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**Mass Schedule**

Sat.— 5:30 pm

**Reconciliation:**

Before Mass or by Appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**Marriages** – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

**Hospitalized Parishioners** – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

**Mass Intentions:**

- 1/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Phyllis Buza (Monica Ruder)
- 1/21/16 Thurs. No Daily Mass
- 1/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Members of our Congregation

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory.  
Suggested Donation is \$10.

**Remember in Prayer** our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

**Liturgical Schedule for Lectors/Servers**

- 1/16/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K./Servers-Mike & Matt
- 1/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill/Servers-Miles, Jackson & Elsie

**Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:**

*General Intention:* That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

**Weekly Income:**

Sunday Collection \$ 309.25

Thank you for your generosity!

**Prayers for Sick**

Sue Eich and Heidi Ehrhardt.

During the months of January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

We are in the process of updating our information on each member in our parish. Please complete the parish forms and return to the parish office or put into the collection basket. If you did not receive an envelope with parish census paperwork, please call the rectory 815-237-2230. Thank you!

IT IS OUR HONOR TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU (AND YOUR GUEST)  
ALL\* WHO SACRIFICE TIME AND TALENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY  
to join us to celebrate  
AN APPRECIATION DINNER  
on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 6:30PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall.  
Excellent food and drinks would be offered and nice music for dancing!  
Please RSVP signing the list in the back of the church.

(\*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RE Staff, Ushers, Pastoral and Finance Council Members, Musicians and Cantors, Janitors, Money Counters, Society Officers and Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs)

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. By funding these programs, the support you give today will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16/17, 2016** In today's second reading, Saint Paul makes a list of gifts dispensed to members of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit. Each gift bestowed has a specific purpose for the person for whom it is intended: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation. Good stewards know these gifts are not meant to be kept hidden by the recipient but to be shared with the community and beyond. As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the gift the Holy Spirit has given to each of us. Do we recognize this gift? How was it intended that we use this gift? Are we being good stewards of this gift?

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

GOOD, BETTER, BEST: never let is rest, till your good is better and your better, best.



**"My Delight."** Not "Forsaken". Not "Desolate". God says it long ago to Israel and says it still today to each of us: You are my Delight! This is the endearing language of personal relationship. This is the lasting language of covenantal love. In the Gospel today, Jesus, in a first public act, has compassion on the bridal party and their guests at Cana. Good wine, saved to last. No one is forsaken.

- Who are the desolate ones?
- Who are the forsaken ones who are near?
- How can I act with compassion?

