

St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
Thurs.— 8:30 am Mass

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:

11/27/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners
12/2/21 Thurs. 8:30 am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & Descendents
12/4/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder)

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

11/27/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary K.
12/4/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of December: *General Intention:* Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 915.00
CCHD	\$ 295.00
Maintenance	\$ 200.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!	

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

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!

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 3rd. Thank you!

Movie Night-Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a movie night in the hall on Saturday, December 4, 2021 after the 5:30pm Mass. They are planning on showing the movie "Unplanned" and also some form of refreshments will be served. All are invited to this Movie night.

"For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."
Romans 15:4

Eucharistic Adoration—December 1st from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex. Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on every 1st **Wednesday of the month**. Please try to find time for Jesus in Adoration.

December 8-(Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule

7:30am & 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
8:30am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick

St. Mary's CCD students will be performing their **Christmas program on Saturday, December 11th** after the 5:30 p.m. mass. In addition, our Confirmation students will be hosting a soup and sandwich dinner after the program. Please plan on attending if you're able. There will be a free-will donation collected by the Confirmation students, which will be split between our CCD program, and a needy family in the surrounding area. Finally, there will be a raffle to win a light-up, outdoor Nativity Scene for your home (\$5.00 per ticket, or 3 for \$10.00). The Confirmation students will come and assemble the Nativity Scene for you! This outdoor decoration will be collected by our Confirmation students during the weekend of January 8th (following the Epiphany); it will be raffled off next year, as well, and in the years to come! Be the first winner of this outdoor Christmas decoration! We hope to see you all there! Questions, please contact Bridget Hoffman (815) 343-3257.

Friday, December 10 – Winter Carnival The Reddick Community Auxiliary is sponsoring a Winter Carnival at the Reddick Fire Station Community Hall on Main Street, Reddick. The family event will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Carnival will kick off with Santa's arrival to town! Activities include a visit with Santa, raffles, games, crafts, and prizes. (Please follow mask protocols.)

Word of Life-“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary” respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

First Sunday of Advent – 28 November 2021 Jeremiah 33:14-16. Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2. Luke 21:25-28, 34-36. **Fulfilling the Promise.** This is the thrust of Advent. We know Jesus came once; we believe, because of that, he comes again to bring the Reign and Kingdom of God to completion. We, now, are in between those two comings. How are we to live? Not dismayed or anxious. No, we are to be vigilant and strong, ever hopeful, full of right action, justice, and mercy. We stand erect because God does not abandon us. What dismays me about life today? What will I do to please God, trusting I am and we are not abandoned? What right actions, what works of justice and mercy will I do?

