

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>

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
As water covers the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 3	4:00 PM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), Req. Issel Family
Dec. 4	9:00 AM	Charles Zakreski(D), req. James Zakreski
	10:15 AM	Lawrence Lane, Jr.(D), req. Virginia Lane
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D) Req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 5	8:00 AM	Norman Preglar(D), req. Buxton Family
Dec. 6	5:30 PM	Paul & Abbie Perlsweig(L), Healing, req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 7	8:00 AM	Ruth & Robert Stellhorn(D), Req. Andrew Stellhorn
Dec. 8	8:00 AM	Pat Mossinger(L), req. Ann Tobin
	12:10PM	Linda & Dale Archer(L), anniv. Req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:30 PM	People of the Parish
	7:00 PM	Patrick Dougherty(L), req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 9	8:00 AM	Paul & Abbie Perlsweig(L), Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 10	4:00 PM	Teresa & Harold Taggart(D), Req. Family
Dec. 11	9:00 AM	Renate Klein(D), req. James Zakreski
	10:15 AM	Ciconte Family(D), req. Louise Giliberto
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 4	St. Mary's Annual Christmas Bazaar
Dec. 6	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Dec. 7	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception—Holy Day
Dec. 10	Regina Coeli Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 14	Clean Church - St. Patrick

This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. The hymns are in the back section. The text of the Mass begins at page 8. Sung Masses we will continue to use familiar musical settings. Readings, entrance and communion antiphons for the three years cycle are in the middle section of the book. This year is 'Year A' and today's readings for the Second Sunday of Advent are at page 172.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Nov. 20	Nov. 27, 2016
Offertory	2,814.50	\$3,169.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	5,114.00	155.00
Book of Sacred Liturgy		44.00
Cath. Camp. For Human Dev.	695.00	5.00
In memory of Carmella Collins	1,500.00R.	V. Bramble 50.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Nov. 20	Nov. 27, 2016
Offertory	\$962.00	\$636.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	114.00	113.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	156.00	18.50
In Memory of Nora Cook	50.00	

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection the weekend of December 10/11 is for the 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, 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.

The 55+ Group at St. Joseph Parish, Middletown, is planning a 3 day 2 night trip to the Christmas Lights at Virginia Beach/ Williamsburg, VA., December 12-15. There is no age limit. If you are interested, call Marie at 302-449-2496 for details.

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.

Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 4, 2:00 PM:- Join the Cathedral of St. Peter community for 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 benefit The Cathedral of St. Peter School.

Word Among Us for December is available 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:

John the Baptist dominates the season of Advent. The Church, following the words of Jesus, regards him as the greatest of the prophets. Along with the Blessed Virgin Mary he joins the Old Testament to the New. Like her he arises from the faith and life of Israel and makes clear the way for the coming of the Messiah. Byzantine churches, Catholic or Orthodox, portray him and Mary on opposite sides of Jesus on the icon screen, to drive home the critical relationship they have with the Lord.

Jesus and John, let us remember, are cousins—of what degree we are not sure because the Bible does not tell us what type of cousins Mary and Elizabeth are—but the biblical evidence is strong that they interacted intensely. John knows Jesus, and having been set apart by God to prepare the way for the Messiah, he recognizes Jesus for who he is. Therefore, with great urgency he calls the people to repent and be baptized to be ready to receive him.

John's urgency and passion should speak to our hearts in this season. We prepare the way of the Lord by remembering and re-kindling the passion of faith. It is in Jesus that the world finds its hope and meaning, and yet we can become lukewarm and the fire of faith can turn to cooling embers.

Remember—who could forget? - the passions of the recent election season. Remember the urgency that surrounded it and the controversy that still surrounds it. But it had to do only with who would lead our nation for the next four years. Elections matter but they are not everything. In fact, your life will be much the same over the next four years as it has been.

But Jesus makes the ultimate difference. It is he who brings light to the darkness, forgiveness to sinners, resurrection and life. John the Baptist's ministry and this Advent season are designed to point us to these, the only things that matter eternally.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Nicholas
Wednesday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Juan Diego
Saturday: International Human Rights Day

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 11, learn about the good work of Serviam Girls Academy when school president, Peggy Prevostnik Heins is the guest. 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:- St. Paul reminds us that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises He made, so that all might glorify God for His mercy. Priests, sisters, brothers and deacons offer their lives as a witness to God's fidelity to His promises. Is God inviting you to live your life as a witness to His truth? If you think so, 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.

St. Mary's Annual Christmas Bazaar— Sun., Dec. 4, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come join us for shopping and lunch. For more information, call Jane Buxton at 655-5986 or buxtonjm@verizon.net.

Book of Sacred Liturgy—Personal copies have been ordered and have arrived. If you would like a personal copy, speak to Father Klein—cost \$22.00.

Father Trainor Council K of C is sponsoring a Thanksgiving—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.

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.

Ageing Religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to next weekend's second collection.

Lights of Love sponsored by the Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital is an opportunity to recognize friends and family members or honor the memory of loved ones. By making a donation of \$5 or more those honored will have their names displayed on a scroll in the hospital lobby thru January 10, 2017. A special Mass will be offered for your intentions on December 8 at noon in the hospital chapel. Bishop Francis Malooly will be the celebrant. Lighting ceremony in the hospital lobby follows. For information contact susanmclaughlin53@gmail.com.

Homemade Soup Sale December 10 & 11 at Benincasa Gallery and Gift Shop, located at Holy Spirit Parish, New Castle. Choice of five soups: Chicken Gnocchi, Italian Wedding, Sweet Potato, Pasta Fagioli—@ \$8.00/quart; Creamy Crab @ \$9.00/quart. Soups must be pre-ordered by Wednesday, December 7. Call 302-654-1206 or visit our facebook page Benincasa Monastery. Also available homemade "Bread of Grace" on first come-first serve basis. Proceeds benefit the Sisters of Benincasa Monastery.

Holy Father's Intentions for December:- *Universal: End to Child Soldiers:* That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. *Evangelization: Europe:* That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life

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