

# 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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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

The child to be born will be called holy, the son of God.

Luke 1:35

#### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Pearl Fellin(D), req. LaRue Hill
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Of Archer Fam., Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 26	5:30 PM	JoAnn Miller(D)
Dec. 27	8:00 AM	Ann Tobin(D), req. Anita Flynn
Dec. 28	5:30 PM	Fr. Leonard R. Klein(L), req. Regina Coeli Society
Dec. 29	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 30	4:00 PM	Patricia Shahan(D), req. Carol Weaver
Dec. 31	9:00 AM	Loretta T. Kelly(D), req. Tamera & Matt Pearson
	10:15 AM	Ann Tobin(D), req. Buxton Fam.
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Of Archer Fam., Req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

#### Calendar of Events:-

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 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

##### December 31—New Year's Eve

Regular Mass Schedule

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!**

#### ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 17, 2017
Offertory	\$3,102.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	235.00
Christmas Needy	215.00
Donation	5,000.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00

#### ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 17, 2017
Offertory	\$1,380.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	175.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Christmas Needy	5.00

#### 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, Vernon Cropper.

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:

For the second and third Sundays of Advent I wrote about two dominant figures of the season: Isaiah and John the Baptist. Today I turn to the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, appropriately, since this year the Fourth Sunday of Advent becomes Christmas when the sun goes down.

Like John the Baptist Mary bridges the Old and New Testaments. This faithful daughter of Israel bears the one who will become a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and her maternity shapes the piety and devotion of this season and influences the whole of the Christian life.

Her role in the drama of salvation is essential in a way that exceeds even that of John the Baptist, to say nothing of the prophets and apostles. God set her apart to be the mother of his Son. For her role, for what God in his grace did for her, she is venerated throughout the Church.

On Saturday evening and Sunday morning we hear the story of the Annunciation. We hear Mary, filled with the grace of God, say yes to the Archangel Gabriel. In doing so she becomes the first disciple of her Son, obedient to the word that will lead to his becoming flesh.

On Sunday evening and on Monday we hear the story of Jesus' birth. Because Mary was faithful to God's call, the world receives the blessing of Immanuel, God with us. Through her we receive the gift of becoming God's adopted sons and daughters. She is most blessed of women and through her we are blessed.

There are many ways to speak of the message of Christmas. (And the world provides quite a number of erroneous ones.) But one simple and beautiful way to think of the good news of this season is to remember that the coming of Christ allows us to imitate Mary—in obedience, fidelity and joy.

Merry Christmas,  
Fr. Klein

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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]; During the 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 97:1, 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]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

Wednesday: St. John

Thursday: The Holy Innocents

Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Listen to Catholic Forum** every Sunday morning at 10:05 AM on 1150AM WDEL now found on 101.7 FM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, December 31, tune in to hear an interview with Mr. Joseph Ryan, recently retired Editor of The Dialog. Available on-air, online and on-demand, Catholic Forum airs Sunday mornings at 9:05 on WAAI 100.9FM in Hurlock, MD and on [www.1009purecountry.com](http://www.1009purecountry.com)

**Vocation Thought:-** The angel Gabriel greeted Mary by saying "Hail, full of grace!" Every day, priests, deacons, religious sisters and religious brothers work to help women and men recognize and respond to God's grace in their lives. 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](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

**This weekend** we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year B, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, are on page 326.

**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.

**Society of St. Vincent DePaul, St. Mary/St. Patrick Conference** would like to express to you our heartfelt thanks for your extreme generosity during the past year. Our conference has helped hundreds of needy in our area and we continue to pray for our benefactors and supporters. "*He who sees the face of Christ in the poor understands the Vincentian spirit.*" Below is detail about our conference activity for the past year (Sept. 30, 2016—Oct. 1, 2017): **Approximately 1600 calls cleared from voice mail, 148 home visits made, 340 people helped, 904 hours of service volunteered, \$25,863 donated to our conference; \$36,610 spent helping the needy.**

**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](mailto:stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com) or call 302-545-5047.

**St. Anthony of Padua RC Church** presents **Amahl and the Night Visitors** by Gian Carlo Meriotti, Sunday, January 7, 4:00 PM. A one act operetta about a 12 year old cripple boy who is visited by the Three Kings as they make their way to visit the Christ Child. A \$10 donation is asked of the adults while children are admitted free.

**WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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