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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!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support helps ensure that people have adequate catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and strong religious and seminarian formation among other programs. Thank you for taking this opportunity to share your faith. To learn more about how your donations are making a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23/24, 2016 Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "Mission Statement." Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us?

THE 2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL
"Chosen by God's Grace"

Bishop Conlon's mailing asking for a pledge to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible. If you have not received it, please contact the Diocesan Development Office at 815-838-8515

This year, the theme of the Appeal is *"Chosen by God's Grace."* Can you imagine anything more precious? How did you feel when you were chosen to be on a team? Picked for a lead part in a play? Pretty special, I would imagine. Greater than anything you have or ever will be chosen for, God has chosen you to join Him and fulfill the plan He has uniquely created for you.

How do we acknowledge God's grace and show Him our gratitude? One way is to give back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The CMAA funds the mission and ministries of our diocese. It also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. Please answer the bishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten (10) installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mass Intentions:

- 1/23/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Members of our Congregation
- 1/28/16 Thurs. No Daily Mass
- 1/30/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder)

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

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

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 \$ 436.00
Latin America Collection \$ 94.00

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

Tuesday, January 26th is the last day to sign up for the Appreciation Dinner.



Picture this. The whole town is gathered at the public square. Standing. Listening. The terms of the covenant – the loyal relationship between God and the People of God – is read aloud. Each of us is in that crowd. Each of us is part of that body. And no part of that body is unimportant – for we are the Body of Christ.

- Who in this Body has nothing prepared and needs festive food and drink?
- Who in this Body is captive and needs to be unbound?
- Who in this Body is poor and needs glad tidings, Good News?

