

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>

The Nativity of the Lord
 December 25, 2016
 The light shines in the darkness,
 And the darkness has not overcome it.
 John 1:5

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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	NO MASS
	10:30 AM	Renate Klein(D), req. Knights Of Columbus Trainor Council
	5:00 PM	NO MASS
Dec. 26	8:00 AM	JoAnn Miller(D)
Dec. 27	5:30 PM	Pat & Bob Shumaker(L), req. Issel Family
Dec. 28	8:00 AM	No Intention
Dec. 29	5:30 PM	No Intention
Dec. 30	8:00 PM	Paul & Abbie Perlsweig(L), Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 31	4:00 PM	Patricia Shahan(D), req. Carol Weaver
Jan. 1	9:00 AM	Casmir & Pauline Zakreski(D), Req. James Zakreski
	10:15 AM	No Intention
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 28	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 3	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Jan. 4	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 11	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 17	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Jan. 18	Finance Council—7:00 PM—Rectory
	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 25	Clean Church—St. Patrick

This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Christmas Eve are on page 181, Year A, and Christmas Day are at page 185.

St. Patrick's and St. Mary's have excellent parking on the weekends. Let your friends know. It is a simple way to encourage people to join us. Let someone know who hasn't been to mass for a long time—or someone who needs to meet the lord.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 18, 2016
Offertory	\$3,577.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	300.16
Campaign for Human Development	25.00
Christmas Needy	2.00
Religious Retirement	527.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 18, 2016
Offertory	\$1,689.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	217.00
Christmas Needy	20.00
Religious Retirement	13.50
Bazaar	203.00
Book of Sacred Liturgy	22.00

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.

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.

Holy Fathers Intention for January:- Evangelization: Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

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

"And the glory of the Lord shone round about them."

So goes the description of what the shepherds experienced on the night of Christ's nativity. "Glory" appears again and again in the Bible and in the liturgy of the Church. We use the word without giving it much thought.

But it is Christmas, so we should pause to reflect on its centrality to the faith. Hans Urs von Balthasar, arguably the greatest Catholic theologian of the last century, entitled his major theological work "The Glory of the Lord." that is what God reveals to us—not the idea, not just words or facts. He reveals his glory.

But what is glory? In ordinary usage glory is fame or heroism. It comes to people because of some achievement, sometimes as modest as that attained by a good high school quarterback. Obviously the glory of the Lord is nothing of this sort. It is the splendor and the beauty of God. And at the heart of that beauty is the majesty of his love.

The glory of God shines in the universe and in the beauty of creation. It shines in the value and dignity of the human person. It shines in marriage and the family. We see it in these sorts of places not where people pile up power and wealth.

Most importantly, we see the glory of God when he makes himself known explicitly—in the words of the Law and the prophets and in his faithfulness to Israel. And as Christians we believe that God's glory is fully revealed in Jesus, hidden though it is in the weakness of the infant in the Manger and on the wood of the cross. The angelic eruption amidst the shepherds soon subsides, as the Word of God quietly makes his home among us, makes disciples and makes enemies. The glory of God will shine again at Easter—yet even then quietly, witnessed only by the motley crew of his followers.

In the life of the Church the glory of the Lord will show through—in the proclamation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth, in the lives of the saints, and in the quiet loving faith of the millions. In the Church the glory of the Lord shines through in spite of the stumbling and sins of Christians. And finally the glory of God will be made known when the infant returns as Lord of all.

Open your eyes this Christmas to see the glory of God. Let it dazzle and change you and for sure make you merry.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday: St. John
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord

Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve; Seventh 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. Next Sunday, January 1, tune in to learn about the new book, "Beyond Me Myself and I" when author Teresa Tomeo is the guest. Available on-air, online and on-demand, Catholic Forum airs Sunday mornings at 9:05 on WAAI 100.9FM in Hurllock, Maryland and on www.1009purecountry.com

Vocation Thought:- At the birth of the Lord, angels proclaimed the good tidings of God's marvelous work. Every day, religious sisters and brothers, priests and deacons proclaim God's good tidings too. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to join in their work? Let's talk. 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/

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.

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.

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY/
ST. PATRICK—WE WISH YOU A
VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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