

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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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:

2/17/18 Sat. 5:30pm ) Parishioners AND +Mary Jo Murphy  
2/22/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass  
2/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (M/ M Dan Hogan)

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

2/17/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.  
2/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane

## Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:

*General Intention:* Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 694.00

"Your offering is most appreciated!"



During the months of February and March 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

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th and Thursday, February 22nd this week.

*"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."* Pope Benedict XVI

Please join me in South Wilmington on Wednesdays at 7pm during Lent for Stations of the Cross. By praying the Stations of the Cross, we spiritually retrace the steps that Jesus took in accomplishing our salvation. We enter into the mystery of His suffering and death so that we can also enter more fully into the mystery of His life-giving Resurrection. The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Wednesday at 7pm during Lent. Please make a special effort to come and pray this beautiful Lenten Devotion.

Do you want to Fast this Lent? *In the words of Pope Francis* Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**Lenten Regulations:** 1) Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (excluding the Solemnity of the Annunciation). 2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 3) On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. **4) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.** 5) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and performance of works of charity and mercy.

## First Sunday of Lent – 18 February 2018

**It is all about Baptism.** The story of Noah and the flood is all about being saved in the water. Saint Peter is absolutely clear in saying that it points to Baptism. In these Christian waters, we repented and believed. In these Forty Days, we cherish the elect awaiting Baptism. Throughout this Lent, we recall our own being made new in the font and urgent desire to be new again.

- What will I do this Lent to repent and believe in Good News?
- How can my behavior imitate baptismal purity?
- How will I keep in thought and prayer the elect who will plunge into the font this Easter Vigil and enter the fullness of our sacramental life with the Dead and Risen Christ?

## First Sunday of Lent Weekend of February 17/18, 2018

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?