

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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The Epiphany of the Lord
 January 8, 2017
 They opened their treasurers and offered him gifts
 Of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
 Matthew 2:11b

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 7	4:00 PM	Kathryn & Elmer Rhodes(D), Req. Family
Jan. 8	9:00 AM	Angela Matozzo(D), req.
	10:15 AM	John & Carol Myers(D), req. Louise & Danny
	10:30 AM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Jan. 9	8:00 AM	No Intention
Jan. 10	5:30 PM	Pat & Bob Shumaker(L), req. Issel Family
Jan. 11	8:00 AM	No Intention
Jan. 12	5:30 PM	No Intention
Jan. 13	8:00 AM	No Intention
Jan. 14	4:00 PM	Fr. James F. Trainor(D), req. Collins Family
Jan. 15	9:00 AM	No Intention
	10:15 AM	Pamela, Stephanie, & Mowbray Family(D), Req. Norma Sudler & Family
	10:30 AM	Charlotte Quinn(L), req. Girone Family
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Jan. 11	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 17	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectorry
Jan. 18	Finance Council—7:00 PM—Rectorry Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 25	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 31	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectorry
Feb. 1	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Feb. 8	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Feb. 14	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectorry

This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**.
 Readings for Year A, Epiphany of the Lord, are on page 193.

St. Patrick's and St. Mary's have excellent parking on the weekends. Let your friends know. It is a simple way to encourage people to join us. Let someone know who hasn't been to mass for a long time—or someone who needs to meet the lord.

Young Adult Retreat, Feb. 10-12, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ (ages 22-35) married or single. Time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun. Cost—\$130 per person, double occ. Register at www.capemaymarianist.org or call 609-884-3829, Anthony Fucci, Center Director for questions.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 25, 2016	Jan. 1, 2017
Offertory	\$6,730.00	\$4,105.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	204.00	247.00
Christmas Needy	50.00	
Religious Retirement	60.00	
Memorial—Rocci Rapposelli	500.00	
Donation		500.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Dec. 25, 2016	Jan. 1, 2017
Offertory	\$2,023.00	\$1,420.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society		

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection the weekend of January 21/22 is for the Catholic University and Catholic Communications.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Barbara Stackow, Arlene Dahl, Lisa Sulecki, Pat Zickgraf, Terry Mowbray, Louise Myers, Steve Naughton, Mary Dennis, Robin Passwaters, Lillian Devenny, 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.

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.

Father Trainor Council K of C is continuing the 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.

St. Mary of the Assumption Church is sponsoring *A Cantata* by *Joseph M. Martin*, a musical celebration highlighting the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany with music for Choir, Organ and Orchestra, Sunday, January 8, 7:00 PM, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE. **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

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

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord, his manifestation to the Gentiles, when the magi becomes the first of the Gentiles to worship him. Throughout the Christmas season we are reminded that Jesus has come for the salvation of all peoples, and already at his birth the mysterious visitors from the east come to seek and adore him. The revelation to Israel now becomes the revelation of God to all peoples.

This day is anticipated in many places in the Old Testament, and one of the most important is today's Old Testament reading. It comes from the period after the exiles have returned from Babylon, and it envisions God's intervention in two ways. First it envisions those who are still scattered and have not yet returned being escorted back to Jerusalem with the assistance of the pagan peoples. In addition the prophet sees the Gentiles flocking to Jerusalem with caravans of wealth—gold and frankincense—to adore the God of Israel.

This prophecy comes at a low point in the fortunes of the Jewish people. They have returned to their land from exile, but poverty, unfaithfulness, and weakness prevail; it is not so glorious as they hoped. But at precisely this low point the prophet sees a glorious future. Indeed, the low point is itself the indication that God's people must look beyond the present to a time when God will fully make himself and his goodness known.

So it needs to be for us. Our times can look pretty bleak. Secularism, indifferentism, fashionable atheism, and hostility to the Church's moral teaching can darken our outlook and dampen our hopes. But God continues to make himself known, and sometimes the darkness must deepen to prepare people for the light.

But the light of Christ continues to shine in the darkness. God still leads many to faith, and the very decadence and discouragement that surround us may prove a preparation for the Gospel. The solutions to which people run do not work. For their sake, in faith and in charity, we are called to reveal Christ to the world around us—to imitate the star and point to Jesus by our lives and words.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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, January 15, tune in to learn about the work of the Diocesan

Building Committee, when Mr. Romy Aquino 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:- An epiphany is a manifestation. In every age God calls some people to manifest his love for humanity by serving the Body of Christ as priests, deacons, religious men and religious women. If you think God might be calling you, 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!

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul St. Mary/St. Patrick Conference sincerely thanks our many generous benefactors. In the past year 292 people in our area have been helped with \$30,740. We would not be able to assist our neighbors without your kind thoughts and remembrance of our work. As you know, Christ Our King Parish recently closed its doors. We are blessed to have 6 members of Christ Our King SVdP Conference join our ranks. Those members generously brought their significant treasury with them to help in our mission. Last year Christ Our King St. Vincent de Paul members helped over 100 people with \$27,391 in assistance. Please continue to pray for them and all volunteers who serve the needy.

For the Sake of God's Children— The Charter:- Since 2002, the bishops of the United States have carried out their ministries to protect and heal in all diocese and eparchies through the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People..* The Charter directs action on the following matters: Outreach and healing to victims and survivors; Prompt and effective responses to allegations of abuse; Cooperation with public authorities; Removal of offenders from ministry; Safe environment training programs for clergy, employees, volunteers, and children that include information on prevention, identification, and response and reporting of abuse; Background checks for all clergy, employees, and volunteers that have regular contact with children; An annual audit of dioceses and eparchies to ensure compliance with Charter guidelines.

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of Bottles for Babies in October 2016. St. Mary/St. Patrick raised \$935.55 so far. Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies.

The Word Among Us for February is available in the back of church.

IHM Discernment Retreat, January 20 to January 22 (Friday 6PM to Sunday 1PM), Villa Maria House of Studies. Young women (18-35) are invited to join in this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. For information or registration contact Sister Helen Miriam Toner at ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553—ext. 1974.

St. Anthony of Padua Pilgrimage to Greece "In the Footsteps of St. Paul the Apostle", led by Msgr. Stephen P. McHenry, March 7 to 16, 2017, \$3,493.00 per person based on double occupancy. For information or reservation contact Roseann Kelly Freeman, Spring House Travel - info@springhousetravel.com or 215-643-7074.

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

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