

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

6th & Pine Sts.

Rev. Leonard R. Klein, Pastor

Wilmington, De. 19801

Deacon Robert J. Levesque

15th & King Sts.

Rev. John C. McVoy, Assisting

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

[The Lord] tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

Psalm 147:4

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 3	4:00 PM	Teresa Taggart(D), req. Family
Feb. 4	9:00 AM	Joyce Archer(L), birthday, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	10:15 AM	Ann Tobin(D), req. Jean & Ed Manlove
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), Req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Feb. 5	8:00 AM	Rev. William Joseph Baer(D), Req. Al Hafner
Feb. 6	5:30 PM	No Intention
Feb. 7	8:00 AM	The Rock Family(L), req. Regina Coeli Society
Feb. 8	5:30 PM	No Intention
Feb. 9	8:00 AM	Carole Subotick(L), req. Girone Family
Feb. 10	4:00 PM	Abigail Erhardt(L), birthday, req. Joe & Judy Archer
Feb. 11	9:00 AM	Elaine Deitz(D). Req. Regina Brainard
	10:15 AM	Jane Buxton(L), birthday, req. Paul & Adrienne Suarez
	10:30 AM	Sandra Quinn(L), req. Girone Family
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

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

We have received a certified relic of St. Patrick. The relic will be placed in a case being constructed for installation next to the statue of St. Patrick.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at Jesus House, Wilmington, DE, April 6-8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. For more information contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit rachelvineyard.org.

Knights of Columbus—At the back of the church there is information from the Knights of Columbus about their very important work of assistance in the rebuilding of Christian life in the Middle East. There is also a prayer card. The total received in the special collection was \$7,150.00 and donations are still being accepted.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Feb. 4, 2018
Offertory	\$3,676.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	131.00
Catholic University/Catholic Communications	70.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Feb. 4, 2018
Offertory	814.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	200.00
Catholic University/Catholic Communications	20.00

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection the weekend of February 10/11 is for Black and Indian Missions and Home Missions.

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.

BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER ALL MASSES SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3/4

Father Klein will be installed as pastor of St. Mary's by Bishop Malooly this Sunday, February 4, at the 10:15 Mass and as rector of the Cathedral on Sunday, February 11, at the 11:00 AM Mass. Fr. Norman Carroll, dean of the city deanery, will be responsible for the installation at St. Patrick's. That date is not yet set.

Black History Luncheon, Sunday, February 4:- The Gospel Choir will be singing at the 10:15 Mass this Sunday at St. Mary's with luncheon following Mass in the church hall. Donations of food or monetary gifts toward the purchase of food will be greatly appreciated. Contact Valerie Townsend (652-8394) or Lana Cropper (652-6219).

The Tenth Annual Festival of American Spirituals will be presented at St. Helena's Church, 602 Philadelphia Pike in Bellefonte, on Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 PM.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

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

On Thursday, January 25, the Delaware physician assisted suicide bill was pulled from the floor before a vote, when it became clear that it would not pass. This victory over the culture of death was the result of efforts by individuals of good will, anti-euthanasia groups, the medical community, advocates for the handicapped, and of course the religious community including the diocese, Bishop Malooly, and St. Francis Hospital.

No doubt the sponsors will tweak the bill and try again, but no fine-tuning can change the fact that such legislation is not a slippery slope; it's a cliff. Once healers are enlisted to kill, the toxic logic has to spread to direct physician-administered euthanasia as in parts of Europe.

The well-known Catholic writer Flannery O'Connor once wrote something that at first look seems bizarre, "Tenderness leads to the gas chamber." Her point was in fact a clear one: when decisions are made solely on the basis of sentiment and feelings, people can be led to do evil imagining that they are doing good. That is the case with physician assisted suicide. Sad stories of difficult end of life situations are told in the hope of evoking that tenderness and sentiment that will allow flawed humans to end life.

How much more true and beautiful are the reflections of the Book of Job, from which we hear today. We find Job in conversation with his friends who have come to him with their uniformly useless advice. He bewails his situation. He has lost everything and is convinced that he "will never see happiness again."

But the situation in which we find Job is only part of the drama. He has indeed endured horrible losses that he has not deserved. All he has left is his life, and while he is ready to die, he still clings to God hoping for deliverance and vindication. In the end he will be humbled and compelled to confess that God is in charge and that he has no grounds for complaint. And of course his good fortunes are restored.

The story of Job is surely not the fullness of the Gospel, but its two simple reminders that God is in charge and in the end will vindicate his beloved point toward the promises of the Gospel. God promises life eternal, and in all sufferings we are united with Christ. It is this Christian understanding that enables us to allow God to be in charge at the beginning and end of life and at all points in between. It is this understanding that can help deliver our society from the culture of death.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday
Monday: St. Agatha
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
Saturday: St. Scholastica

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, February 11, author, Diane Houdek, will discuss her books, "Lent with St. Francis," and "The Joy of Lent: Daily reflections from Pope Francis." 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, Job asks, "is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" Well, life can be a drudgery if we're trying to live a life different from the one God created us for! What is God's plan for you? Has He chosen you to serve as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? What are you doing to learn His plan for your life? If you'd like to explore further, please 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, are on page 412.

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.

Holy Father's Intentions for February:- Say "No" to *Corruption*:- That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Ulster Project Delaware is seeking teens between the ages of 14 and 16 to host a teen from Northern Ireland during an immersive four-week experience. Now recruiting for Summer 2018. **For more information:** Lauren Ruoff & Erin Mullin at applyupd@gmail.com or Amanda Finn at amandafinn.upd@gmail.com or ulsterprojectdelaware.org.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage:- Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. It is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. It can help get your relationship back on track. There are two programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: February 16-18 and April 13-15. For more information or to register for one of the weekends, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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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