

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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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:33

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 2.	4:00 PM	Karen Brainard(D), req. Gina & Pat Connor
Dec. 3	9:00 AM	August Miller(L)
	10:15 AM	Lawrence Lane, Jr.(D), req. Virginia Lane & Family
	10:30 AM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 4	8:00 AM	Ann Tobin(D), req. Buxton Family
Dec. 5	5:30 PM	No Intention
Dec. 6	8:00 AM	No Intention
Dec. 7	5:30 PM	Alvin F. Buxton, Jr.(D), req. Buxton Family
Dec. 8	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	12:10 PM	Linda & Dale Archer(L), Anniv. req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:30 PM	Patrick Dougherty(L), req. Joe & Judy Archer
	7:00 PM	(Latin) Mary Taormina(D), req. Legion of Mary
	7:00 PM	(St. Mary) No Intention
Dec. 9	4:00 PM	Elmer Rhodes(D), req. Family
Dec. 10	9:00 AM	Stephen Slavish(D), req. Marcella Brainard
	10:15 AM	Ciconte Family(D), req. Louise Giliberto & Family
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	Ann Tobin(D), req. Theresa & John Boyle

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 5	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Dec. 6	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Holy Day Of Obligation
Dec. 13	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 19	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectoryh

St. Mary's Mini Christmas Bazaar—Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:00 AM—2:00 PM; Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Come join us for shopping and First Sunday Celebration. Donations of new and used items will be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Jane Buxton at 655-5986 or Valerie Townsend at 652-8394

We have been given a relic of St. Patrick and are looking for a suitable way to display it.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Nov. 19, 2017	Nov. 27, 2017
Offertory	2,282.00	\$3,975.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	197.00	385.00
Thanksgiving Needy	105.00	
Campaign for Human Develop.	352.00	155.00
Christmas Needy		10.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Nov. 19, 2017	Nov. 26, 2017
Offertory	\$1,033.00	\$604.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	86.00	0.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	19.50	3.00
In Memory of Ann Tobin	100.00	100.00

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection this weekend of December 2/3 is for 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, 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. 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.

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Music Ministry and Parish will present its Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 10, 3:00 PM in the Church, 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, DE. The program will include **Nativity Suites, a Cantata for Christmas**, by Benjamin Harlan, and a carol sing-along with choir and organ. There will be a free will offering.

"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.

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

It is Advent once again. The calendar tells us that 2017 is winding down, as do the bare trees, the colder weather and the short days. And so the Lord tells us to 'watch'. We are to watch and pray and prepare to encounter him when he comes—as the infant in Bethlehem, as the Lord who is present in the Eucharist and in the life of the Church, and as the King who will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Watchfulness does not come that naturally to us. We tend to be on the alert for physical danger, and we are alert and busy with the preparations for the Christmas season. But we are continually distracted by the noise and the activity of the world around us. We forget the infinite significance of our encounters with the Lord in this life. We suppress the thought that we must at the end account to him for our lives.

Therefore, we need to cultivate watchfulness. We need to pause to remember who is Lord and why we worship him. We need to recall the infinite gift of his grace, his presence, his Kingdom and his sharing of our human lot.

We need to make time to watch, to remember and to prepare. And so from ancient times the Church gives us Advent and reminds us to pause, to pray, to reflect. It gives us a season to repent—for it was after all sin that made Jesus' incarnation necessary and nothing is more essential to watchfulness than repentance and Confession.

Because Christmas is on a Monday this year, Advent 2017 will be the shortest possible. There are four Sundays as always but only three weeks, so seize the opportunity these three weeks offer to prepare your heart, mind and life for Christmas.

Remember also that the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Friday is of particular spiritual value for keeping this season. Do not neglect this Holy Day of Obligation. The conception of Mary in the womb of St. Anne reminds us of how quickly, how behind the scenes, God works in history. Take some quiet time so that God might work in you. Let the purple of Advent dominate; save the red and green for Christmas.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John Damascene
Wednesday: St. Nicholas
Thursday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

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 10, author, Christopher Sparks will discuss his book, "How Can You Be Catholic?" 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

Vocation Thought:- In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah says to the Lord "would that we were mindful of you in our ways." If you are trying to figure out what you should do with your life, don't forget to invite God into the conversation. What part of His plan has He chosen for you? If you think you might be called to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, 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 First Sunday of Advent, are on page 320.

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

Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 10, 2:00 PM, Cathedral of St. Peter, 500 N. West Street, Wilmington. An hour of peace in the midst of a busy season: Advent Scriptures and music, time for meditation, seasonal songs and hymns. No admission fee; free-will donations will benefit The Cathedral of St. Peter School. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

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.

Holy Father's Intentions for December:- *Universal: The Elderly:-* That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital is sponsoring "Lights of Love" to recognize friends and family or to honor the memory of our loved ones. By making a donation of \$10 or more per name, those honored will have their names displayed on a scroll in the hospital lobby. On December 18, a Mass in the Chapel (5th floor) and celebration in the lobby led by Bishop W. Francis Malooly, will be held in honor of those named. For more information contact Susanmclaughlin53@gmail.com or send checks payable to The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital, Inc. and mail to PO Box 2764, Wilmington, DE 19805 to arrive no later than Dec. 10. Proceeds benefit Junior Board projects for the hospital.

Condolences to Deacon Bob Levesque on the death of his sister, Claire Cambra. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her, may she rest in peace and may all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

3 Day Advent Retreat, Thursday, December 7 through Sunday, December 10—overnight or commuter options available. The presentations are Scripture based and you may attend the ones you wish to participate in. For information call 302-995-6859 or visit www.jesushousecenter.org.

PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY!

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