

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 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!

## 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

## New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31st 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick  
Jan. 1st 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

## Mass Intentions:

12/21/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners AND Pat & Alice Masching  
(Norma & Ruth)

## 12/24/19 Tues. 5:30pm Christmas Eve-Parishioners

12/26/19 Thurs. 8:30 am No Mass

12/28/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & 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

12/21/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Jane

12/24/19 Tues. 5:30 pm Lector-Melinda

12/28/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Mary K.



**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 \$ 685.00

Retired Religious \$ 282.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

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

**Welcome!** 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!

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

**2020 Offering envelopes** are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

Please join us for the **CCD Christmas Program** after Mass today. St. Mary's CCD students will be collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Christmas TV and Online Mass for the Homebound**-Will someone you love be unable to join us at church this Christmas? Heart of the Nation will celebrate Christmas Mass on TV and online. [TV Mass on December 25](#) WJYS ch. 62 at 10:00 a.m. [Online Christmas Mass](#) Christmas Mass will also be online throughout the day at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org) For those who can attend at church, TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation.

The true joy of Christmas is not tied to the wealth of goods under the tree, but to the abundance of love and generosity that fill our hearts and spill out to others.

The Rectory will be closed December 24-27th. Merry Christmas to all!



**The Candy Cane Story**-A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy, which symbolizes the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. The hardness symbolizes the Solid Rock and firmness of the promises of God. He then formed the candy into a "J" for Jesus our Savior (John 3:16-17) and the staff of our Good Shepherd. He stained it with three small, red stripes representing the scourging Jesus received prior to His crucifixion for our healing. He added one large red stripe to represent the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent—22 December 2019** Is 7:10-14. Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Rom 1:1-7. Mt 1:18-24. **To Dream and to Act.** The promised Second Coming of Christ is assured in the reality of the first. This birth of Jesus, promised by an angel to Mary and dreamed by Joseph, results in God-with-us, Emmanuel. How will my life be a sign that God is indeed with us now? How will God's grace spill this week into these mercy works? How will I trust God and exorcise from my life whatever keeps me fearful?

**The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas], Solemnity—25 December 2019 Coming Together.** All manner of gatherings occur at Christmas: of families, of friends, of associates – some invited, some not. Filled with joy because of a new child or spouse added to the family. Touched with grief because of the death of one we love. Tinged with tension because of some wrong – perceived or real – yet unresolved. Christmas speaks to all of this and more. The birth of God in Jesus assures us that all life is good and holy. The assigned Bible readings speak of vindication, being God's delight, abundant joy, great rejoicing, peace for ever, justice filled, not forsaken, comforted. This day speaks to every emotion, everything, everyone. How will I show God's love to everyone with whom I gather? How will I let go of some hurt to be at peace? How will I be holy – and help those with whom I gather to be holy?

