

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>

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 24, 2017
 Turn to the Lord for mercy;
 To our God, who is generous in forgiving
 Isaiah 55:7b

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 23	4:00 PM	Lois Lennon(D), req. Gina & Pat Connor
Sept. 24	9:00 AM	Bernice Apostolico(D), req. Family
	10:15 AM	Anna Bender-Wass(D), req. Family
	10:30 AM	Mary Taormina(D), req. Louise Schmidt & Family
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sept. 25	8:00 AM	Bridie McCabe(D) of Dublin, Ire. Req. Al Hafner
Sept. 26	5:30 PM	Mary Dunne(D)
Sept. 27	8:00 AM	No Intention
Sept. 28	5:30 PM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, req. Joe & Judy Archer
Sept. 29	8:00 AM	Renate Klein(D), req. Frances Kelleher
Sept. 30	4:00 PM	Stephen Slavish(D), req. Gina & Pat Connor
Oct. 1	9:00 AM	John Farrace(L), birthday, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	10:15 AM	Mary Elizabeth Selsky(D) req. Jean & Ed Manlove
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Sept. 26	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Sept. 27	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Oct. 4	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Oct. 10	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
Oct. 11	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Oct. 18	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Oct. 19	Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall

Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop W. Francis W. Malooly to Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Saturday, September 30, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM. Bus transportation is available. To reserve a seat, contact Marian Pilgrimage Coordinator, Edith Ryan from St. Elizabeth's, at either 302-384-8717 or edith_dallas@hotmail.com.

Bishop Malooly invites you to the **2017 Diocese of Wilmington "Blue Mass"** on Friday, October 6, 11:00 AM at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom St., Wilmington. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
Sunday,	Sept. 17, 2017
Offertory	\$3,065.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	191.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief	100.00
Share in the Spirit	200.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
Sunday,	Sept. 17, 2017
Offertory	\$1,057.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	58.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief	165.00
Share in the Spirit	8.50

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection this weekend of September 23/24 is for Share in the Spirit.

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, Ann Tobin, Claire Cembra, Samantha Nelson, Judy Maciey, Catherine Manlove Pugliese, Anita Flynn, Christina Mallon, Veronica Scully, Alex Miller, Nicholas Miller, Kevin Miller, Mark Julian, Greg Long, Sheila Dunne. 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**

St. Elizabeth High School Open House will be October 22, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. High School Placement Tests will be administered on Dec. 2, 8:30 AM and Dec. 3, at Noon.

St. Mark's High School Admissions Dates: 8th Grade HSPT Prep Course, Saturday, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11; Fall Open House, Sun, Oct. 29, 12:00—3:00 PM; Spartan for a Day for 8th Grade students, beginning Oct. 3 and offered on Tuesday—Friday; 8th Grade HSPT at St. Mark's, Dec. 2 at 8:00 AM or Dec. 3. 12:00 PM.

Looking for Volunteers to assume responsibility of luncheon for Black History Sunday 2018. Contact Valerie Townsend at 302-652-8394

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

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

One of my favorite episodes in all of Shakespeare involves the arrival of the theatre troupe at the castle in *Hamlet*. Hamlet the prince instructs the chatty courtier Polonius to make them welcome. Polonius says, "My lord, I will use them according to their dessert."

Hamlet replies, "God's bodykins, man, much better. Use every man after his dessert, and who should 'scape whipping?" Hamlet is swearing by the Eucharist here—perhaps another subtle hint that Shakespeare was a closet Catholic—but there is a more solid theological point in this exchange. We should never desire to be treated by God as we deserve; otherwise none of us would escape whipping. We are dependent on God's mercy that transcends ordinary justice.

Children complain when it's not fair, and adults do so more subtly. But from God we do not seek fairness. Rather we need his grace and generosity.

Such is the powerful lesson of today's Gospel, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. It is one of Jesus' most splendid windows into the grace of God. God's grace and mercy are rich and extravagant and poured out on the undeserving. Those workers who came early in the morning may have earned their pay, but it is only because of the landlord's wealth and goodness that they are employed at all.

We who have labored long and hard in the vineyard must likewise remember that our service is a privilege and never begrudge the latecomers and the slackers. It is, after all, fruitful labor, as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading.

The image of the vineyard as the community of God's people goes at least back to Isaiah. We are God's vineyard; to be part of his people and to labor and serve him is the greatest of blessings, but our wages are from God's generosity. He chooses to give us the blessings of faith, hope, and charity. He chooses to make us his people. And his generosity will come to its fulfillment in eternal life.

Therefore, the proper stance of a Christian before God is always gratitude. We could never earn what God has freely given us.

In Christ
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels;
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement)
begins at sunset
Saturday: St. Jerome

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, October 1, Lou De Angelo, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Wilmington, will be interviewed. 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, the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." One of the hallmarks of Christian growth is realizing that God's plan for me might be different from what I'd like to choose as a career. Sorting it all out involves discernment, and that's never easy to do by oneself. If you think God might be calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life, and if you'd like some help as you seek clarity, 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 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time are on page 300.

The Book of Revelation has through the history of the Church contributed both to undue confusion and undue certainty. Too often the central message of the victory of Christ is lost. Father Klein will lead a course looking at the complex symbolism and the simple announcement of the Gospel that make up the message of the last book of the Bible. The course will meet at St. Joseph on the Brandywine from 10:30 AM until Noon on Mondays from October 2 through November 13.

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

2017 Share in the Spirit Tuition Assistance Collection:- Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

Thank you to Bill Keenan for numerous repairs to metalwork at St. Patrick's **Thanks also to Rick Bockrath** for replacing the ancient (perhaps original!) treads on the rectory basement stairs.

The Annual Red Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Oct. 2, 6:00 PM, at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. This is the 30th Annual Celebration of the Red Mass. The homilist will be Fr. Robert Kennedy, who was homilist for the first diocesan Red Mass.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at the Franciscan retreat house, Wilmington, DE, October 6-8. The weekend is an opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. For more information contact Nan Freeman at 302-528-8313 or visit rachelvineyard.org.

PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY!

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