

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs.— No Mass January—March

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!

Lenten Confession Schedule

Sat., March 20 after 5:30pm Mass in Reddick
Tues., March 23 after 6:30pm Mass in S. Wilmington
Wed., March 24 6:00pm in Kinsman

There will be a visiting Priest coming to South Wilmington to help Fr. Stanley hear confessions on March 23rd.

The season of Lent reminds us of the need for reconciliation. If the word reconciliation means anything in our lives, it means peace; such as the peace we experience after a difficult encounter when an apology is offered and accepted. There is also the peace of sitting in a church in the presence of the Lord and proclaiming to ourselves prayerfully that we are truly forgiven.

Spring Utility Collection—On behalf of the St. Mary's Finance Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to our Spring Utility Collection. To date, \$3,320 has been collected. The money will be used to help cover the utility expenses for St. Mary's and 20% of the rectory. In a budget year that has included lower than normal church attendance due to COVID and an especially cold winter, this collection and the one in the fall are of vital importance for maintaining our church. Thank you again! St. Mary's Finance Committee- Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Tom O'Brien, and Dan Hogan

Memorare to Saint Joseph—Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

The Word of Life—"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 21 March 2021 Ezekiel 37:12-14. Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45.

Year A readings Dying and Rising. Shall we open graves today? Shall we untie those who are bound up? Shall our acts of bravery help others to rise to new life? How can I let the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus dwell within me? What deadly thoughts and acts can I help untie? How will I stand with the risen Christ in what I say and do?

Mass Intentions:

3/20/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners
3/25/21 Thurs. No Mass
3/27/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Krystyna & Czeslaw Tokarski (Hanna Drewniak)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations 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

3/20/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill
3/27/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: *General Intention:* Sacrament of reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 842.00
Maintenance	\$ 925.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 75.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!	

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt and Donna Masching

To donate **online please go to www.dioceseofjoliel.org** and select Donate (green button) then select Universal Offertory Giving. To be of assistance, the Diocese has set up a universal offertory fund for any Diocese of Joliet parish. All monies will be directed to the parish of your choice. Thank you for supporting our parish.

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!

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.



Easter Mass Schedule

April 1 Holy Thurs.-6pm-St. Lawrence All 3 Parishes
April 2-Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord
3pm-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
6:00pm-St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington
April 3-Holy Saturday
5:30pm-Vigil Mass-St. Mary-Reddick
8:00pm-Vigil Mass-St. Lawrence
April 4-Easter Sunday-Resurrection of our Lord
8:00am-Easter Mass-Sacred Heart-Kinsman
10:00am-Easter Mass-St. Lawrence

