

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)

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First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot,
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 1	4:00 PM	Rita Day-Revellese(D), req. Regina Brainard
Dec. 2	9:00 AM	Concetta Farrace(L), birthday, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
	10:15 AM	Lawrence Lane, Jr.(D), req. Virginia Lane & Family
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), Req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 3	8:00 AM	August Miller(L)
Dec. 4	5:30 PM	No Intention
Dec. 5	8:00 AM	No Intention
Dec. 6	5:30 PM	No Intention
Dec. 7	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:30 PM	No Intention
	7:00 PM	Patrick Dougherty(L), birthday Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 8	10:00 AM	(St. Mary's) Deacon Robert Levesque(D), req. Norma B. Sudler & Family
	4:00 PM	Dale & Linda Archer(L), anniv. Req. Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 9	9:00 AM	John Farrace(D)
	10:15 AM	Ciconte Family(D), req. Louise Giliberto & Family
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. members of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 4	St. Vincent DePaul Society—6:00 PM—Rectory
Dec. 5	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 12	Clean Church—St. Patrick
Dec. 18	St. Vincent DePaul Society - 6:00 PM—Rectory
Dec. 19	Clean Church—St. Patrick

Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 9, 2:00 PM - join the Cathedral community for a hour of peace in the midst of a busy season: Advent Scriptures, music, time for meditation, seasonal songs and hymns. No admission fee; free-will donations will benefit the Cathedral of St. Peter School.

New play "Everyday Holiness," Sunday, December 2, 3:00 PM, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilm. Commissioned by the Diocese of Wilmington as part of the 150th anniversary celebration; a 17th century Bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Francis de Sales is known as the "gentleman saint." He is the patron of our Diocese. Along with his close collaborator, St. Jane de Chantal, they established the Order of the Visitation. It is open to the public and will conclude with prayer and light refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken.

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday	Nov. 18, 2018	Nov. 25, 2018
Offertory	\$2,976.00	\$2,486.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	112.00	347.00
Thanksgiving Needy	115.00	
Campaign for Human Devel.	513.00	5.00
Rejoicing in the Lord	180.00	75.00
Donation	250.00	
Christmas Needy		5.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	Nov. 18, 2018	Nov. 25, 2018
Offertory	\$968.50	\$434.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	100.00	
Thanksgiving Needy	5.00	
Campaign for Human Development	92.00	
Donation	50.00	
School—Rent		5,352.59

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection the weekend of December 8/9 is for Religious Retirement

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

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

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.

St. Peter's School Fundraiser, Saturday, December 8, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the school auditorium. Take chances on elegant baskets & a variety of raffles. Refreshments available. **All are invited.**

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

This beautiful season of Advent is upon us once again—with reminders of tribulation and judgment like those we heard in November. In the Gospel for both forms of the Mass (Latin and English) the Gospel is from Luke 21, often called the “little apocalypse” for its words about the signs of the times and the coming distress.

But we must remember that Jesus is speaking of the distress that will accompany the ultimate victory of God—his second coming. Not fear but readiness is the proper response; not discouragement but faith. Note Jesus' own words: “And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Your redemption is at hand. The Lord is ever near. He came in the flesh, he comes in Word and Sacrament, and he will come in glory. Advent reminds us of all these fundamentals of our faith. Advent readies us for Christmas by reminding us that the one for whose Nativity celebration we prepare is with us now and forever.

This is an incomparable blessing. All the blessings of this life are affirmed when the Word becomes flesh, and all of the evils and sins of human history are overwhelmed by Jesus Christ, the Dawn from on high. Therefore, we are capable of the love St. Paul urges on us and of casting off the works of darkness, as he urges us in today's Latin Epistle.

This is a season of great beauty and hope—not because of the coming Yuletide, pleasant though it is, but because of the coming Lord.

There were no new health updates from me in the past two bulletins because the letters were written early to accommodate the holiday printing schedule and because I didn't have much news.

I have news now. Apart from the fact that my energy and mobility are improving considerably, I learned on the Monday after Thanksgiving that my leukemia is in remission. The mid-November, x-ray guided bone marrow biopsy showed no leukemia cells in my bone marrow. This is not a cure. With my wife and family and the Lord I need to decide in coming weeks whether to maintain the status quo with continued chemotherapy or to move ahead with a bone marrow transplant that holds forth a reasonable but not risk-free prospect of a cure.

I thank you for all your prayers and I ask you to continue them and to ask God's guidance on the decision I must make in the next few weeks.

Amen, come, Lord Jesus,
Father Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday: St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday: St. John Damascene
Thursday: St. Nicholas
Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 9, tune in to hear part two of Fr. Rich Jasper's four-part Advent series. 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:- By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called to be a faithful witness to the wonderful things our God has done for women and men. Are you being called to give witness as a religious or as a priest? Are you *willing*? Let's talk. 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, First Sunday of Advent are on page 468.

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.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, because it is the patron feast of the Catholic Church in the US, is a Holy Day of Obligation, even when it falls on a Saturday. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

St. Patrick's—Vigil Mass on Friday, 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM (Latin); On Saturday, December 8, St. Mary's, 10:00 AM; Cathedral of St. Peter, 12:10 PM.

Advent Penance Service, for the City Deanery, with individual confessions, is Sunday, December 9, 3:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Church, Cedar & Clayton Streets, Wilm.

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.

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