

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2019

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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:

12/07/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Josh Ehrhardt (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)
12/12/19 Thurs. 8:30 am No Mass
 12/14/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Paul Anderson (Gloria Folkers)

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

12/07/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bill
 12/14/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bridget



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 \$ 737.00

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 1st**.

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

The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, December 13th.

Since December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to December 9. (It is normally a holyday of obligation, but it is not obligatory this year).

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
 10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Please join us for the CCD Christmas Program on Saturday, December 21st from 6:30pm -7pm.



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!

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Join us Sunday, December 8th 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.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Saturday, 08 December 2018

God comes to favor us. From the beginning days in Eden, the man was assured by God not to hide. Clothing helped. From the beginning new days, God's angel tells Mary: Do not fear – God favors you – the Spirit will do holy things in you – nothing is impossible! How can this be? By God's grace and mercy. What favor has God found in me?

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God knows where we are – and comes. This is divine revelation: God coming, God showing, God being with us. Always! Let us, therefore, wear the cloak of justice and the hat of God's glorious splendor. That is, let us still dress like Christ – just as we were first clothed in him at Baptism – and radiate his presence – just as we were first illumined by him in that sacramental bath. John the Baptist calls us, today, to conversion. What will I do? How can I wear mercy like a comfortable cloak, a well-worn hat? How can my daily life shine in more merciful ways?

