

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 1, 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:

3/31/18 Easter Vigil 5:30pm Parishioners
4/05/18 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
4/07/18 Sat. 5:30pm +William Brooks (The Family)

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

3/31/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget
4/07/18 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda

Holy Father's Intention for the month of April:

General Intention: For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 387.00
Maintenance Fund \$ 250.00

"Your offering is most appreciated!"



During the month of April we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during this month, 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 Easter Monday.

May the risen Lord bless you abundantly and bring lots of happiness to you and your family. **Happy Easter.** - Fr. Stanley

EASTER means: Empty tomb! Angelic announcement! Scripture fulfilled! Tears removed! Exalting disciples! Risen Savior! -Pulpit Helps.

The Parish Council/Finance Council will be meeting on Thursday, April 3rd at 7pm.

If you are wondering what to do with your old palms, The Knights of Columbus will be collecting our old palms and disposing of them properly. Please place your old palms in the box at the entrance of the Church. Thank you!

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!

St. Lawrence Church of South Wilmington will be holding its 9th Annual Nite at the Races event on April 7th at the Gardner American Legion Hall. The doors will open at 5:00 pm. Admission is \$10 which is then converted to "funny money" to be used throughout the night to purchase food, raffle tickets, bet on your favorite horses running in each race, or use it on the live auction items following the last race. Italian beef, hot dogs, and corn dogs will be available once the doors open. This year's theme is the "Circus" and there will be a few circus activities available before the first race at 6:30 pm. A cash bar is available. Everyone 21 years and older is welcome to attend. Proceeds from this year's event will be used towards the Parishes parking lot improvements.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Jesus Christ has risen today! For those good stewards of their faith who die with Jesus, they rise with Christ their savior every day. They are an Easter people. Our Savior is active, alive, and transforming us and our communities of faith, even the world, at this very moment. Easter is a time of joy, a time of celebration. To have faith in the risen Lord is also to believe that we are disciples who bear witness to Christ in a broken and troubled world. To be good stewards of this faith obliges us to be living witnesses to Christ's peace at home and in public. Jesus cannot be found buried in some long forgotten time, in some far away land. He is risen. He lives within each one of us. Alleluia!

Spring!

The barrier stone has rolled away,
And loud the angels sing;
The Christ comes forth this blessed day
To reign a deathless king.
For shall we not believe He lives
Through such awakening?
Behold, how God each April gives
The miracle of Spring!

"Skip Rope"Not Church!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Vigil and during the Day – 31 Mar-01 Apr 2018

Still risen. There are 25 readings chosen for the vigil and day of Easter. There are so many we can feel overwhelmed. The gospel acclamation gives this summary: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. As paschal lamb, Jesus, who died for us, is the Risen Christ. For us all! We. Feast. With. Joy!

- What needs to be dead in me so I can live in Easter joy?
- What fills me with joy?
- How will I joyfully behave?