

Fourth Sunday of
LENT

March 31, 2019



“This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found.”

Luke 15:24

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

6th & Pine Sts.

Very Rev. Leonard R. Klein, Pastor

Wilmington, DE 19801

15th & King Sts.

Rev. John C. McVoy, Assisting

MASSES: ST. MARY'S

Sunday: 10:15 A.M.

Baptisms: By Appointment

Holy days: As announced

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)

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Whoever is in Christ as a new creation, the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
2 Corinthians 5:17

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 30	4:00 PM	Dec. Members of Dougherty Family, req, McKinney & Rosenberg Families
March 31	9:00 AM	Mary Tusi(D), req. Family
	10:15 AM	Ben Giliberto(D), req. Louise Giliberto & Family
	10:30 AM	Marilyn White(D), req. Don Whicker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
April 1	8:00 AM	No Intention
April 2	5:30 PM	Hugh McGlashon III(D)
April 3	8:00 AM	No Intention
	7:00 PM	No Intention
April 4	5:30 PM	Fr. Klein(L) healing, req. Paul & Adrienne Suarez
April 5	8:00 AM	No Intention
	6:00 PM	Robert Shumaker, Jr.(D), req. Jim & Lorie Issel
April 6	9:00 AM	No Intention
	4:00 PM	No Intention
April 7	9:00 AM	Louis Bartlett(D), req. LaRue Hill
	10:15 AM	Harriet Wass Iorii(D), req. Family
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), Req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

April 3	Clean Church—St. Patrick Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations
April 9	St. Vincent dePaul Society—6:00 PM—Rectory
April 10	Clean Church—St. Patrick Novena Mass—St. Mary—7:00 PM & Stations

Novena at St. Mary's:- 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 any of those days—302-652-0743.

Holy Hour:- There will be a Holy Hour on Sunday, April 7 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM to pray for the success of Fr. Klein's bone marrow transplant.

City Deanery Lenten Penance Service with individual confessions is Sunday, April 7, 3:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Ninth and DuPont Streets.

Chrism Mass:- You are invited to join the Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly and the priests of the diocese for the celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 15 at 7:00 at Holy Cross Church, 621 S. State Street, Dover. A bus will leave St. Patrick's parking lot at 4:00 PM. Cost of the bus will be \$10 per person. There will be a dinner stop, at your expense. For more information or for reservation call Lana Cropper at 652-6219 or Valerie Townsend at 652-8394.

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday	March 24, 2019
Offertory	\$2,742.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	126.00
Easter Flowers	571.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	March 24, 2019
Offertory	\$531.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$313.51
Easter Flowers	\$100.00

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

St. Patrick	\$3,365.00
St. Mary	\$788.00

The second collection the weekend of April 6/7 is the Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Barbara Stackow, 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, Virginia Lane, 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, 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, Claire Cambra, Samantha Nelson, Judy Maciey, Catherine Manlove Pugliese, Anita Flynn, Christina Mallon, Veronica Scully, Mark Julian, Greg Long, Roland M. Dimaya, Vernon Cropper, Daniel Myers, Molly Remaley, Sally McKinney Rosenberg, Janell Harris, Fr. Leonard Klein, John Boyer, Jennie Dahl, Robert Laraway. 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**

Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families for the tenth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 13. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as the representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Ben Walther at 10:30 AM and ends with 5:00 PM Mass at St. Elizabeth. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). For information or to register visit www.cdowcym.org. Registration deadline is April 5.

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

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

Today's Gospel is the beloved parable of the Prodigal Son. It might even be better to call it the parable of the Welcoming Father because of how it pictures the father's open arms of forgiveness and his patient, long waiting for the prodigal's return.

But the elder brother also provides us a lesson. If you read carefully, you will note that we never learn whether or not he joins the celebration of his brother's return, whether he overcomes his envy and resentment.

In the father we see the mercy and forgiveness of God, his passionate love. We must not let this image fade. Forgetfulness of God's mercy is a real spiritual illness. It can lead us to forget how much he loves us and to focus on our own misery and failures. It can also lead us to become too much like the elder brother, looking down on others whose sins are too much before our eyes.

We should imitate the prodigal son, not in his dissipation but in his humble return to the Father. We do this most significantly by using the Sacrament of Confession. We do it also when in our interior life we recognize both the undetected depth of our sins and the infinite value assigned to us by the Father's forgiving embrace, the Son's sacrifice, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As most of you will know by now, I will be admitted to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital on Tuesday, April 2, thirteen years and a day after my priestly ordination, and the anniversary of the death of St. John Paul.

I will receive a week of chemotherapy to weaken my immune system, so that I do not reject the transplant. The transplant itself will take place on April 9. It is not any form of surgery. Rather I will receive a transfusion of adult stem cells from the donor. If all goes well, the stem cells will colonize and replace my malfunctioning bone marrow. I will spend thirty days in the hospital and then be in relative isolation at home for another two months. I will of course keep you posted.

My first job in the Diocese was in the Family Life Bureau, and I have served since then as Director of Pro-Life Activities. When I began, the secularist push for experimentation with embryonic stem cells was going full bore. This is the use of stem cells from aborted fetuses and is morally reprehensible. Indeed, I think it was proposed in part to make abortion seem good and useful. At that time and since then it was known that there were many cures coming from adult stem cell treatments and none from embryonic stem cells, which can multiply into most anything including cancers. So I am happy to become another statistic in favor of this morally acceptable procedure. And it's always good to remember that the Church's moral teaching takes sound science into account and that its correctness is underscored as a result.

*I also want you all to know that I will not be **incommunicado**. I will have my phone and laptop with me and will be happy to hear from you and to respond to you. Bishop Malooly has suggested that I not take a leave of absence but continue to lead the parishes as I am able. I hope also to continue to report to you.*

I ask your prayers for this most challenging step in my treatment.

*In Christ,
Fr. Klein*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
Monday: April Fool's Day
Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola
Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville
Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

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.

Vocation Thought:- "We are ambassadors for Christ," St. Paul tells the Corinthians in today's second reading, "as if God were appealing through us." In every generation, God calls some men to serve in a formal way as His ambassadors, preaching the good news, celebrating the Sacraments, leading His holy people as they strive to grow closer to their Lord. If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 49 and believe that God might be calling you to serve as a priest, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Vocation Director (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations

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This weekend we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year C, the Fourth Sunday of Lent are on page 508.

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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.

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