

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

6th & Pine 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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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
 February 25, 2018  
 If God is for us, who can be against us?  
 Romans 8:31b

**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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
Feb 26	8:00 AM	Bonnie Gallagher(L), birthday, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Feb. 27	5:30 PM	John D'Angelo(D), req. Cecilia Blair
Feb. 28	8:00 AM	No Intention
	7:00 PM	Debbie Swiatek(D) & John Naughton(D), req. Susan Naughton
March 1	5:30 PM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 2	8:00 AM	No Intention
	6:00 PM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Issel Family
March 3	9:00 AM	Rebekka Rueda Family, req. Girone Family
	4:00 PM	Jeremiah Dunne(D)
March 4	9:00 AM	No Intention
	10:15 AM	Senator John E. Reilly & Alice Scanlon Reilly(D), req. Family
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

**Calendar of Events:-**

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 4	St. Mary's—First Sunday—Hospitality
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 Novena Mass—St. Mary's—7:00 PM & Stations
March 15	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. 18, 2018  
 Offertory \$9,956.89  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 290.00  
 Black, Indian & Home Missions 116.00

**ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING**  
 Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018  
 Offertory \$1,123.75  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 90.00  
 Black, Indian & Home Missions 112.50  
 Black History Luncheon 25.00

**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:

Today's readings direct our attention to two mountains: the mount of the Transfiguration and the mountain in the land of Moriah where Abraham went to sacrifice his only Son.

In these two very different stories we are exposed to the mystery of God's purposes and are sharply reminded that His ways are not our ways.

The Transfiguration account is rich with meaning. Jesus stands in glory between Moses and Elijah, who symbolize the Law and the Prophets, and is thus revealed as the hope of Israel. The glory anticipates the glory of the resurrection. But the scene also anticipates the crucifixion, when Jesus will be lifted up on a mountain between two brigands.

The story of Abraham and Isaac is called by the Jews the *Akedah*, "the binding" of Isaac. This is more accurate than the description of the story as the sacrifice of Isaac, since of course Isaac is not sacrificed in the end. It is nonetheless one of the most chilling episodes in all of Holy Scripture. God's action seems cruel, almost insane. Why does he test Abraham in this way? There is more than one answer, but remember that Abraham is living his life in faith that God will make him a great nation. Isaac is his only son. God is testing him so that he will see that his hopes are totally dependent on God. The terror of the narrative reminds us that we have nothing that we have not received, especially whatever is most precious to us.

For Christians this story points ahead to crucifixion, all the more so because Jewish and Christian tradition see Moriah as Mt. Zion, the location of Jerusalem. Thus we can imagine that Christ died in the place where Isaac did not. The only Son of God bears the wood of the sacrifice on His own back, and He is Himself the Lamb of God who will be offered. God endures what Abraham does not and through Jesus' sacrifice takes unto Himself all the world's sin and suffering. The agonizing story of Abraham and Isaac enables us to see more clearly the gift of God in the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

The multiple meanings of the sheer awe of these two biblical stories shed light on the meaning of the cross and point us forward to Holy Week and Easter.

In Christ,  
Fr. Klein

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25; Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion  
Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset  
Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer  
Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

**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, March 4, Deacon Fran Huhn will discuss the Faith and Light faith sharing group for persons with intellectual disabilities and their family and friends. 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:-** Abraham trusted the Lord's call—even though it made no sense to him. Have you ever thought that God might be calling you to something that wasn't originally part of your plans? Something that maybe your family and friends didn't understand? Something that seemed almost impossible? Many priests and religious had that experience as they tried to discern God's plan for them. If that sounds familiar—and if you think God might be calling you to a religious vocation—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/)

**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.

**This weekend** we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year B, the Second Sunday of Lent, are on page 358.

**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.**

**Holy Father's Intention for March:-** *formation of Spiritual Discernment:-* That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**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.

**PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY!**

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