

# St. Mary's Church - St. Patrick's Church

6th & Pine Sts.

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15th & King Sts.

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## **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 Lent

February 18, 2018

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
Teach me your paths.  
Psalm 25:4

#### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 17	4:00 PM	Teresa Taggart(D), req. Family
Feb. 18	9:00 AM	Elaine Deitz(D), req. Marcella Brainard
	10:15 AM	Lawrence Lane, Sr.(D), req. Virginia Lane & Family
	10:30 AM	Pat & Bob Shumaker(L), req. Issel Family
	5:00 PM	Paul & Adrienne Suarez(L), Req. Jim & Sonya Brake
Feb. 19	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
Feb. 20	5:30 PM	James Blair(L), spec. Int., req. Cecilia Blair
Feb. 21	8:00 AM	No Intention
	7:00 PM	John J. Deklerow, Sr.(D). Req. Jean & Ed Manlove
Feb. 22	5:30 PM	No Intention
Feb. 23	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, req. Joe & Judy Archer
Feb. 24	4:00 PM	Rita Minner(D), req. Family
Feb. 25	9:00 AM	Elaine Deitz(D), req. Angela & Cullen Burke
	10:15 AM	Audrey C. Herbener(D), req. Myers Family
	10:30 AM	Chad Quinn(L), req. Girone Family
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

#### Calendar of Events:-

Feb. 21	Clean Church—St. Patrick Novena Mass - St. Mary's—7:00 PM & Stations
Feb. 27	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Feb. 28	Clean Church—St. Patrick Novena Mass—St. Mary's—7:00 PM & Stations
March 7	Clean Church—St. Patrick Novena Mass—St. Mary's—7:00 PM & Stations
March 13	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
March 14	Clean Church—St. Patrick
March 15	Novena Mass—St. Mary's—7:00 PM & Stations Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall

**The relic of St. Patrick** is now encased in its own display case next to the statue of St. Patrick in the back of St. Patrick's Church.

**Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's** at 7:00 PM on every Wednesday in Lent and the first two weeks of Easter. This will constitute a Novena of masses. You are encouraged to attend and those masses are available for your intentions. **Stations of the Cross will immediately follow Mass** on all the Wednesdays of Lent.

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!**

#### ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Feb. 11, 2018
Offertory	\$2,352.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	87.00
Black, Indian & Home Missions	465.00
Annual Catholic Appeal rebate	8,288.70

#### ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Feb. 11, 2018
Offertory	\$572.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	102.00
Black, Indian & Home Missions	139.25
School—Rent	5,352.59
Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate	442.50

#### Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

#### The second collection the weekend of March 3/4 is for Catholic Relief Services and Latin America.

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, 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

#### Lenten Fasting Regulations:-

- 1) Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
  - A) No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence
  - B) Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.
- 2) Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:-
  - A) Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
  - B) Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.
  - C) Of course, fasting and abstinence can be observed as a spiritual discipline by those who are not required by law to do so.

**SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.**

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

Why is it, asked one of the gentlest priests I know, that the lines for ashes are so long and the lines for Confession so short? It was not a rhetorical question; he really wanted people to think about it. And we should, for there are fewer signs of decline in Catholic life than the decline in the use of Confession.

Why indeed? My friend's question was an honest one. Perhaps part of the answer was that in the years before Vatican II, the confessional was routinized and somewhat mechanistic. But that's hardly an excuse. There was also a failure of leadership in the sixties and seventies, when use of the confessional dropped off. Our previous bishop, Bishop Saltarelli, once pointed to himself in a conversation with me and said, "We did it; we told them not to come." His point was that priests responded to the flaws in confessional practice by downplaying its importance. The turbulence of that era continues to take a toll.

But the most likely answer is the most obvious. We aren't taking sin seriously enough on the one hand, and we have lost a sense of the enormity of God's mercy and forgiveness on the other. The culture tells us that nothing is a sin except believing that some things are sinful. Those attitudes creep into our souls.

We also are tempted to write off our small shortcomings and to forget that they add up. After all, we tell ourselves, nobody's perfect and I'm not that bad. And that may well be true! I know most of you somewhat, and indeed you're not that bad! Many of you are fine people indeed—and serious Christians. But we must also remember that our virtues are fragile and imperfect, that our hearts have many toxic corners. Most of all, we need to remember that however decent we are, it is the first commandment that trips us up: "you shall have no other gods." If we are honest, we will recognize that we are very vulnerable to putting all sorts of good things before God. We don't go to pagan temples, but we are lured and misled by the pagan values around us.

So let me urge you to confession this Lent with this suggestion: search your conscience to discover where and when you have placed your faith and hope in the wrong things. That will help you uncover more specific sins and give you something real to bring to Confession.

In Christ,  
Fr. Klein

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending  
Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent  
Wednesday: St. Peter Damian  
Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday  
Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

**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, February 25, Father Joseph McQuaide, Chancellor for the Diocese of Wilmington, will give us a preview of the Diocesan 150th anniversary year-long celebration that begins on March 3, 2018. 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 healing ministry of the priest is revealed in the Old Testament. In the New Covenant, priests heal in a variety of ways, most notably through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Is God calling you to serve His Church as a priest? Please speak with your pastor or 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!)

**As in other years** we will use the simple Latin chants for the Sanctus and Agnus Dei during Lent. This year we will also use the simple chants from the Missal (in English) for the Eucharistic acclamation (*Save us, Savior of the World*) and the Amen. If you wish to read the music, the Sanctus is on page 18, the acclamation at page 23, the Amen at page 24, and the Agnus Dei at page 35.

**St. Mary's and St. Patrick's** have received their annual parish share from last year's Annual Catholic Appeal. The amounts are 50% of what we gave in excess of our goal. St. Mary's received \$442.50 and St. Patrick's received \$8288.70. These numbers are a wonderful comment on the stewardship and fidelity of the people of these parishes

**This weekend** we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year B, the First Sunday of Lent, are on page 354.

**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.

**The Diocese of Wilmington was created by Blessed Pius IX on March 3, 1868. The Diocese will begin its 150th Anniversary with a Mass on Saturday, March 3, at noon at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Please plan to join in the celebration of this landmark.**

**Thank You!** For all the assistance and donations contributed to the Black History Mass and Luncheon. The event was enjoyed by all.

**Baby Bottom Annual Drive:-** Help the High School Students of Aquinas Academy, 2370 Red Lion Road, Bear, DE, fill the bus with baby items. They are collecting Newborn to 18 lb. disposable diapers, baby wipes, new and gently used 0 to 12 month sized clothes, Maternity clothes & nursing bras. Items can be left in back of church or dropped off at Aquinas, Mon.—Fri. 9 AM to 2 PM until March 4. For information call Patty Allen at 302-834-1928. All donations benefit Birthright.

**Tax Receipts for 2017 Contributions** for St. Mary's and St. Patrick's can be obtained by calling the office Mon. thru Fri. at 302-652-0743. Give your name, address, phone number and envelope number.

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