

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

6th & Pine Sts.

Wilmington, De. 19801

15th & King Sts.

Very Rev. Leonard R. Klein, Pastor

Rev. John C. McVoy, Assisting

MASSES: ST. MARY'S

Sunday: 10:15 A.M.

Baptisms: By Appointment

Holy days: As announced

Rectory: 1414 King St. Phone: (302) 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>

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
Zephaniah 3:15b

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 15	4:00 PM	Rita Day-Revellese(D)
Dec. 16	9:00 AM	John Farrace(D), req. Regina Brainard
	10:15 AM	Dea. Robert J. Levesque(D), Req. Jean & Ed Manlove
	10:30 AM	Edward Biter, Sr.(D), req. Stephen & Katrina Biter
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 17	8:00 AM	No Intention
Dec. 18	5:30 PM	Dea. John Gabriel Parisi(D)
Dec. 19	8:00 AM	Marie C. Stansky(D)
Dec. 20	5:30 PM	No Intention
Dec. 21	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), Healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 22	4:00 PM	Alvin & Kathryn Hall(D), req. Kathy Jones
Dec. 23	9:00 AM	Liv./Dec. Members of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	10:15 AM	Gill, Baker & Olsen Family(D) Req. Mary Jane Lisansky
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Members of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 18	St. Vincent DePaul Society - 6:00 PM—Rectory
Dec. 19	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 20	Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall
Dec. 26	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Jan. 2	Clean Church—St. Patrick

Advent – Christmas Schedule:-

December 22/23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Regular Mass Schedule

December 24 – Christmas Eve

St. Patrick – 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Latin)
St. Mary – 10:00 PM (Security provided)
St. Peter Cathedral – 4:00 PM

December 25 – Christmas Day

St. Patrick – 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Latin)
St. Peter Cathedral – 10:00 AM
NO 5:30 PM MASS

December 30—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Regular Mass Schedule

Next week look for the *Christmas edition of the dialog*. In it you will find Bishop Malooly's annual Christmas message to the people of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, plus a special 150th anniversary tribute to priests in service to our diocese and parishes.

Decorating of the churches for Christmas:- St. Patrick's decorating will be on Sunday, December 23, after the 10:30 AM Mass; St. Mary's decorating will be done on Sunday, December 23 after the 10:15 AM Mass.

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday	December 9, 2018
Offertory	\$5,229.52
St. Vincent DePaul Society	97.00
Thanksgiving Needy	11.00
Christmas Needy	620.00
Religious Retirement	769.00
Rejoicing in the Lord	105.00
Donation	1,500.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	December 9, 2018
Offertory	\$655.85
St. Vincent DePaul Society	
Christmas Needy	15.00
Religious Retirement	262.50
School—Rent	5,352.59

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection the weekend of January 19/20 is for Catholic University and Catholic Communications.

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, Alex Miller, Nicholas Miller, Kevin Miller, 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

Boy Scout Religious Awards: Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts at our annual Scout Mass. For information contact Bob Murray, Committee Chair at 302-993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain at 302-218-1415.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

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

Joy? There seems to be far too little of it. The pursuit of pleasure is urged upon us from all quarters. On the other hand, the outrage and anger of twitter mobs, real mobs, and vicious lone wolves bombard us through the airwaves.

But real joy – that deep and holy satisfaction that flows over into thanksgiving and praise – is in short supply. We need to be reminded that as Christians we are called to joy, and this Sunday reminds us in its particular way. “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say: rejoice” goes the introit for the Third Sunday of Advent. Those words from Philippians 4 will be read in both English and Latin masses this weekend. Paul addressed them originally to the new Christian Church in Philippi in northern Greece. The whole tone of the letter is joyful, for this seems to have been the community that gave him the least trouble.

What is the source of this joy? It is not a free-floating emotion. It is not even like the exhilaration of a little child at play, though that is one of the purest examples of joy. Rather, Paul instructs them and us to rejoice **in the Lord**. In him and in him alone can we find an enduring joy. The blessings of this world pass away, but we enjoy them more fully and more properly when we remember their source. True joy in the beauties of this life emerges fully only when we accept them as the gifts they are.

It is not, however, just the blessings of God that are the source of joy; it is the Lord himself. That is the radical – and deeply biblical – insight that Paul urges upon us. “Rejoice in the Lord,” he says. We are to be joyful because God exists, because he sent his Son to take our flesh upon us and bring the world back to its merciful Father.

This is a joy that sustained St. Paul through persecution and martyrdom as it sustained untold others. So do not capitulate to the spirit of the times – neither to the negativity nor to the materialistic pursuit of pleasure without purpose. God is sending his Son to share our sorrows and our joys. This day, then, we light the rose candle and break out the rose vestments to remind ourselves of the Christian duty and privilege of joy.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent; *Las Posadas* begins
Tuesday: International Migrants Day
Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 AM (*NEW TIME*) on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 23, tune in for the final installment in Fr. Rich

Jasper's Advent series, plus Bishop Malooly's annual Christmas message to the people of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

Vocation Thought:- Through the prophet Zephaniah, God says "Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord is in your midst!" Priests and religious sisters and brothers spend their lives helping other people recognize God in their midst. Are you ready to join them in their mission? 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 C, Third Sunday of Advent are on page 471.

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

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.

History Book in Celebration of the 150th Anniversary:-

"Rejoicing in the Lord," has been published to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. This is a hard-cover, 336-page, full-color, glossy 10 inch by 10 inch book that features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, plus biographies of all nine Wilmington bishops, with important ministries and events highlighted. Books are available after all Masses in the back of Church. The cost is \$35.00 per copy. If you would like to reserve a copy while supplies last, call the Parish Office—302-652-0743 or email shirley_mckeown@verizon.net.

St. Patrick's and St. Mary's (security provided at St. Mary's) have excellent parking on the weekends. Let your friends know. It is a simple way to encourage people to join us. Let someone know who has not been to mass for a long time— or someone who needs to meet the Lord—a *great Christmas present*.

Visit the Dialog online (thedialog.org) online every day for national and global news via your phone, tablet, laptop or desktop.

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for the *March for Life*, Friday, January 18 in Washington DC. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch is recommended. Contact Jo Ann Van Heest, 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-239-0739 for details or to sign up. Bus departs 7:30 AM from St. Joseph's on the Brandywine.

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