catholic Forum airs Sunday mornings at 9:05 on WAAI 100.9FM in Hurlock, Maryland and on www.1009purecountry.com

Vocation Thought:- In today's gospel reading, Jesus describes John the Baptist as the one who was sent ahead of Him to prepare His way. In our day and age, God calls women and men to prepare His way in

the hearts of all people by serving as religious sisters and brothers, as deacons and as priests. If you think God might be calling you to a religious life or priesthood, please call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113); vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations/

Church decorating for Christmas will follow the 10:15 AM Mass at St. Mary's and the 10:30 AM Latin Mass at St. Patrick's on the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18.

Book of Sacred Liturgy—Personal copies have been ordered and have arrived. If you would like a personal copy, speak to Father Klein—cost \$22.00.

Thanksgiving Needy collection is donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the **Christmas Needy collection** is donated to the St. Patrick's Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Aging Religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Advent-Christmas Schedule:-

December 17/18—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Regular Mass Schedule

December 24—Christmas Eve

St. Patrick's—4:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Latin)

St. Mary's—10:00 PM

December 25—Christmas Day

St. Patrick's—9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Latin)

St. Peter's—10:00 AM

No 5:00 PM ON CHRISTMAS DAY

December 31—New Year's Eve

St. Patrick's—4:00 PM

January 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

St. Patrick's—9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Latin), 5:00 PM

St. Mary's—10:15 AM

St. Peter's—8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

For the Sake of God's Children—*Promise to Protect*:- The Catholic Church is committed to ensuring the safety of children and young people and providing pastoral outreach to victims and survivors of sexual abuse by clergy. The Church's mission to protect and heal stems from the Gospel: the life and teachings of Jesus Christ provide us with the perfect foundation for our efforts to create safe environments for children. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Mt. 19:14)

Pilgrimage to South Dakota, Rose Bud Indian Reservation and St. Francis Mission, July 7-13, 2017:-

The Diocese of Wilmington's Native American Ministry, along with Journey with the Bear, St. Kateri Circle, and Collette Travel is hosting our second pilgrimage in the USA. The Creator has provided us with such wonderful lands to discover and learn of our Native brothers and sisters. Please sign up by December 30, 2016 to receive a \$50.00 discount per person. For more information please contact Sharon Ward, 302-545-3383 or text.

When necessary, contact Father Klein—(home) 478-2028; (cell) 717-586-9611; or e-mail LRKLEIN45@comcast.net.

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