

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019

## Parish Staff:

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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!

## Advent Confession Schedule

Tues., Dec. 10 7:00pm—St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
Wed., Dec. 11 6:00pm—Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
Sat., Dec. 14 after 5:30pm Mass—St. Mary's, Reddick

A visiting Priest is coming to South Wilmington to help Fr. Stanley hear confessions on December 10th.

## Mass Intentions:

11/30/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners and Kody Krulac (Dan & Melinda Hogan)

## 12/05/19 Thurs. 8:30 am No Mass

12/07/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Josh Ehrhardt (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

11/30/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Mary K.

12/07/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bill



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:** The Future of the Very Young. That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 960.00

CCHD \$ 105.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

Juanita Arias, Scott Savoie,  
Heidi Ehrhardt, Mary Raines,  
Sherry Moranski, Randy Clapp

St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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!

During the months of 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 on Tuesdays at 6:15pm for Rosary and 6:30pm Mass. Wednesday and Thursdays Mass at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

**Christmas Flowers**—St. Mary's CCW is accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Please put your donations in a white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers in C/O Ruth Schott" This is a great way to remember your loved ones during the Christmas Season. Please include a list of those you want flowers in memory of and who the flowers are donated by. Please turn envelopes in by December 15th. Thank you!

Join us Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception in Braidwood as we welcome Fr. Allam back to visit us from India. Fr. Allam will be back in the U.S. for the month of December to visit, spread awareness and fundraise for his mission work in India. Come find out more about his Mercy Home, Feeding the Hungry program, and school. 3:30 PM following Michael O'Brien concert in the church. Tickets for concert available by contacting Anita (815)739-9767

**ADVENT begins anew**—Advent begins the Church's new year of grace. Advent invites us to begin anew our new journey in the grace of Christ. For that reason, spiritual writers tell us that the spiritual life is a series of new beginnings. Advent invites us to a period of meditation, of examination. It is our time of preparing for the coming of Christ. But Christ comes in many ways. He will come, to be sure, on Christmas morn. But He will also come whenever the grace of God is stirred up in our hearts. For this reason Advent should be a time of more frequent and fervent meditation and examination. Through such means we will be more concerned with spiritual than temporal matters. In such a way the grace of God will be able to work more effectively in our souls. Advent is our time of spiritual rebirth. By opening the eyes of our soul through prayer and meditation, we will be better able to see the birth of Christ on Christmas morn! -Fr. Vincent A Yzermans

**Give in thanksgiving.** "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

**First Sunday of Advent Dec. 1 2019** Isaiah 2:1-5. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:11-14. Matthew 24:37-44.

**Coming That Is Certain Yet Unknown.** We begin a new liturgical year today, focusing on the *parousia*, the "end time", the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We **know** its coming is certain. Jesus says, however, we just do **not know when**. How, then, shall we behave? As if that coming is today! Since Christ is light (Isaiah and Creed), how will my merciful behaviors shine with his radiance? Since Christ is near (Romans), how will I behave with sobriety, loving-kindness, and generosity? I will stay awake for the Second Coming of Christ by \_\_\_\_\_?

