

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)

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness

For the child of her womb?

Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

Isaiah 49:15

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 25	4:00 PM	No Intention
Feb. 26	9:00 AM	Alphonse DelCampo(D), req. Family
	10:15 AM	James. J. Pietlock(D), req. Ed & Jean Manlove
	10:30 AM	Alice Mood(D), req. Stephen & Katrina Biter
	5:00 PM	Paul Callahan(D), req. Rebecca Farabaugh
Feb.27	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
Feb. 28	5:30 PM	Tommie Little(L), req. Bud FitzSimmons
March 1	8:00 AM	Sandy Gerry(D), req. Sisters
	12:10 PM	No Intention
	5:30 PM	No Intention
	7:00 PM	No Intention (Latin)
	7:00 PM	No Intention (St. Mary's)
March 2	5:30 PM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing Req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 3	8:00 AM	Jeremiah Dunne(D)
	6:00 PM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Jim & Lorie Issel
March 4	9:00 AM	Rebekka Rueda(L), req. Girone Family
	4:00 PM	Linda Archer(L), req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 5	9:00 AM	Julio & Marguerita Margiotta (D), req. Julio & Patty
	10:15 AM	Senator John E. Reilly & Alice Scanlon Reilly(D) req. Family
	10:30 AM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Feb. 28	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectorry
March 1	Clean Church—St. Patrick Ash Wednesday
	Novena Mass—St. Mary - 7:00 PM & Stations
March 8	Clean Church—St. Patrick
	Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations
March 14	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectorry
March 15	Clean Church
	Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations
March 16	Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule is as follows:

St. Patrick:- 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Latin)

St. Mary:- 7:00 PM

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Feb. 19, 2017
Offertory	\$2,612.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	263.85
Black/Indian & Home Missions	52.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Feb. 19, 2017
Offertory	\$974.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	188.79
Black & Indian, & Home Missions	110.00

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection the weekend of March 4/5 is for the Catholic Relief Services and Latin American.

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, Mark Julian, Greg Long. 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

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

The segments of the Sermon on the Mount that we have heard thus far in this season have been very challenging. Just remember the close of last Sunday's Gospel: "you must be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect!"

Today we hear more comforting words. The First Reading reminds us that God can no more forget us than can a mother forget her child. He is always faithful to his covenant, even when we are far less than faithful to God's call to holiness. Jesus builds on that deep Old testament tradition by reminding us that God will not desert us. He who cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field will certainly never forget his people. We are therefore to live without anxiety for the present or the future.

In this teaching Jesus is not abandoning his earlier call to holiness. We can only dare to follow the call to holiness if we are confident that God is with us. The most extreme example is of course the martyrs of old and of the present day. They are faithful even to death because they know a God who cherishes the birds of the air and the flowers of the field. Others suffer rejection, abuse and hostility for the faith. They too are confident in a God who will not forget them.

We are able to hear and to strive to obey Jesus' call to obedience and holiness because we have learned from him to trust the Father. He trusted God all the way to the cross, and so we follow.

We live in a culture where God's love and mercy are too often misunderstood as some sort of analgesic or therapy. The Gospel is too often misinterpreted as a word that lets us off the hook. We are all well aware of social forces that believe no one should ever be made uncomfortable.

But Jesus makes us uncomfortable and his mercy calls us to holiness. A mercy that did not call us to renewal and conversion would be not mercy but abandonment. He will never forget us, and that means that he will never forget to call us to holiness, that is, to a more perfect union with the triune God.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence;
First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Casimir; 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. Next Sunday, March 5, Father Joseph Cocucci, Pastor of Saint John Neumann Church, will discuss the Season of Lent. 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:- In their sacramental ministry, priests are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." That's an awesome responsibility but one that carries with it an immense joy. If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood, please don't hesitate to contact 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/

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This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year A, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, are on page 268.

Please Note:- From Ash Wednesday through the Easter Season we will use the acclamation "Save Us, Savior of the World, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free."

Novena at St. Mary's: Once again this year we will celebrate a Novena of Masses at St. Mary's on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM from Ash Wednesday through the second week of Easter. Contact the office if you would like to designate a mass intention for any of those days.

Holy Father's Intentions for March:- Evangelization: Support for Persecuted Christians:- That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Ash Wednesday is March 1. Rice bowls and The Word Among Us for Lent are available in the back of the church.

Man Up Philly Men On A Mission:- is holding the 9th annual Men's Spirituality Conference in Philadelphia, Saturday, March 4, at St. Joseph's University, Hagan Arena. For more information or to register visit ManUpPhilly.com. To register by mail:- Man Up Ministries: Registration. 2501 Seaport Drive, Suite SH400, Chester, PA 19013. Registration is \$50 per person and includes lunch. Make checks payable to Man Up Ministries.

Lent Retreat "A Closer Walk With Jesus Through the Passion Narratives," - St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Greenville, Parish Family Center, Saturday, March 4, Father James Jackson, Presenter. Mass at 8:00 AM in Church, followed by continental breakfast in Family Center; program starts 9:00 AM and ends 11:30 AM with an opportunity for Confession afterward. To register, contact Ann Hapka at 610-388-1362 or ann.d.hapka@gmail.com. Walk-ins welcome. For directions visit stjosephonthebrandywine.org.

Little Sisters of the Poor "Cooks for a Cause" at Feby's Fishery, Sunday, March 12, (3-8PM), 3701 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington; Percentage of evening's proceeds donated to Little Sisters; local parish priests will serve as special "wait staff". The event also includes a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. Reservations preferred—call 302-998-9501. For further information call Debbie at 302-368-5886 or visit www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org.

When necessary, contact Father Klein—(home) 478-2028; (cell) 717-586-9611; or e-mail LRKLEIN45@comcast.net.

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