

# 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>

First Sunday of Lent  
 March 5, 2017  
 "The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
 And him alone shall you serve."  
 Matthew 4:10

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
 Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017  
 Offertory \$2,462.44  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 98.00  
 Sustaining Hope for the Future 1,292.00

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 4	4:00 PM	Linda Archer(L), req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 5	9:00 AM	Julio & Marguerita Margiotta (D), req. Julio & Patty
	10:15 AM	Senator John E. Reilly & Alice Scanlon Reilly(D) req. Family
	10:30 AM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
March 6	8:00 AM	James J. Pietlock(D), req. Buxton Family
March 7	5:30 PM	Shirley A. McKeown(L), req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 8	8:00 AM	No Intention
	7:00 PM	No Intention
March 9	5:30 PM	No Intention
March 10	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing Req. Joe & Judy Archer
March 11	4:00 PM	Harold J. Taggart(D), req. Family
March 12	9:00 AM	Jack Dougherty(D), req. Dick Wade
	10:15 AM	Larry Tobin, Sr.(D), req Tobin & Alexander Families
	10:30 AM	Joseph Armstrong(L) birthday, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
 Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017  
 Offertory \$564.50  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 207.86

**Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-**

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

**The second collection this weekend of March 4/5 is for the Catholic Relief Services and Latin American.**

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:-**

March 8	Clean Church—St. Patrick Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations
March 14	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
March 15	Clean Church Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations
March 16	Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall
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

**"Good Christians, come with hearts contrite. St. Anthony's welcomes you tonight."** These opening words of the Via Crucis welcome all to worship at this 57-year Lenten tradition. The Via Crucis is open to the public, and is presented every Friday in Lent from 7:30 to 8:30 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 9th & 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 Plan. 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:

We appropriately begin Lent this year with the Genesis account of the fall into sin by our first parents. And in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that in the sin of our first parents, all sinned. "In Adam's fall sinned we all," from the 1688 New England Primer sums up the point succinctly: we are one with the whole human race in our sinfulness.

But today's Scripture readings drive home an additional point: sin is a consequence of a *fall*, a descent from a higher and better place. God has created us for something better, and sin is not an intrinsic part of human nature. Therefore, to justify sinful behavior by arguing that 'it's only human' is a serious mistake. Sin diminishes our humanity; it does not describe it and it surely does not enhance it.

It is, therefore, Christ, not Adam, who is most truly human. In his perfect obedience to the Father and his faithful obedience even to the point of death, he shows us true humanity. His resistance to temptation in the desert is the counterpoint to the capitulation of the man and the woman in the joy and plenty of the Garden of Eden. Jesus is the one who shows us what it means to be truly human.

Resistance to temptation and the proper use of conscience are what elevate us. The pursuit of holiness dignifies human nature. As always, the Scriptures contradict the illusion that we are most human when we do it our way. The pursuit of autonomy is often little more than the pursuit of sin and self-destruction.

Christ's obedience to the Father, exemplified in his resistance to temptation and fulfilled on the cross, shows us the path to true humanity. That path is the path to forgiveness, life and resurrection. Lent's focus on sin and discipline and resistance to temptation is thus not a matter of self-imposed guilt and gloom. It is a focus on what God has called us to be and what with his help we strive to become.

May God grant you a blessed and holy Lent.

In Christ,  
Fr. Klein

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent  
Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity  
Wednesday: St. John of God  
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

**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 12, Ms. Arline Dosman, Director of Hispanic Ministry for Holy Cross Parish in Dover, Delaware and Immaculate Conception Parish in Marydel, Maryland, will discuss her work with the Spanish-speaking Catholics of her parishes. 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:-** Today's first reading reminds us that Adam and Eve chose not to follow God's will for them, even though they knew what it was. So often we want to cooperate with God's plan, if only we could discern it. Might He be calling you to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? If you think so, 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, First Sunday of Lent, are on page 201.

**Please Note:-** From Ash Wednesday through 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 from Ash Wednesday through the second week of Easter. Contact the office if you would like to designate a mass intention for any of those days.

**Holy Father's Intentions for March:-** *Evangelization:* Support for Persecuted Christians:- That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**Rice bowls** and **The Word Among Us for Lent** are available in the back of the church.

**Little Sisters of the Poor "Cooks for a Cause" at Feby's Fishery,** Sunday, March 12, (3-8PM), 3701 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington; Percentage of evening's proceeds donated to Little Sisters; local parish priests will serve as special "wait staff". The event also includes a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. Reservations preferred—call 302-998-9501. For further information call Debbie at 302-368-5886 or visit [www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org).

**Harriet Tubman Day in Delaware,** Saturday, March 11; State of Delaware Proclamation at 10:00 AM at Delaware History Museum, 504 N. Market St., Wilmington; Family Programs, 11:00 AM—3:00 PM, Delaware History Museum "**The Underground Railroad in Delaware**" and 11:00 AM—12:30 PM at Wilmington Friends Meeting House, hosted by the Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Foundation, 401 N. West Street, Wilmington. For information call 302-388-7176 or [www.quakerhillhistoric.org](http://www.quakerhillhistoric.org)

**New Castle County Irish Society,** 1301 S. Rodney Street, will host After Parade Party, Saturday, March 11, 1:00 to 6:00 PM. Music by John Kelly; Admission—\$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, free for children 12 and under. Cash bar and food will be available. **ALSO** Ham & Cabbage lunch/dinner, Friday, March 17, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM—adult platter, \$9.00 includes coffee or tea and dessert; children 8 and under—\$4.00 includes dessert. Take-out platters—\$9.00 available all day by calling 302-658-8288 or come in. There will be an Irish Dance Program performed by the McAleer School of Dance at 4:30 PM.

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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