

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

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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:

2/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm) +Verneal Fritz (M/ M Dan Hogan)
3/01/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
3/03/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Scott & Alison Buckley)

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

2/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Jane
3/03/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bill

Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:

General Intention: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 668.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 172.00
"Your offering is most appreciated!"	



During the months of 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

Please join me in South Wilmington on Wednesdays at 7pm during Lent for Stations of the Cross.

Please keep our Confirmation students in prayer as they prepare for their Confirmation on Tuesday, February 27th at 7pm in South Wilmington.

St. Mary's March 12 Collection -St. Mary's second collection for the 2017-2018 budget year is scheduled for March 12. (A green envelope is included in your envelope box for this purpose.) This collection is designated for the care and well-being of St. Mary's Parish of Reddick. Our utility costs for our building and 20% of the rectory were \$4,300.50 last year. **As you are aware, utility and insurance costs continue to rise.** It is our goal to help offset our utility costs by conducting a fall and spring collection. We thank all of our parishioners who generously donated to the fall collection, and our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your continued support. Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan
St. Mary's Finance Committee

The Difference...I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered He answered, "You didn't ask." I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak; I wondered why God didn't show me He said, "But you didn't seek." I tried to come into God's presence, I used all my keys at the lock God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock." I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray. *Author Unknown*

St. Patrick's and the Dwight Knights of Columbus are again having their annual Lenten Fish Fries at the St Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight. This year they have scheduled 6 Fridays, all except Good Friday. (February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and the 23) They will be serving from 5 till 7. The price includes your choice of baked or fried fish, breaded shrimp or a grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or apple sauce with a roll, beverage and desert also included. Take outs orders are available at the same price. Prices are Adults - \$9.00 Grade schoolers - \$4.50 Pre-schooler - Free.

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Surprising and mysterious. Who is this Jesus shining before us in dazzling white clothes? The gospel tells us this: law-giver like Moses, prophet like Elijah, beloved Son like no other! He is the one who intercedes for us, who prays for us, who desires beyond hope for us an obediently devoted life now and a final heavenly life to come.

- In listening to the Beloved Son, what do I need to hear?
- How will this hearing change or better my behaviors?
- How will I walk before the Lord these Lenten days doing mercy work?

Second Sunday of Lent Weekend of February 24/25, 2018

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Mes-siah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

