

St. Mary's Catholic Church

216 E. Lincoln St., PO Box 16
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 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:

3/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm +Verneal Fritz (Tom Scanlon)
3/29/18 Holy Thursday 6pm Mass at St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington
3/30/18 Good Friday Service 5:30pm at St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington
3/31/18 Easter Vigil 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

3/24/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Mary K.
3/31/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget

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	\$ 732.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 500.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 38.00

"Your offering is most appreciated!"



During the month of March and April 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

Please join me in South Wilmington on Wednesdays at 7pm during Lent for Stations of the Cross. This is a beautiful Lenten devotion.

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!

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Easter Mass Schedule

March 29-Holy Thurs. 6pm at St. Lawrence
March 30-Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord
3pm-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
5:30pm-St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington
March 31-Holy Saturday
5:30pm-Vigil Mass-St. Mary-Reddick
7:30pm-Blessing of Easter Baskets-St. Lawrence
8:00pm-Vigil Mass-St. Lawrence
April 1-Easter Sunday-Resurrection of our Lord
8:00am-Easter Mass-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
10:00am-Easter Mass-St. Lawrence

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Good Friday. 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 this day, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

Aspect of PALM – Symbol of JESUS

Palm branches have long been associated with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The palm is the symbol of victory, conquest, and kingship. As a symbol for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and Servant-King, the palm has added significance; for the palm, of all trees, is the servant tree. The palm offers shade for the weary. It is the source of food for the hungry. From it man obtains sugar, resin, and oil. Its branches are used for the weaving of baskets and for the thatching of roofs. The lofty palm suggests mastery and service. – E.T. Clapp.

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The final week. The week begins with blessed hosannas. Then a broken jar of perfumed oil poured on one head. Then a meal with new bread and new wine. Then a garden. Then the cross. Then burial and waiting.

- How will I slow down and keep this week holy?
- How will I mark the days of the Paschal Triduum with special prayer?
- How will participation in the rites of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil enrich my Christian life?

Life is like a roller coaster...with all it's ups & downs!