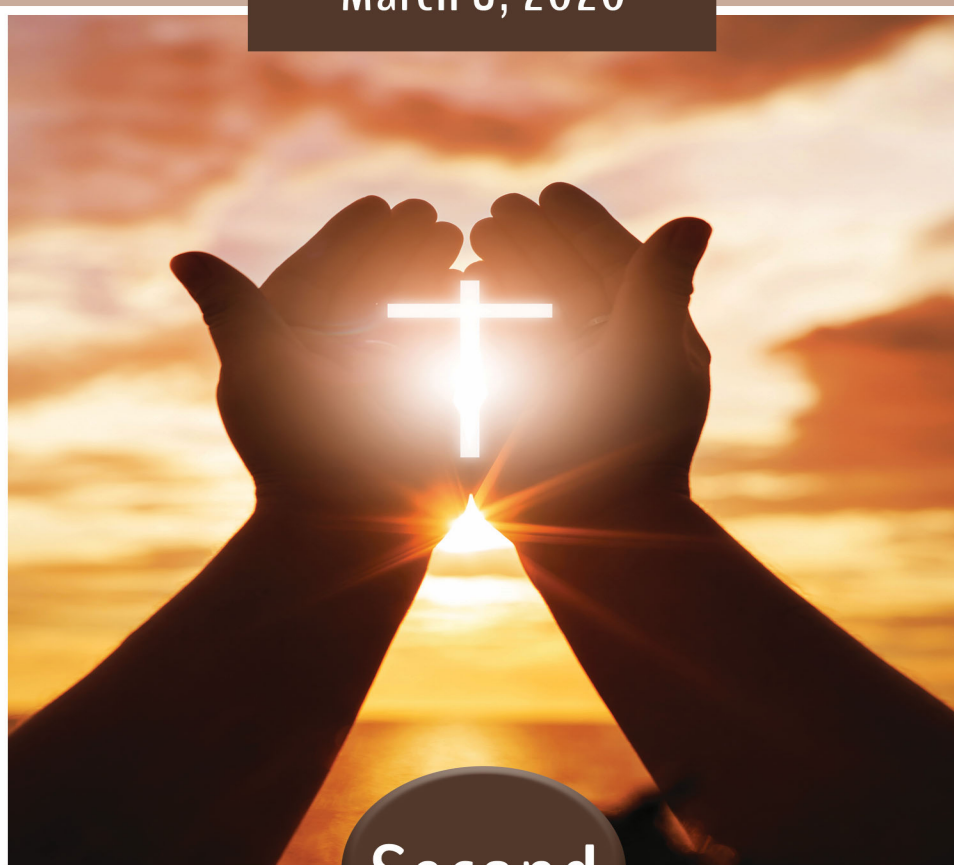


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Second

Sunday of Lent

From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

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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 Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought
 life and immortality to light through the gospel.
 — 2 Timothy 1:10b

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 7	4:00 PM	Julie Donovan(D), req. Gina & Pat Connor
March 8	9:00 AM	Julie Donovan(D), req. Larry & Lisa Brainard
	10:15 AM	Fr. James F. Trainor(D), req. Carol Nelson
	10:30 AM	Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein(D)
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
March 9	8:00 AM	Nathan Buxton(L), req. Manlove Family
March 10	5:30 PM	Larry Cylc(D), req. Eileen Cutrona
March 11	8:00 AM	Pat & Bob Shumaker(L), req. Jim & Lorie Issel
	7:00 PM	Joseph Buxton(D), req. Monica Hudson & Joan Thompkins
March 12	5:30 PM	Jim & Jeannette McKinney(D), Req. Family
March 13	8:00 AM	Joseph W. Buxton(D), req. Stewart Family
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
March 14	4:00 PM	Paul Suarez(L), birthday, req. Adrienne Suarez
March 15	9:00 AM	Virgil Dechant(D), req. Schrandt Family
	10:15 AM	Pasquale & Victoria Ciconte(D) Req. Louise Giliberto & Family
	10:30 AM	Alice Mood(D), req. Stephen & Katrina Biter
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

March 8	Daylight Savings Time begins—set clocks Forward 1 hour
March 10	St. Vincent DePaul Society—6:00 PM—Rectory
March 11	Clean Church—St. Patrick Mass & Stations of the Cross—St. Mary—7 PM
March 13	Stations of the Cross—St. Patrick—7 PM
March 18	Clean Church—St. Patrick Mass & Stations of the Cross—St. Mary—7 PM
March 19	Knights of Columbus— 7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall
March 20	Stations of the Cross - St. Patrick—7 PM
March 24	St. Vincent DePaul Society—6:00 PM—Rectory

City Deanery LENT Penance Service is Sunday, March 22, 3:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Ninth & DuPont Streets, Wilmington.

Catholic Charities will honor Mike Hare, Executive Vice President for Development at the Buccini Pollin Group at the Annual Tribute Dinner on April 1 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront when he will receive The Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award from Bishop Malooly. For information or tickets call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 or www.cdw.org/charities.

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

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING	March 1, 2020
Sunday	
Offertory	\$3,665.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	171.00
Ash Wednesday	550.00
Catholic U. & Communications	15.00
Catholic Relief Services and Latin America	202.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING	March 1, 2020
Sunday	
Offertory	\$1,329.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	0.00
Ash Wednesday	61.85
Catholic Relief Services and Latin America	110.00

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:

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

The second collection the weekend of April 25/26 is the Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend.

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, 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, Dee Becker.

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**

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.

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.

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

I hope that your Lent is off to a good start! Remaining faithful to what the Church asks of us and the resolutions we made for ourselves will only lead us closer to the Lord, which is what the point of Lent—and, indeed, the whole Christian life—is.

One of the main focuses of this holy season is the preparation for Baptism and the new life it brings, won for us on that first Easter. Throughout the world, men and women have heard the call of the Lord and found him in the Catholic Church. In our own diocese, 78 adults are preparing to be baptized into Christ and his Church this Easter. Besides them, another 108 people already baptized as Christians are seeking out full communion with Christ in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. Together, these 186 people participated in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Malooly last Saturday. At this service, the bishop inquired of them and their sponsors about their readiness for the sacraments, then he declared them to be “elect” or chosen for the sacraments. He charged them to use this season of Lent as a time of purification and enlightenment so that they can truly turn away from sin and the devil to be fully embraced by God.

But, just because you and I are already baptized and in the fold of Holy Mother Church does not mean that we are “off the hook” when it comes to preparation this Lent. During this time, the Church—and Christ, himself—calls us to continuing conversion. While this is the formal title of the rite the Church uses for those baptized outside the Catholic Church seeking full communion, the need for ongoing conversion in our lives is no less for you and me. I think the questions that the bishop uses for those candidates might be a good examination of conscience for us to use this Lent to grow ever closer to God and his Church. Their sponsors were asked these questions, and now it is for us to answer them about ourselves:

- Have I faithfully listened to the apostles’ instruction proclaimed by the Church?
- Have I come to a deeper appreciation of my baptism, in which I was joined to Christ and his Church?
- Have I reflected sufficiently on the tradition of the Church, which is my heritage, and joined their brothers and sisters in prayer?
- Have I advanced in a life of love and service to others?

These questions turn us to the deposit of faith (Scripture and Tradition), the sacramental life of the Church, and the life of Christian service following the example of Christ. In short, they ask how we are doing as Catholics, as believers in Christ Jesus. Let’s take this season of Lent to respond to the call to continually be converted all the more to the Lord who loves us so much that he willingly went to the cross for us so that he could share his divine life with us. To receive that life of grace and be in communion with him and his body, the Church, is what the goal of our lives should be. I can think of no better way to spend our Lent seeking to answer those questions all the more boldly by our lives.

May God bless you all,
Father McQuaide

In the past year St. Mary/St. Patrick St. Vincent DePaul Conference has made 134 visits and helped 181 neighbors in need with assistance with rent, utilities and more. Our total receipts were \$34,771 with total expenses of \$32,629. We thank our priests, staff, parishioners and visitors for unending support and ask for your continued help. We appreciate the Poor Box donations and your prayers. If you are interested in information on volunteering, leave a message in our mailbox at 302-652-0743 #2.

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 Second Sunday of Lent, are on page 204.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

Vocation Thought:- A Vocation must be nurtured for a lifetime through prayer and developing a relationship with the Lord. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers and married couples by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. HOW will you work out your life response to God? **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.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia are sponsoring a weekend of discernment on May 8-10, 2020 for single, Catholic women (ages 18-45) to be held at Our Lady of Angels Convent, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA. Make reservations with Sr. Christine Still, OSF, at ctestill@osfphila.org. Learn about the Sisters of St. Francis of Phila.—www.osfphila.org.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, March 14th, tune in to learn about Catholic Relief Services’ Rice Bowl program to help the needy around the world when Mr. Chris West will be 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/Catholicf...

Amid the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, it is important to be mindful of common sense practices that should be observed at all times,. The faithful of the Diocese of Wilmington are urged to observe standard precautions, including practicing good hygiene, washing hands frequently and covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing. Parishioners are also reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill. The Diocese will continue to monitor all information and updates provided by federal, state and local government officials.

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