

# 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>

Third Sunday of Lent  
 March 19, 2017  
 While we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
 Romans 5:8

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
 Sunday, March 12, 2017  
 Offertory \$2,785.00  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 286.84  
 Catholic Relief & Latin America 10.00

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| March 18 | 4:00 PM  | For the President of the United States                     |
| March 19 | 9:00 AM  | Harry Burt(D), req. Dick Wade                              |
|          | 10:15 AM | Pasquale & Victoria Ciconte(D)                             |
|          |          | Req. Louise Gilberto & Family                              |
|          | 10:30 AM | For the President of the United States                     |
|          | 5:00 PM  | People of the Parish                                       |
| March 20 | 8:00 AM  | No Intention   |
| March 21 | 5:30 PM  | Rosemarie McGonigle(D), 8th anniv. req. Jack McGonigle     |
| March 22 | 8:00 AM  | No Intention   |
|          | 7:00 PM  | For the President of the United States                     |
| March 23 | 5:30 PM  | Gerald R. Blakely, Jr.(D)                                  |
| March 24 | 8:00 AM  | Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer        |
| March 25 | 4:00 PM  | Liv./Dec. Members of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer |
| March 26 | 9:00 AM  | No Intention   |
|          | 10:15 AM | John & Carol Myers(D), req. Louise & Danny Myers           |
|          | 10:30 AM | No Intention   |
|          | 5:00 PM  | People of the Parish                                       |

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
 Sunday, March 12, 2017  
 Offertory \$898.00  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 17.00  
 Catholic Relief & Latin America 118.50  
 St. Mary School—Rent 5,196.69

**Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-**  
 St. Patrick \$2,962.00  
 St. Mary \$865.00

**The collection on April 14 (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, 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.

**Calendar of Events:-**

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| March 22    | Clean Church—St. Patrick                      |
|             | Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations       |
| March 28    | St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory       |
| March 29    | Clean Church—St. Patrick                      |
|             | Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations       |
| April 5     | Clean Church—St. Patrick                      |
|             | Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations       |
| April 10    | Chrism Mass—7:00 PM—Holy Cross, Dover         |
| April 11    | St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory       |
| April 12    | Clean Church—St. Patrick                      |
|             | Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations       |
| April 13-15 | Triduum -                                     |
|             | Holy Thursday—St. Peter's Cathedral—7:00 PM   |
|             | Good Friday—St. Peter's Cathedral—3:00 PM     |
|             | Stations of the Cross—St. Patrick's - 7:00 PM |
|             | Holy Saturday Easter Vigil—St. Elizabeth      |
|             | 8:00 PM                                       |

**Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross)** is presented every Friday night in Lent at 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 9th and DuPont Streets, Wilmington. A cast of 125 youth from age 3 to college age students reenact the last days of Jesus and His crucifixion on Good Friday in the style of the medieval Miracle Play. Groups of 10 or more can reserve seating by calling St. Anthony's at 302-421-3700.

**SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.**

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

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

Today we begin a series of three lengthy Gospel readings from John. These selections originated with the ancient preparation of catechumens for Baptism at Easter. Today's Gospel, the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, demonstrates salvation through water and the Spirit. Next Sunday's account of the healing of the man born blind reminds us that faith is illumination, a liberation from ignorance. On the Fifth Sunday in Lent we hear the story of the resurrection of Lazarus, for baptism is the promise of resurrection and life. Through these Sundays the mystery of salvation and the meaning of Baptism are driven home.

These readings are all about a chapter long, for they are rich and complex narratives with many levels of meaning and strong dramatic elements.

Listen closely to the Gospel reading and you will see that it takes a while for the Samaritan woman to catch on to what Christ is talking about. There are surprising features to the story: Jesus is talking to a woman and moreover to a Samaritan. The Jews regarded the Samaritans as somewhat disgraceful relatives, generally to be avoided. The woman is, moreover, a notorious sinner. And she thinks that "living water" means "running water." We also see the first phase of the Christian mission: many of the Samaritan villagers come to believe in Jesus.

But at the heart of the story is the reason for the Church's use of this reading on this day—the living water of Baptism. Through Baptism we are united with the death and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, Easter became the premiere time for the celebration of the Sacrament. Lent was the time of final preparation. Those of us who are already baptized join in the preparation by doing penance. The call to repentance in this season is a call to return to the grace first received in Baptism and to the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

Thus, baptized Christians who are received into the Church must first go to Confession. Those who need to be baptized do not; their sins are forgiven in Baptism. After Baptism our sins mar the grace and newness of Baptism, so when we go to Confession we return to and reclaim the grace of Baptism.

God acts through material means. This understanding is at the heart of the Catholic understanding of the Sacraments—indeed of reality itself. God in his wisdom has designated Baptism as the way we enter the Church. Today's reading reminds us of this very basic point.

In Christ,  
Fr. Klein

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins  
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

**Listen to Catholic Forum** every Sunday morning at 10:05 AM on 1150AM WDEL now found on 101.7 FM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, March 26, Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi from the Archdiocese of Washington will discuss his next book, "Meeting God in the Upper Room: Three Moments to Change Your Life." 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](http://www.1009purecountry.com)

**Vocation Thought:-** Even though Moses was following the Lord's command, the people grumbled against him. Every vocation carries the same risk; following the Lord—as a committed married person, single person, priest or religious—is not always popular. At the same time, the Lord blesses those who hear His call and follow. Is God calling you to serve the Church through a vocation of religious ministry? Let's talk. Call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113); [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations/](http://www.cdow.org/vocations/)

**Tax Receipts for 2016 contributions** can be obtained by calling the office 302-652-0743. Give your name, address, phone number and envelope number.

**This weekend** we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year A, Third Sunday of Lent, are on page 205.

**Please Note:-** Through Lent and 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 during Lent through the second week of Easter. Contact the office if you would like to designate a mass intention for any of those days.

**Rice bowls** are available in the back of the church.

**Attention: All Middle and High School Girls:-** You are invited to **SUNDAY WITH THE SISTERS**, April 2, hosted by the Sisters of St. Claire, the Daughters of Charity, and the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, from Noon to 1:30 PM at Daughters of Charity Sisters House, 601 N. West Street. The afternoon includes a light lunch with the Sisters, presentations on their life, time for questions, and a tour of the Sisters House. **RSVP** to Sr. JoAnne—[joanne.goecke@doc.org](mailto:joanne.goecke@doc.org). or call 302-658-9715 after 6:00 PM.

**City Deanery Lenten Penance Service** with individual confessions is Sunday, April 2, 3:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 9th and DuPont Streets.

**IHM Sisters' Night**, Friday, March 24, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Camilla Hall, 1145 W. King Road, Malvern, PA 19355. An opportunity for young women to share informally with IHM Sisters, joining them for a fun night of prayer, pizza, and sing-a-long bingo. RSVP by March 23 to Sr. Marianne 610-889-1553 or [ihmvoc@gmail.com](mailto:ihmvoc@gmail.com).

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

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