

Do you not know
that you are the
temple of God,
and that the
Spirit of God
dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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FEBRUARY
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2020

St. Mary's Church - St. Patrick's Church

6th & Pine Sts.

Wilmington, DE 19801

15th & King Sts.

Very Reverend Joseph W. McQuaide, IV, *Pastor*
Reverend John C. McVoy, *Assisting*

MASSES: ST. MARY'S

Sunday: 10:15 A.M.

Holy days: As announced

MASSES: ST. PATRICK'S

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., Confession—10:00 AM, 10:30 A.M.
(Extraordinary Form/Latin), 5:00 PM

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8:00 A.M.

Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 P.M.; Confession 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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 23, 2020
 Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
 — Leviticus 19:2b

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 22	4:00 PM	Joseph & Elizabeth Wysocki(D) Req. Joseph Wysocki
Feb. 23	9:00 AM	Alphonse & Lee DelCampo(D) Req. DelCampo Family
	10:15 AM	Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein(D), Req. Fr. James Trainor Council Knights of Columbus
	10:30 AM	V. Rev. Leonard R. Klein(D)
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Feb. 24	8:00 AM	Mark Fischer(L), req. Dorothy Fischer
Feb. 25	5:30 PM	Gerry Tarford(D), req. Friends
Feb. 26	8:00 AM	Pat & Bob Shumaker(L), req. Jim & Lorie Issel
	12:10 PM	No Intention
	5:30 PM	No Intention
	7:00 PM	V. Rev. Leonard R. Klein(D), Req. Ed Delate Family
	7:00 PM	Mae G. Caldwell(D), req. Morris & Coverdale Family
Feb. 27	5:30 PM	No Intention
Feb. 28	8:00 AM	No Intention
Feb. 29	4:00 PM	Joseph M. Brogan(D)
March 1	9:00 AM	Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein(D), Req. Jean Manlove & Family
	10:15 AM	Thermond Redden(D), req. Carol Nelson
	10:30 AM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Feb. 25	St. Vincent DePaul Society—6:00 PM—Rectory
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence) Clean Church—St. Patrick Mass & Stations of the Cross—St. Mary (7 PM)
Feb. 28	Stations of the Cross—St. Patrick (7 PM)
March 4	Clean Church—St. Patrick Mass & Stations of the Cross—St. Mary (7 PM)
March 6	Stations of the Cross—St. Patrick (7 PM)
March 8	Daylight Savings Time begins—set clocks Forward 1 hour
March 10	St. Vincent DePaul Society—6:00 PM—Rectory

St. Mary's Irish Tea and Breakfast—March 1, 2020:- The breakfast is a fundraiser for the church. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Adult tickets are \$5.00 at the door or \$4.00 if purchased in advance. Children—\$2.00. Contact Mary Jane Lisansky for tickets at 302-373-4136 or mlisansky@aol.com.

Cathedral of St. Peter Fundraiser Celebration –Back By Popular Demand! - Sunday, February 23, 12 to 2 PM. Refreshments and Lots of Fun. Join us in the Cathedral Rectory for a *Fundraiser to Benefit the Cathedral of St Peter!* No Admission Charge! All are Welcome! RSVP 654-5920 or cathedralstp@comcast.net

Black History/Luncheon Program:- We want to thank all parishioners, family and friends who donated and helped

support our many needs. Thank you from Norma Sudler and Valerie Townsend.

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday	Feb. 16, 2020
Offertory	\$2,540.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	150.00
Black & Indian & Home Missions	16.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday	Feb. 16, 2020
Offertory	\$1,065.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	221.00
School—Rent	4,421.55

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:

St. Patrick	\$3,442.00
St. Mary	\$673.00

The second collection the weekend of February 29/March 1 is for Catholic Relief Services and Latin America.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Arlene Dahl, Lisa Sulecki, Pat Zickgraf, Terry Mowbray, 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, Patrick McGinnis, Bill McGiveny, J. B. Harrington, 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, Liz Adams, Cindy Crispin, Fay Weldon, Brian Matt, Julia Farrell, Mary Ciritella, Nancy Read Keil, Jack McDermott, III, Susan Naughton, Vici Manlove, Anna Matt, Claire Cambra, Samantha Nelson, Judy Macey, Catherine Manlove Pugliese, Anita Flynn, Christina Mallon, Veronica Scully, Mark Julian, Greg Long, Roland M. Dimaya, Daniel Myers, Molly Remaley, Sally McKinney Rosenberg, Janell Harris, Fr. Leonard Klein, Jennie Dahl, Robert Laraway, Eleace Stacey, Lindsay Rhein, Kenneth Caretti, Veronica Irwin, Thomas W. Moore, Daniel J. Hamilton, Howard Graham, John DelCampo, Robert M. Shumaker, Sr., James Stewart, Jr, Jeanne Daniels, Edward Dobroski.

If you wish to add or remove a name from this list, please call the Parish Office—652-0743. Thank you.

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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE**

Attention Gentlemen: The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Delmarva will host their first annual conference on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Church of the Holy Cross in Dover, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Featured speakers include Jesse Romero and Father Ed Meeks via live-stream from Baltimore, and Kevin Wells, on location in Dover. The conference theme is "*The Holy Family/ Your Holy Family.*" Bring your son, your dad, your buddy. Tickets are \$35.00 pp or \$65.00 for a father and son going together. For more information, and registration, visit facebook.com/CatholicMensFellowshipofDelmarva.

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!
 PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY!
 SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.**

Dear Members and Friends of the Cathedral, Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and Saint Patrick,

In this space for the past two weeks, I have written about the Lenten disciplines of fasting and almsgiving. Today, as we continue to look forward to the coming season of Lent, I'd like to suggest our focus turn to the final pillar of that holy season: prayer.

Without prayer, fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of habit without much meaning. Prayer is our conversation with God. It is through prayer that we find the strength to fast. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us so grateful for the blessings he has bestowed upon us, that we eagerly give to those less fortunate than us. The Church, in its wisdom, understands that prayer is essential to any action we as disciples of Christ may undertake.

As Christians, we should already be praying each day, why then does the Church invite us focus of prayer anew each Lent? Well, like a loving mother, she knows that we need reminding from time to time—just ask those people who made a New Year's Resolution to get to the gym each day! So, too, in the spiritual life, it is easy to grow lazy and complacent. Lent is the time when we are called to go deeper, mirroring the forty days our Lord spent in the desert in prayer.

If you aren't praying every day, make that part of your Lenten discipline—five minutes at the start or end of your day. If you're already there, great, go deeper go from five minutes to ten or fifteen. Whatever level of prayer you are currently at, Lent is the opportunity to hear the call to continuing and ongoing conversion of our lives to Christ.

But, what are we meant to do in our private prayer? The short answer is whatever helps lead you to greater communion with Christ. The long answer is that process of ongoing conversion takes many forms. Reading from the Scriptures, meditating with the mysteries of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, mental prayer, intercessory prayer, and so many other forms are available to you from the rich tradition of our Church.

Besides private prayer, you may want to join our parish communities in some of our liturgical and devotional prayer. In addition to Sunday Mass, try to come to a daily Mass or two throughout the week as your schedules allows. Besides our regular daily Masses at the Cathedral (Mon. to Fri. at 12:10 p.m.) and at Saint Patrick (Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 8 a.m. and Tues. and Thurs. at 5:30 p.m.), we will be adding a weekly Wednesday night Mass at Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception at 7 p.m. with Stations of the Cross following. Additionally, Stations of the Cross will be offered at Saint Patrick every Friday at 7 p.m. And there is the regular weekly holy hour offered at the Cathedral each Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Do not wait until Ash Wednesday to come up with your Lenten program. Decide today what you are going to do. Parents should sit down with their children and make sure that they too have come up with a serious plan of action. Have a family meeting tonight and decide together to make this Lent the best Lent ever. Meet as a family every Sunday during Lent and review your program; be accountable to each other. If you make this a great Lent you will notice the difference on Easter Sunday.

May God bless you all,
Father McQuaide

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.

Lenten Fasting guidelines:

1. Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, 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 Good Friday and Ash Wednesday:
 - 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 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.

This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year A, the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, are on page 267.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Vocation Thought:- Jesus Commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. **Continue to pray for Vocations** to the Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, and the Permanent Diaconate. For more information, contact Father Norm Carroll, 573-3113 see cdow.org/vocations or vocations@cdow.org.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 29th, tune in for details about the upcoming Catholic Men's Fellowship of Delmarva Conference, when Al Wyllie is the guest. After it airs, listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.

S.A.C.R.E.D.—Saturday, February 29, Salesianum will host the 20th SACRED day of Religious Education for parents and catechists. A schedule of the day's events, sessions and presenters can be found in the back of the church. Register at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>. Register by Jan. 31 at \$40; before Feb. 24 at \$45.

Efforts on the part of the Catholic community, other faith groups, the Medical Society of Delaware, the Delaware Health Care Association, Saint Francis Healthcare, and advocates for persons with disabilities, kept physician-assisted suicide legislation from becoming law in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Yet, some lawmakers in Delaware still think that they know better than the medical community and will continue to bow to outside special-interest groups and promote physician-assisted suicide. You are invited to become informed and involved in this important issue. Visit cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide for information.

Tax Receipts for 2019 Contributions for St. Mary's and St. Patrick's can be obtained by calling the office Monday thru Friday at 302-652-0743. Give your name, address, phone number and envelope number.

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