

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

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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:

12/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm +Kim Schott (Family)
12/24/17 Christmas Eve 5:30pm Parishioners
12/28/17 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
12/30/17 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

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

12/23/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane
12/24/17 Christmas Eve 5:30pm-Mary K.
12/30/17 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:

General Intention: The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 590.00

"Your offering is most appreciated!"



During the months of December, 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

Our 2018 Offering envelopes are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary (Reddick) - 5:30pm December 24th.
St. Lawrence- 4:00pm and Midnight on December 24th
10:00am December 25th.
Sacred Heart (Kinsman)— 2:00pm December 24th
8:00am December 25th

We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

What is CHRISTMAS? – Christmas is CHRIST -CHRISTMAS is a little youngster kneeling at the crib, adoration in his eyes, offering the Infant Babe a gift of His birthday – the gift of love. CHRISTMAS is a teenager kneeling at the Communion Rail, offering his heart to the New-born King. CHRISTMAS is a mother and father and children assisting at Mass together, adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the same Christ Who lay in a tiny trough of hay at Bethlehem, on this earth for one purpose – to redeem mankind. CHRISTMAS is the gifts which we give one another, gifts which cannot be wrapped in gaudy paper and tied with big red bows, for they are gifts of love, gifts of salvation. CHRISTMAS, like 'joy' and 'love', needs two to make it true. It needs Christ and you. We must not take Christ out of Christmas and expect to find the spirit of Christmas in our hearts. Christmas IS Christ – Christmas IS love!

CHRISTMAS REMINDERS -May the Christmas CHEER remind you of Him who said , "Be of good cheer." May the Christmas BELL remind you of the glorious proclamations of His birth. May the Christmas CAROLS remind you of the song the Angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!" May the Christmas SEASON remind you in every way of Jesus Christ, Your King!

CHRISTMAS – MOTHERHOOD Mary's Fiat Motherhood brought Christmas – Mary said "Be it so", to the angel God sent to her long, long, ago. She brought forth the Savior as prophets had foretold and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes to shield Him from the cold. Shepherds heard the glad news from angels in the sky, they found the new-born King in a stable nearby. There would be no Christmas if Mary had said "No" to the angel God sent to her, long, long ago.

The Rectory will be closed December 25th & 26th "Merry Christmas"

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all from Fr. Stanley

Fourth Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 23/24, 2017-In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

