

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)

Website: <http://smspwilmington.com>

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 30, 2017
 All things work for good for those who love God.
 Romans 8:28a

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

July 29	4:00 PM	Pat Armstrong(L), birthday, req. Joe & Judy Archer
July 30	9:00 AM	Midge Pettinaro(D), req. Eleanor Riley
	10:15 AM	Clementine & Norman Mowbray (D), req. Family
	10:30 AM	Anne Girone(L), req. Girone Family
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
July 31	8:00 AM	Deirdre Dunne(L)
Aug. 1	5:30 PM	No Intention
Aug. 2	8:00 AM	No Intention
Aug. 3	5:30 PM	No Intention
Aug. 4	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlswieg(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
	6:00 PM	Mary Taormina(D), req. Mary Ellen & Jim Waterman
Aug. 5	9:00 AM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Jim & Lorie Issel
	4:00 PM	Louis F. Bellini, req. Anne Marie & Neil Morris
Aug. 6	9:00 AM	Liv./Dec. Mem. Of Stewart Family, req. Greg Stewart
	10:15 AM	No Intention
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Aug. 1	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Aug. 2	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Aug. 9	Clean Church—St. Patrick
	Finance Council—Rectory—7:00 PM
Aug. 15	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation
Aug. 16	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Aug. 17	Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall
Aug. 23	Clean Church—St. Patrick

Retrouvaille may be the way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities from time to time offers employment opportunities of full time or part time positions. For more information or to apply for any of these opportunities, see their postings on Careerbuilder.com EOE M/F/D/V.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING
 Sunday, July 23, 2017
 Offertory TBA
 St. Vincent DePaul Society
 Church in Central & Eastern Europe

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING
 Sunday, July 23, 2017
 Offertory \$672.24
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 109.75

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-
 St. Patrick \$3,269.00
 St. Mary \$788.00

The second collection the weekend of August 19/20 is for the Cathedral of St. Peter.

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, Christine Sacharok, Alexis Collins, Henry Manlove, Sr., Jack McDermott, III, Susan Naughton, Vici Manlove, Anna Matt, Ann Tobin, Claire Cambra, Samantha Nelson, Judy Macey, Catherine Manlove Pugliese, Anita Flynn, Christina Mallon, Mary Elizabeth Selsky, Veronica Scully, Alex Miller, Nicholas Miller, Kevin Miller, Mark Julian, Greg Long, Alice Harris, Sheila Dunne, Stephen Slavish. 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**

August 15, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 8:00 AM, 12:10, 5:30, and 7:00 (Latin) PM at St. Patrick's and 12:10 PM at the Cathedral.

40 Days For Life Team/Wilmington, will be standing and praying at the Planned Parenthood, Seventh & Shipley Streets, ON TUESDAYS ONLY from 9-11 AM. Please plan on joining them on any Tuesday.

A special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the **Cathedral of Saint Peter** will be taken up the weekend of August 19 & 20 in all parishes in our diocese. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, special video message from Father Klein the Cathedral's Administrator, and a tour of the Cathedral's 99 year-old organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

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

We continue to hear from the parables of Jesus as recorded in Matthew. In Sunday school many years ago I learned a very simple definition of a parable: "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." It summarizes quite well what Jesus strives to accomplish in the parables. He uses simple examples from agriculture and daily life in the ancient world, and in telling the stories assists those with ears to hear what God is doing in him and how God's Kingdom grows and is revealed.

Today's parables are short and simple. The Kingdom of God is like a valuable treasure or a pearl that is worth the investment of everything. The final parable about the catch of fish and the sorting of them is yet another reminder that the Kingdom of God involves judgment.

Throughout the centuries the Church and its theologians and biblical scholars have struggled to define what Jesus means about the Kingdom of God. It has obviously both a present and a future meaning. The Kingdom is the coming victory and judgment and eternal salvation. But it also is something that grows and is present on earth, as last week's parable of the mustard seed reminds us. But we cannot simply equate the Kingdom of God with the Church, as many have done in the past.

The image of the Kingdom of God is a reminder that the things of God are of ultimate value—not the things we so often commit ourselves to and worry about. Jesus' preaching and parables of the Kingdom are not a textbook about the Kingdom of God. They are his efforts to point us to God. In his very important books on Jesus of Nazareth published during his papacy, Pope Emeritus Benedict, says that it might be helpful to think of the Kingdom of God as simply God himself. Thus in today's parables God himself is the treasure and the pearl of great price. And of course in Jesus God is in our midst.

In the end we need not assume a clear and precise meaning for every parable, so long as they remember that Jesus' parables are simple devices for holding our attention and pointing us toward our salvation.

In Christ
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Friday: St. John Vianney; First Friday
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First 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, August 6, Father John Bartunek will discuss his book,

"Summer Meditations." 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, Solomon asks God for "an understanding heart." He wants, in other words, a heart that understands God's will for him and for the people he is to serve. What is God's will for you? Could He be calling you to serve His people as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? If you think so, 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 A, the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, are on page 286.

The Statue of St. Martin de Porres is missing from the back of the church because it needed repairs. Thanks to Julia Holdnack, who has also refurbished the corpus of the crucifix in the stairwell and the risen Christ statue.

A new relic has been placed on the high altar at St. Patrick's. A gift to Fr. Klein, it is a relic of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish clergy. (His feast day happens to be Fr. Klein's birthday.) Other relics on the high altar are of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pictured kneeling before the vision of the Sacred Heart in the front left window; St. Vincent DePaul, in whose name so much good work is done here; and St. John Neumann, who was once the bishop of our state and who dedicated St. Mary's Church, which also has a relic of the saint in addition to a fine statue.

Listen to Relevant Radio—640AM on the local dial.

For the Sake of God's Children:- The first obligation of the Church with regard to victims is for healing and reconciliation. Dioceses and eparchies continue to reach out to every person who has been a victim of sexual abuse as a minor by anyone in church service, whether that abuse is recent or occurred in the past. If you suffered abuse, it was not your fault. If you are a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church, there are several things you can do: 1. Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency, which can help determine options for making a criminal complaint. 2. Contact a local child protection agency, a private attorney, a support group, an abuse hotline, or a mental health professional. 3. Contact a diocesan or eparchial victim assistance coordinator who is available to help victims and survivors make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese or eparchy, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and obtain support for the needs of the individual and families.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August:- *Universal: Artists.* That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Mark Your Calendar!!! 40 Days for Life annual fall dinner fundraiser will take place at St. Helena's Catholic Church, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Bellefonte, Saturday, September 16. Terry Beatley, author of the new book *What If We've Been Wrong*, will be the speaker. More information to follow.

PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY!

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