

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:17

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 10	4:00 PM	Michelle Snyder(L), req. Adrienne & Paul Suarez
March 11	9:00 AM	No Intention
	10:15 AM	Ann Spear Tobin(D), req. Jean & Ed Manlove
	10:30 AM	Jack Mood(D), req. Stephen & Katrina Biter
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
March 12	8:00 AM	No Intention
March 13	5:30 PM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 14	8:00 AM	Sheila Dunne(L)
	7:00 PM	No Intention
March 15	5:30 PM	James Blair(L), req. Cecilia Blair
March 16	7:30 AM	St. Patrick's Day Society
March 17	4:00 PM	Catherine Rhodes(D), req. Fam.
March 18	9:00 AM	No Intention
	10:15 AM	Pasqual & Victoria Cicone(D), Req. Louise Giliberto & Family
	10:30 AM	Alice Mood(D), req. Stephen & Katrina Biter
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

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
March 21	Clean Church—St. Patrick Novena Mass—St. Mary's—7:00 PM & Station
March 26	Chrism Mass, 7:00 PM, Holy Cross Church, Dover, bus leaves St. Patrick's Parking Lot— 4:00 PM
March 28	Clean Church—St. Patrick's Novena Mass—St. Mary's—7:00 PM & Stations
March 29	Holy Thursday—St. Peter's Cathedral—7:00 PM
March 30	Good Friday—St. Peter's Cathedral—3:00 PM Stations of the Cross—St. Patrick's—7:00 PM
March 31	Easter Vigil—St. Elizabeth's—8:00 PM

Shepherds of Bethlehem will be at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's after all the masses the weekend of March 17-18 to sell their carved exquisite olive wood religious works. The revenue generated helps to restore justice to an oppressed Palestinian Christian minority, supports over 300 families of skilled carvers and helps in keeping a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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. **Stations of the Cross will immediately follow Mass** on all the Wednesdays of Lent.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	March 4, 2018
Offertory	\$5,383.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	106.00
Catholic Relief Services	839.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	March 4, 2018
Offertory	\$1,514.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	6.00
Catholic Relief Services	171.00
Operation Rice Bowl	5.00
Irish Tea	119.00

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The collection on March 30 (Good Friday) is for the Holy Land Shrines.

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, 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:

This Fourth Sunday in Lent is called "Laetare" from the first word of the Latin introit, which begins "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her." These opening words of the Mass turn our attention to the heavenly Jerusalem which becomes ours through Christ's sacrifice in Jerusalem. By long custom it is a day for easing the Lenten fast, and from this comes the option of using rose vestments on this day.

The day also marks a turn in the season, as we move by steps toward the cross. Until now the Gospels for daily Mass dealt with the practices and virtues of Lent—prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and humility. But now the daily Gospel readings shift to John and show us a series of intensifying conflicts that propel events inevitably toward the cross. The rose color quickly recedes, and the scene darkens. Next Sunday the veils may go up over the statues and crosses and then comes Holy Week.

Our journey to the New Jerusalem is arduous, as was Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the cross. Without this annual spring training we could become too slack in our faith, our repentance and our hope. So then we move by stages toward those events that give to us and to the world our only real and enduring hope.

As I write this, the Winter Olympics have recently ended. We see in any sporting competition the necessity and value of training. Without skill and extreme physical fitness, there would be no gold medals, no exhilaration of victory. And nobody thinks it odd that young people should train so hard for a glory that passes away.

We can benefit from this example. Following Christ likewise is demanding but even more rewarding. A little training is well worth it—some sacrifice, some mortification, some extra effort.

So on this day when the Church in the past relaxed what was a much more severe fast than today's, we would do well to renew and intensify our Lenten disciplines.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Saint Patrick

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 18, tune in to listen to highlights from the March 3 Mass to celebrate the opening of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary year. 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 second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians (and us) that God is "rich in mercy." Every day women and men find that mercy through the ministry of priests in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you are a healthy Catholic man who thinks God might be calling you to priesthood, let's talk. 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, are on page 360.

Chrism Mass:- You are invited to join Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly and the priests of the diocese for the celebration of the Chrism Mass, Monday, March 26, 7:00 PM, Holy Cross Church, 631 S. State Street, Dover. A bus will leave St. Patrick's parking lot at 4:00 PM. Cost of the bus is \$10.00 per person. There will be a dinner stop, at your expense. For information call Lana Cropper—652-6219 or Valerie Townsend—652-8394

Triduum Schedule:-

Holy Thursday Liturgy, St. Peter's Cathedral, 7:00 PM
Good Friday Liturgy, St. Peter's Cathedral, 3:00 PM
Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick's, 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil, Saturday, St. Elizabeth's, 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday, regular Mass schedule: NO 5:00 PM MASS

Deanery Lenten Penance Service will be Sunday, March 18, at 3:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Ninth & DuPont Streets, Wilmington.

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.

Camp Veritas has an excellent reputation for strengthening the faith of post-confirmation youth. The nearest programs are at Newburgh, NY, July 22-28, and Emmitsburg, MD, July 29 to August 4. More information is available at www.campveritas.com.

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.

Sisters' Night:- Friday, March 16, 6:30-8:30 PM, Camilla Hall, 1145 W. King Road, Malvern, PA; Single young women ages 18-35 spend an evening of prayer, pizza, and St. Paddy's Day fun with the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices and postulants. Contact 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com.
Discernment Retreat; March 23 (6pm) - March 25 (1pm), Villa Maria House of Studies, 1140 King Road., Malvern; for information 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com.

ALERT: The 55th annual Caesar Rodney Half-Marathon will be running March 18, starting at 9:30 AM at Rodney Square which may involve some street closures around St. Mary and St. Patrick.

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 11
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

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