

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>

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

“Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”
Acts 13:25

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 23	4:00 PM	Pope Francis(L), req. Betty O'Malley & Family
June 24	9:00 AM	Augustino & Christina Farrace (D), req. John & Concetta Farrace
	10:15 AM	Louise Myers(D), req. Jean & Ed Manlove
	10:30 AM	Pat & Bob Shumaker(L), req. Issel Family
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
June 25	8:00 AM	Richard Rueda, Jr. & Family(L) Req. Girone Family
June 26	5:30 PM	William Murray(D), req. John & Theresa Boyle
June 27	8:00 AM	Mary Anna Kruelle(D), req. Andrew Stellhorn
June 28	5:30 PM	Lisa Desmond(L), req. Paul & Adrienne Suarez
June 29	8:00 AM	Abbie Perlsweig(L), healing, Req. Joe & Judy Archer
June 30	4:00 PM	John G. Dougherty(D), req. Carole McKinney
July 1	9:00 AM	No Intention
	10:15 AM	Louise Myers(D), req. Mary Jane Lisansky
	10:30 AM	Robert M. Shumaker, Jr.(D), Req. Pat & Bob Shumaker
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish

Calendar of Events:-

June 27	Clean Church—St. Patrick's
July 3	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
July 4	Mass at Cathedral of St. Peter—9:00 AM
July 7	St. Mary's open as Pilgrimage Church 9:00 to Noon—for Diocesan 150th celebration
July 11	Clean Church—St. Patrick's
July 17	St. Vincent DePaul Soc.—6:00 PM—Rectory
July 18	Clean Church—St. Patrick's
July 19	Knights of Columbus—7:00 PM—St. Mary Hall

Little Sisters of the Poor 11th Annual Charity Golf Outing, Thursday, June 28, Deerfield Golf Club, 507 Thompson Station Road, Newark, DE. Schedule for the day is 10:30 AM registration, bag drop, practice & Lunch buffet, 12:00 Noon, shotgun start—scramble format; 4:45 PM, putting contest, and 5:00 PM dinner buffet, cocktails & silent auction. For information or registration contact Debbie Strengari at 302-368-5886.

We are now using “When we eat this bread . . .” as our Eucharistic acclamation.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

ST. PATRICK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday	June 17, 2018
Offertory	\$2,619.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	247.00
Josephite Missions	25.00

ST. MARY'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday,	June 17, 2018
Offertory	\$1,043.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	75.00
Peter's Pence	3.00

Weekly Offertory budgeted needs:-

St. Patrick	\$3,269.00
St. Mary	\$788.00

The second collection on this weekend June 23/24 is for the Works of the Holy Father.

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.

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

Quo Vadis 2018—July 26—29:- A time for young men of high school or college age interested in the vocation to the priesthood to gather to pray, have fun, and discern God's plan and calling for their life; Malvern Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA; Thursday, July 26, 5:00 PM to Sunday, July 29, 8:00 AM (after breakfast); Event Cost—Free; Register on-line and information at cdow.org/vocations by Friday, July 6

Save the Date:- Saturday, September 15, **40 Days for Life Conference/Workshops**, St. Helena's Church Masci Hall, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington; Workshops 2:00-4:45 PM, Mass—5:00 PM; Dinner following Mass. More Information to follow at a later time.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOC.

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

Nearly forty years ago Christa and I found ourselves in Florence, Italy, on today's feast—the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. It turns out that he is the patron saint of Florence and the city celebrated appropriately. There was a solemn Mass in the great cathedral whose dome was created by novel methods of engineering later used to create the even larger dome of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. That by itself is a helpful reminder that intelligence and technological skill are not unique to our own day.

And at night there were fireworks. The Nativity of St. John the Baptist merits solemnity and fireworks. Along with the Blessed Mother he straddles and connects the Old and New Testaments. His ministry is that of an Old Testament prophet. With great passion and deep love for the Jewish people, he calls for repentance and renewal, so that they will be ready for what God is about to do. He administers baptism as a sign of repentance to symbolize the need for a fresh start. He speaks with great urgency: 'the axe is already laid to root of the tree.' Be ready; avoid God's judgment. In this he is like the prophets before him. Jesus identifies him as the greatest of the prophets.

His ministry culminates when he baptizes Jesus the Messiah and points to him as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.' We might say that when he does so he introduces the New Testament. The connection to Jesus is also one of kinship; they are cousins and no doubt learned from each other and assisted one another in the unrecorded years before their public ministries.

John will die a death of a martyr. Of Mary we often say that she endured a 'white martyrdom.' She did not shed her blood but shared in, suffered and endured Jesus' death as an onlooker. The Old Testament promise of redemption comes to fulfillment in her.

Therefore, it is not surprising that the two are often displayed together on either side of the crucified Lord—John pointing and Mary suffering. This image is called the *deisis* (meaning supplication, as they join in Christ's self-offering to God). It is common in the Eastern Church and can be seen in Western churches as well. John points to Christ. Mary bears him in her womb. Together they present him to the world. As I said, the day is worth fireworks.

In Christ,
Fr. Klein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19; Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
Thursday: St. Irenaeus
Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul

Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 AM on 1150AM WDEL now found on 101.7 FM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, July 1, tune in to meet a newly ordained priest from our diocese, Father Matthew Mary, MFVA and learn about his fascinating conversion and vocational calling. 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:- As the great herald of the Christ child is born again, let us all herald the Christ into this world, why not consider becoming a priest for the Diocese of Wilmington by contacting 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 B, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, are on page 686 & 688.

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.

On the weekend of July 7/8, Bishop John Ricard, Bishop Emeritus of Pensacola-Tallahassee, will be in town to preach and celebrate Mass and to promote a collection on behalf of the Josephite Missions and the National Black Catholic Congress. The Josephites have long worked among the African-Americans. They long served at St. Joseph's, French Street, and in fact our beloved deacon, the late Robert Levesque, was in the order for several years. Bishop Ricard will be at all three Masses at the Cathedral and at the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick's. Please be prepared to welcome him and to give generously to this important mission effort.

PLEASE NOTE:- St. Mary's is one of the churches on the historic pilgrimage for the diocesan 150th celebration. St. Mary's will be open on the first Saturdays of July, October, and January, when there will be a diocesan Mass for religious. The Church will be open from 9:00 AM till Noon. **We encourage all to visit the church at this time.**

St. Joseph Parish Carnival—Middletown, July 17 thru July 21; rides, games & nightly entertainment; MegaPass-ride all week \$45; July 17-18 Family nights—\$25/night/all rides. Nightly raffles! Delicious meals in air-conditioned parish hall beginning at 5:30 PM Tues. to Thurs. Free admission and parking. More information call parish office 302-378-5800 or www.stjosephmiddletown.com.

Holy Father's Intention for July: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry:- That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests. When necessary, contact Father Klein—(cell) 717-586-9611; or e-mail LRKLEIN45@comcast.net.

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