

# 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>

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 December 23, 2018  
 Blessed are you among women,  
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
 Luke: 1:42

**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Alphonse & Lee DelCampo(D) Req. Family
	7:00 PM	Dec. Mem. of Quinn-Rueda Family, req. Girone Family
	10:00 PM	People of the Parish
Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Pearl Fellin(D), req. LaRue Hill
	10:30 AM	Liv./Dec. Members of Archer Family, req. Joe & Judy Archer
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Dec. 26	8:00 AM	JoAnn Miller(D)
Dec. 27	5:30 PM	Abbie Perlsweig(L) Healing, Req., Joe & Judy Archer
Dec. 28	8:00 AM	Helen Cox(D), anniv., req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
Dec. 29	4:00 PM	Patricia Shahan(D), req. Carol Weaver
Dec. 30	9:00 AM	No Intention
	10:15 AM	Ann & John Naughton(D), req. Susan Naughton
	10:30 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving, req. Betty O'Malley
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

**Calendar of Events:-**

Jan. 2 Clean Church—St. Patrick  
 Jan. 9 Clean Church—St. Patrick  
 Jan 15 St. Vincent DePaul Society—6:00 PM—Rectory

**Advent – Christmas 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

**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 16, 2018  
 Offertory  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society  
 Thanksgiving Needy  
 Christmas Needy  
 Religious Retirement  
 Rejoicing in the Lord

**ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING**  
 Sunday, December 16, 2018  
 Offertory  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society  
 Christmas Needy  
 Religious Retirement

**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.

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**This 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.

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!**

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

Advent does seem to fly by, but it is not over. On this last weekend we always hear an aspect of Mary's role in the story of the incarnation. This year it is her visit to her cousin Elizabeth, when at her arrival the yet unborn John the Baptist leaps with joy in Elizabeth's womb. The Savior had literally drawn near to him.

What if we were to respond with similar enthusiasm? To be sure, we are no longer in our mothers' wombs, but we have every reason to be excited. Christ in the Eucharist is nearer to us when we receive communion than he was to John when they were both in their mothers' wombs. His words resound in our ears when we hear the Gospels read. We too should respond with joy and exuberance.

Advent reminds us of that. Micah's prophecy of a ruler rising from Bethlehem looked backward to King David and forward to a successor who would rule his people in justice forever. This is a source of great joy and hope.

We see the tense expectation of first century Jews as they await God's deliverance. That is why they flock first to hear John and then to hear and follow Jesus. They had confidence that God would act on behalf of his people. We believe that in taking flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary God has done just that: he has intervened in the world on our behalf.

So some excitement is in order, and frankly the Yuletide festivities can help us, if we do not let them overwhelm us. Yes, secularization obstructs the message but not for us. The excitement of children and the joy of adults as they look to reunions and memories remind us of the energy and enthusiasm of which the human person is capable.

We need to channel that knowledge and that excitement to the Gospel and remember the glory of the Lord that we encounter in this season. The Holy One of Israel took on human flesh to share our woes and to complete our joy. John the Baptist leapt in the womb when Mary greeted Elizabeth. Be sure that some part of you is ready to enter into the texts of the hymns and carols of the season and to leap with joy in the presence of the Lord.

In Christ  
Fr. Klein

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]; Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Monday: Vigil of Christmas  
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa  
Thursday: St. John  
Friday: The Holy Innocents

Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

**Listen to Catholic Forum** every Sunday morning at 6:05 AM (*NEW TIME*) on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, December 30, Mr. Gary Scholl will discuss the upcoming Morning Star Pow Wow that benefits the St. Labre Indian School. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications) or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

**Vocation Thought:-** In today's first reading, the Lord promises to send One "who will shepherd his flock." God has kept that promise throughout the centuries and continues to call shepherds for His people. Is He calling you to serve as a shepherd—to minister to His people as a priest? Call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113); [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

**This weekend** we are using **The Book of Sacred Liturgy**. Readings for Year C, Fourth Sunday of Advent are on page 473.

**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](mailto: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*.

**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](mailto: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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