

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>

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018
God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.
Baruch 5:7

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 8	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
Dec. 10	8:00 AM	Thomas J. Leavey(D)
Dec. 11	5:30 PM	Catherine A. Hudson(D)
Dec. 12	8:00 AM	No Intention
Dec. 13	5:30 PM	No Intention
Dec. 14	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), Healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
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

Calendar of Events:-

Dec. 12	Clean Church—St. Patrick
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

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.

Advent – Christmas Schedule:-

December 15/16 – Third Sunday of Advent
Regular Mass 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

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will present **A Christmas Concert**, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3:00 PM in the Church at 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, DE. Traditional Christmas carols with audience participation will follow the Oratorio. Free will offering.

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
Sunday	December 2, 2018
Offertory	\$4,791.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	481.00
Christmas Flowers	400.00
Christmas Needy	

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
Sunday,	December 2, 2018
Offertory	\$1,135.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	
Campaign for Human Development	5.00
Christmas Flowers	65.50

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

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

The second collection this 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, Joseph Archer.

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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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.

Old Fashioned Carol Sing—Sunday, Dec. 9, 3:00 PM, St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia) with audience participation under the direction of the music ministers from St. Joseph Parish, Middletown. A free-will offering will be collected. The shrine is considered the mother church of the Diocese of Wilmington, 1699 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD. For information call Marji at 302-328-4803.

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

"Restore our fortunes, O Lord," says one of the lines in today's responsorial Psalm. Psalm 126 celebrates the Jews' return to Jerusalem and the homeland after the seventy years of exile in Babylon. This is the biblical history behind the beloved Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." It takes the literal exile of ancient Israel and uses it to plead for the Lord's return to deliver us from our exile amidst death and sin.

The sense of exile and need for deliverance is particularly acute in the Church these days. The scandals of the early part of the century have returned in a different form with the revelation of the sins of Theodore McCarrick and the yet unresearched list of his enablers. And then there are the revelations that some bishops and dioceses have yet to properly address the scandal of sexual misconduct by the clergy – a problem that goes beyond the abuse of children. I have been reminded of how deep the hurt runs among the laity, and priests and bishops share the frustration with the temporizing and unclarity in Rome. This culminated in the gratuitous slap at the U.S. bishops, when in November Rome at the last minute intervened to prevent votes on reasonable efforts to address the problem. The rationales that have been brought forth are uniformly unconvincing.

A colleague many years ago said that every Advent it became easier to pray "Come, Lord Jesus." Sin weighs on us hard.

But we're not just in exile; we're also on a mission to proclaim to the world its true Lord and only Savior. This is then the season when the liturgy reminds us of both our exile and our mission. Our contemporary trials remind us of the need to double down on our own fidelity to Catholic faith and morals. Many fine American bishops know this and are acting on it. We need to pray that those in the hierarchy who don't see the problem will be pressed by events to do so.

And let us remember that these middle two Sundays of Advent are dominated by the figure of John the Baptist – the voice crying out in the wilderness. May the intercession of the great Forerunner of the Messiah strengthen the voices of those who cry out for repentance and truth.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: International Human Rights Day
Tuesday: St. Damasus I
Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday: St. Lucy
Friday: St. John of the Cross

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 16, tune in to hear part three of Fr. Rich Jasper's 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:- John the Baptist went through the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Is God calling you to help prepare His way by serving as a priest or as a religious brother or sister? 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, Second Sunday of Advent are on page 469.

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.

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.

Holy Father's Intention for December—*In the Service of the Transmission of Faith*: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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*.

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