

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 1, 2018

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs.— 8:30 am

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:

12/1/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Josh Ehrhardt (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)
12/6/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
12/8/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & family) and 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

12/1/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.
12/8/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of November:

General Intention: In the Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 740.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 0
CCHD	\$ 45.00

Thank you!

Prayers for Sick

Andrew Bergen
Heidi Ehrhardt
Juanita Arias
Mike Zermeno

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

Please remember in prayer Virginia Faletti who entered Eternal Life. Our condolences to her family and friends. Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord. May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1st**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

2019 Offering envelopes –If you haven't already done so, please pick up your offertory envelopes. Thank you!

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to Retirement Fund for Religious next week.

Preamble to Advent and the New Liturgical Year. With these same biblical texts, we began the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy three years ago. Since we still have merciful acts to do, let us look with new eyes at old and cherished texts.

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God comes. Even when scary signs and frightful things abound, God comes. Even when we hear of unmerciful acts and unjust behaviors, God comes. We know God came once in human flesh, we experience God-is-with-us still, we believe God will come again at world's end. This God, overflowing with mercy, gives us confidence to stand erect and, unafraid, raise our heads to all things good and just and right.

- ◆ How can God's grace free me from the slavery, from the trap of being afraid?
- ◆ How can God's loving mercy help me be even more merciful this year?
- ◆ What work of mercy will I do this week with new intensity?

Word of Life- "Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

First Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 1/2, 2018-In the Gospel on this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples about the end-time. He urges them to be vigilant, spiritually awake, to pray, and to avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle that embraces both earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on what it means to devote every waking moment in our lives to the Lord.

