

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

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)

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 16	4:00 PM	Regina Fischer(D), req. Family
Dec. 17	9:00 AM	Joy Wade(D), req. Dick Wade
	10:15 AM	John J. Deklerow, Sr.(D), req. Ann Tobin
	10:30 AM	Edward Biter, Sr.(D), req. Stephen & Katrina Biter
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 18	8:00 AM	Claire Cambra(D), req. Jean & Ed Manlove
Dec. 19	5:30 PM	Anna Hargrove(D), req. Carole McKinney
Dec. 20	8:00 AM	Jim & Jeannette McKinney(D) Req. McKinney Family
Dec. 21	5:30 PM	Fr. Ambrose Eckinger O.P.(L), Req. Paul & Adrienne Suarez
Dec. 22	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 23	4:00 PM	Mary Cunningham(D), req. The Sisters
Dec. 24	9:00 AM	Charles F. Hill, Sr.(D), req. LaRue Hill
	10:15 AM	Clementine & Norman Mowbray Stephanie & Pamela Johnson, Karen Mowbray, Annette Norwood(D), req. Family
	10:30 AM	Dec. Mem. Of Quinn/Rueda Families, req. Girone Family
	4:00 PM	Alphonse & Lee DelCampo(D), req. Family
	7:00 PM	Peter Wade(D), req. Dick Wade
	10:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 19	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Dec. 20	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 25	Nativity of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation
Dec. 27	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary—New Year's Day
Jan. 2	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Jan. 3	Clean Church—St. Patrick

We have received a certified relic of St. Patrick. The relic will be placed in a case being constructed for installation next to the statue of St. Patrick.

Advent—Christmas Schedule:-

December 16/17—Third Sunday of Advent

Regular Mass Schedule

December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Regular Mass Schedule—No 5:00 PM

December 24—Christmas Eve

St. Patrick—4:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Latin)

St. Mary—10:00 PM

December 25 - Christmas Day

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

St. Peter's—10:00 AM

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 10, 2017
Offertory	\$4,486.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	179.00
Christmas Needy	660.00
Religious Retirement	4,010.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 10, 2017
Offertory	\$569.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	200.00
Christmas Flowers	18.50
Christmas Needy	75.50
Religious Retirement	18.50
School—Rent	5,352.59

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

St. Patrick	\$3,269.00
St. Mary	\$788.00

The second collection the weekend of January 20/21, 2018 is for Catholic University and Catholic Communications.

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, 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, 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, Veronica Scully, Alex Miller, Nicholas Miller, Kevin Miller, Mark Julian, Greg Long, Sheila Dunne, Edwin Zippe, Roland M. Dimaya.

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

SUPPORT FATHER TRAINOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

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.

“Catholic Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington” by Fr. Tom Peterson is now available to order as a great gift. \$50 includes shipping and handling. To order and pay: Rev. Thomas Peterman, 2505 Centerville Road, Wilmington, DE 19808 or petermanpublication@gmail.com.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

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

Today in both the new form of the Mass and the Latin Mass we encounter John the Baptist at the Jordan. He does not deny but confesses that he is not the Christ.

John the Baptist is a dominant figure in this season. All four Gospels give us a clear indication of his importance. Jesus later says of him that none born of woman was greater than John. So impressive is the preaching and the person of this desert prophet that people came to believe that he himself was the expected Messiah. He firmly states that it is not so. He is not the Christ but like Isaiah the voice of one crying out in the wilderness so that God's people will be ready for the Christ.

This is how the Church understands him. He is the last of the prophets, pointing to the fulfillment of all the hopes and promises of the Old Testament prophets. He is the greatest of the prophets, bridging (like Mary) the Old and New Testaments.

His career also gives us a good sense of the urgency with which the Judaism of Jesus' time awaited God's action in history, the coming of his Kingdom. John and then Jesus created great excitement. People were looking for God to visit and redeem his people. Hence, the watchful anxiety of the Roman government.

If we pay proper attention to John the Baptist, we will be reminded of the urgency and seriousness of the faith. In this Advent season may God grant us some of the urgency that prevailed in the time of John and his ministry. And may our lives and words like John's always point to the Christ.

Advent 4 and Christmas Eve—Remember that Christmas falls on **Monday**, not Sunday, even though Christmas Eve and the Vigil Masses of Christmas begin late Sunday afternoon. Accordingly, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday still obtains, and the beautiful liturgy of the Fourth Sunday of Advent has its own integrity. I recommend therefore that families and individuals who plan to attend Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve might wish to attend a very early Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent or, most conveniently, the Vigil Mass for Sunday on Saturday afternoon.

As John the Baptist taught, Christ's coming demands urgency and engagement!

Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Saturday: St. John of Kanty

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 24, tune in for the annual Catholic Forum Christmas program featuring some great Christmas music performed

by the Padua Academy Women's Chorus and Madrigal Singers and Bishop Francis Malooly's Christmas message to the people of the Diocese. Available on-air, online and on-demand, Catholic Forum airs Sunday mornings at 9:05 on WAAI 100.9FM in Hurllock, MD and on www.1009purecountry.com

Vocation Thought:- Through the ministry of priests, deacons and religious women and men, the Lord brings glad tidings to the poor, proclaims liberty to captives and announces His favor to all who would follow in His ways. Is God calling you to serve His people through a religious vocation? If you think so, 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/

This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year B, the Third Sunday of Advent, are on page 324.

Listen to Relevant Radio—640AM on the local dial.

If you know of any parishioner who is sick or home bound and might wish to receive Holy Communion, please call the office at 302-652-0743.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 11 young people at the Latin Mass on Sunday, December 31.

Decorating of the churches for Christmas:- St. Patrick's decorating will be on Saturday, December 23 at 10:00 AM; St. Mary's decorating will be done on Sunday, December 17 after Mass.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! - Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.** Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. It is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **The next program begins the weekend of February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August.** For more information or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

You are cordially invited to be part of the special weekly Lenten presentation, a liturgical drama called the **Via Crucis** at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Your participation can be credited towards community service or other scholastic requirements. All grade-school age to college-age boys and girls are welcome. Bring a friend. Sign-ups are on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 1:30 PM followed by first rehearsal at 2:00 to 3:00 PM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 9th and DuPont Sts. Practices are Jan. 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11, 2018, 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Performances are Feb. 14, 23, & Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. For details contact Maria Finamore, Director, at stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com or call 302-545-5047.

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