

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>

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 18, 2016
 They shall name him Emmanuel,
 Which means "God is with us."
 Matthew 1:23

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 17	4:00 PM	Mary Cunningham(D), req. Friends
Dec. 18	9:00 AM	Christine Cumpston(D), Req. James Zakreski
	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
Dec. 19	8:00 AM	Pat & Bob Shumaker(L), req. Issel Family
Dec. 20	5:30 PM	Paul & Abbie Perlsweig(L), Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 21	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory, req Dougherty Family
Dec. 22	5:30 PM	No Intention
Dec. 23	8:00 AM	Paul & Abbie Perlsweig(L), Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Alphonse & Lee DelCampo(D), Req. Family
	7:00 PM	Dec. Mem. Of Quinn/Rueda Family, req. Girone Family
	10:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	10:15 AM	Pamela, Stephanie & Mowbray Family(D), req. Norma Sudler & Family
	10:30 AM	Renate Klein(D), req. Knights Of Columbus Trainor Council
	5:00 PM	NO MASS

Calendar of Events:-

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
Jan. 3	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Jan. 4	Clean Church—St. Patrick

This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Today's readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A, are at page 177.

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 11, 2016
Offertory	\$3,444.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	163.00
Book of Sacred Liturgy	25.00
Thanksgiving Needy	10.00
Christmas Needy	30.00
Religious Retirement	988.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 11, 2016
Offertory	\$1,222.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	13.00
Christmas Needy	10.00
Religious Retirement	419.50
School—Rent	5,196.69

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection the weekend of January 21/22 is for the 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, 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:

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent we turn to a different aspect of preparation for Christmas. In the first three weeks of the season we heard the call to repentance, especially from John the Baptist, and the call to stay awake and alert to God's activity along with reminders of the Lord's promise to return in glory. We heard why we need a Savior and what we need to be saved from.

Now we turn to the actual arrival in the flesh of the Second Person of the Trinity. In more secular terms it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. On this Fourth Sunday in Advent we hear a Gospel that sets the stage for the birth of Christ, today from Matthew. Luke tells the story from Mary's point of view. Matthew tells it from Joseph's, and so we hear today what we might call the annunciation to Joseph. Mary will have a Son, and he is to name him Jesus.

Matthew's perspective is deeply rooted in the history of Israel. He will repeatedly remind us that things have happened according to the vision of the prophets. Up to this point in Advent we prepare ourselves by looking into our own hearts and consciences to ready ourselves for the feast. In these last days of Advent we look at how the Lord readies the way for the coming of the Messiah. We prepare our hearts; God prepares the way.

The Gospels for daily Mass through these last days of Advent take us step by step through the story as it leads up to the birth of Christ; if you cannot get to daily Mass I urge you to follow the Gospels day by day—they are easily found at uscgb.org, the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

And then there is this. Your generosity and stewardship through recent months have been very impressive, but please remember that parishes in our diocese have a budget for Christmas and Easter offerings. Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, so I encourage you to use the Christmas envelope to make an additional contribution.

May God bless your final preparations for the Word made flesh.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 7:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Thursday: St. John of Kanty
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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 25, tune in for the annual Christmas show featuring Bishop Malooly's Christmas message, some great Christmas music and more. 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:- The prophecy of Isaiah, from which today's first reading is taken, speaks of the Lord giving marvelous signs. Sometimes God gives us signs to help us discern His plan for our lives. They might be dramatic; more often they are subtle. If you'd like to discuss the signs God seems to be using in your relationship with him, 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— 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.

Advent-Christmas 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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