

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>

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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	Martin Llobrero(D), req. Girone Family
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
March 27	8:00 AM	Dominic A. Dougherty, Jr.(D), Req. Dougherty Family
March 28	5:30 PM	No Intention
March 29	8:00 AM	Communion Service, Dea. Bob Anthony J. Lofink(D), req. Charma Bell & Family
March 30	5:30 PM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 31	8:00 AM	Renate Klein(D), birthday, req. Family
April 1	9:00 AM	Shirley A. Hazelton(D), req. Joe & Judy Archer
	4:00 PM	No Intention
April 2	9:00 AM	No Intention
	10:15 AM	James J. Pietlock(D), req. Ed & Jean Manlove
	10:30 AM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

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

PLEASE NOTE: NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUN.

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. Groups of 10 or more can reserve seating by calling St. Anthony’s at 302-421-3700.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

ST. PATRICK’S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	March 19, 2017
Offertory	\$7006.26
St. Vincent DePaul Society	179.00
St. Patrick’s Day Society Mass	1,742.00
In Memory of Shane Prucino	215.00

ST. MARY’S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	March 19, 2017
Offertory	\$855.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	204.00

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, George and Alice Harris.

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

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

Jesus in today's Gospel heals a man born blind, and then the story turns into a conflict with some of the leaders of his people over spiritual blindness. Some of the language reflects the sharp debate within the Jewish community of the first century over the identity of Jesus. These harsh exchanges are not to be understood as condemnation of the Jewish people then and now. Jesus, his opponents and the Evangelist are all Jews, after all.

As important as the miracle is, the heart of today's Gospel is the need for spiritual illumination. It was originally read on this Sunday to prepare catechumens for Baptism at Easter. They were to understand their Baptism as a transition from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge.

Our era misunderstands faith as merely a private feeling or opinion and assumes that "facts" are another matter. We know better. The truth about reality in the end can only be seen with the eyes of faith. The false notion that only science and logic can discern truth—in combination with an increasingly course culture—has caused an epidemic of human, spiritual and moral blindness.

By the light of faith—and only by the light of faith—can we discern right and wrong. Only by the light of faith can we see the infinite value of each human being. Only by the light of faith can we understand that human rights are assigned by God and not by majority vote. Only by the light of faith can we see that the beauty of the world also reveals the beauty of its Creator. Only by the light of faith do we know that our lives make sense and that they matter.

Many of the assumptions of the contemporary world are a kind of blindness. Moreover, the comfort and security that our economy provides can impose a sleepiness that cannot see through the fog of ease.

Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia recently published a book entitled "Strangers in a Strange Land." I finished it last week and recommend it highly. It can open your eyes to challenges that you may not have recognized. But he also provides guidance for living faithfully in the world with eyes wide open both to the distortions of the era and beauty of the faith.

The darkness is real, there is much to be alarmed about. But Jesus, who healed the blind man, is risen and calls us into the light.

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: 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
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

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, April 2, tune in to learn about the plight of Syrian refugees when Ms. Kim Zarif from St. Mary Star of the Sea parish in Ocean City, Maryland 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:- In today's first reading, the Lord chooses the least likely of Jesse's sons as His anointed king. Have you ever thought that you would be an unlikely choice for a religious vocation? So have many priests, deacons, sisters and brother! God's call is mysterious. If you'd like to explore what could be a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, 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!

Chrism Mass:- You are invited to join the Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly and the priests of the diocese for the celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 PM at 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 will be \$10.00 per person. There will be a dinner stop, at your expense. For more information or for reservation call Lana Cropper at 652-6219 or Valerie Townsend at 652-8394.

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, Fourth Sunday of Lent, are on page 208.

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. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.

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

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