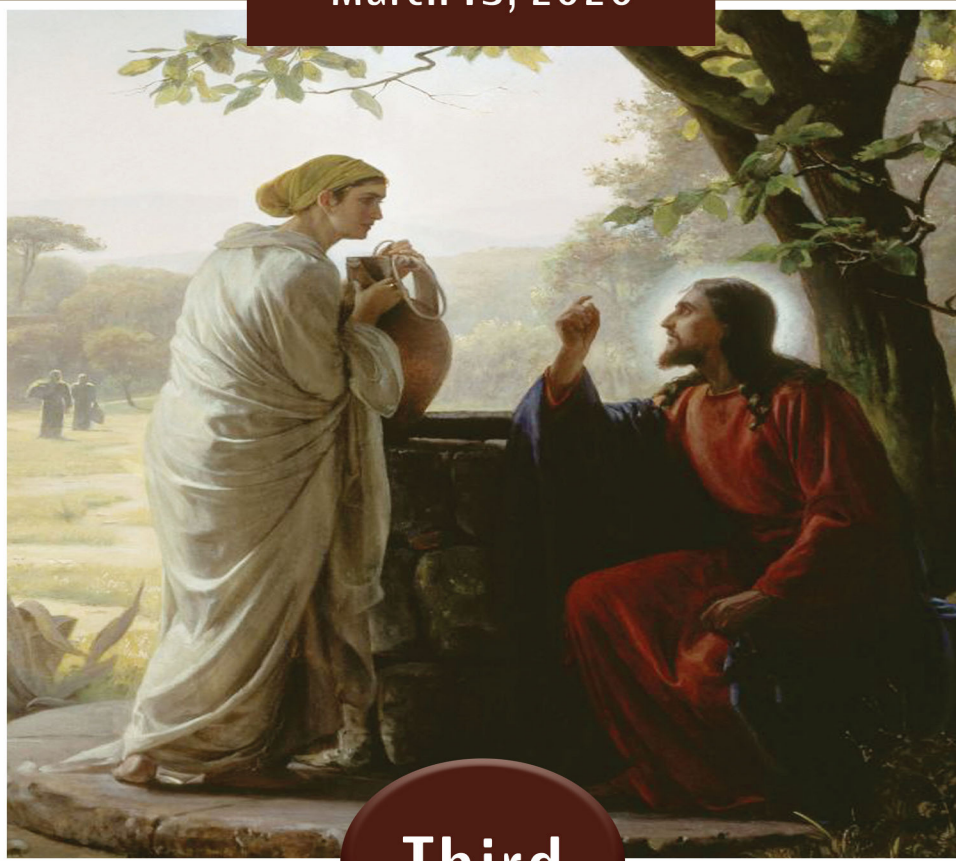


March 15, 2020



Third

## Sunday of Lent

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.  
Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

John 4:7

### 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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Third Sunday of Lent  
 March 15, 2020  
 While we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
 — Romans 5:8

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| March 14 | 4:00 PM  | Paul Suarez(L), birthday, req.<br>Adrienne Suarez                                 |
| March 15 | 9:00 AM  | Virgil Dechant(D), req.<br>Schrandt Family  |
|          | 10:15 AM | Pasquale & Victoria Ciconte(D)<br>Req. Louise Giliberto & Family                  |
|          | 10:30 AM | Alice Mood(D), req. Stephen &<br>Katrina Biter                                    |
|          | 5:00 PM  | People of the Parish  |
| March 16 | 8:00 AM  | Julie Donovan(D), req.<br>Marcella Brainard                                       |
| March 17 | 7:30 AM  | St. Patrick's Society   |
|          | 5:30 PM  | Joseph W. Buxton(D), req. Jim<br>& Lorie Issel                                    |
| March 18 | 8:00 AM  | Paul & Mary Hill(I), req.<br>Dorothy Fischer                                      |
|          | 7:00 PM  | Joseph W. Buxton(D), req.<br>Morris & Coverdale Families<br>Stations of the Cross |
| March 19 | 5:30 PM  | Arlene Romaine(L), req. Paul &<br>Adrienne Suarez                                 |
| March 20 | 8:00 AM  | Sterling Rapposelli(L) healing,<br>Req. Margie Pietras                            |
|          | 7:00 PM  | Stations of the Cross   |
| March 21 | 4:00 PM  | Lawrence J. Selvestri(D), req.<br>Pat & Gina Connor                               |
| March 22 | 9:00 AM  | David Mitten(D), req. Margie<br>Pietras   |
|          | 10:15 AM | Mae G. Caldwell(D), req. Jean<br>Manlove & Family                                 |
|          | 10:30 AM | Jack Mood(D), req. Stephen &<br>Katrina Biter                                     |
|          | 5:00 PM  | People of the Parish  |

**Calendar of Events:-**

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| March 18 | Clean Church—St. Patrick<br>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                             |
| March 25 | Clean Church—St. Patrick<br>Mass & Stations of the Cross—St. Mary—7 PM |
| March 27 | Stations of the Cross—St. Patrick—7 PM                                 |

**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.cdown.org/charities](http://www.cdown.org/charities).

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

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
 Sunday March 8, 2020  
 Offertory \$3,265.00  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 496.00  
 Catholic Relief Services and Latin America 71.00  
 Donation 5,687.91

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
 Sunday March 8, 2020  
 Offertory 648.00  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society 104.00  
 Catholic Relief Services and Latin America 12.50  
 Donation 200.00  
 School—Rent 4,421.55

**Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:**

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

**The second collection the weekend of 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](https://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,

In light of increasing reports of the novel coronavirus, we have focused on the various ways that we can avoid the spread of any contagion, including a greater attention to how we distribute and receive Holy Communion. (For details on the efforts the parish is taking, see the insert in last week's bulletin.) It is important that we remain attentive and vigilant, but it is also important—arguably more so—that we pay attention to how we are *spiritually* prepared to receive Holy Communion.

The Lord truly invites all of us who have been baptized into Christ and his Body, the Church, to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Indeed, he came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) In his preaching on the Bread of Life, our Lord reminded us, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." (John 6:53)

But, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "To respond to this invitation we must *prepare ourselves* for so great and so holy a moment. Saint Paul urges us to examine our conscience: 'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.'" (no. 1385, citing I Corinthians 11:27–29) We must ensure that not only our hands are clean to receive the Lord; we must ensure that our souls and hearts are ready to receive him!

If we have committed any mortal sins we should have recourse to the Sacrament of Penance before approaching to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. Indeed, the *Catechism* continues, "Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion." (ibid.) Further, with the precepts of the Church, in setting the "very necessary minimum to guarantee the growth in love of God and neighbor," (CCC, no. 2041), the Church requires us to confess our sins at least once a year which "ensures preparation for the Eucharist ... [and] continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness." (CCC, no. 2042)

Lent is a perfect opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Penance, especially if it has been a long time. During this holy season, we hear the call to turn away from sin so that we can be more faithful to the Gospel.

Our parishes regularly offer the Sacrament at the Cathedral on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon; at Saint Patrick on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. before the evening Mass; and at Saint Patrick on Sundays before the 10:30 a.m. Mass. During Lent, I will be hearing Confessions from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. before Stations each Friday at Saint Patrick. Additionally, the city's parishes are sponsoring a Penance Service at Saint Anthony of Padua, next Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m. If none of these times work, please contact the parish offices, and Father McVoy and I will work to find a time when we can meet to celebrate the sacrament.

The Lord so desires that we be free from sin so that he can make our heart his home in grace, and especially in Holy Communion. This Lent, let's do all we can to respond to his invitation by preparing ourselves to receive this awesome gift!

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 Third Sunday of Lent, are on page 205.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent  
Tuesday: St. Patrick  
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins  
Friday: Abstinence

**Vocation Thought:- Celibacy** is a gift and a promise to love very deeply and to express that love for others without using those physical expressions proper to marriage. The lives of many men and women religious and generous single people are rich and loving within the context of celibate love. **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](http://cdow.org/vocations) or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).

**Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, March 21st, Fr. William Saunders will discuss his new book, "Celebrating a Holy Catholic Easter: A Guide to the Customs and Devotions of Lent and the Season of Christ's Resurrection." After it airs, listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum...](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum...), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.**

**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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