

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 30, 2022

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm 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:

1/29/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

**2/3/22 Thurs. No Mass**

2/5/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Heidi & Ray Ehrhardt)

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

1/29/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget

2/5/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:** *General Intention:* For religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage, may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 975.00

Latin America \$ 270.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

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

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

**Statement of Contributions**-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2021, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

**Thank you** for your generous support for last week's Collection for the **Church in Latin America**. As a parish, we collected \$270, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

The **Blessing of the Throats** is a [sacramental](#) of the [Roman Catholic Church](#), celebrated on February 3, the [feast day](#) of [Saint Blaise](#) of Sebaste. St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius. On February 3rd the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Many cures were attributed to him notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The rite of the blessing of throats may take place before or after Mass. The priest or deacon places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen." **Fr. Stanley will be blessing throats in Reddick after Mass on Saturday, February 5th.**

**Eucharistic Adoration—February 2 from 11am – 1pm** at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex. Adoration is held on every **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**. What do I do during Adoration? The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in silence in the presence of Christ. You really don't have to "do" anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. This is your personal time with Christ. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God! The Saints encourage us to go to Adoration! *The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.*—St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."—*John 14:27*

**Word of Life**—“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20).” NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid ([respectlife.org/be-not-afraid](http://respectlife.org/be-not-afraid))

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30 January 2022** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19. Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17. 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13. Luke 4:21-30. **Believing God Who Protects.** Proclaiming God's Word can be costly. For the grueling work of prophet Jeremiah, God declares he will not be alone. In proclaiming Good News in his home town, Jesus is faced with reproach and the threat of being thrown over the cliff. Proclaiming Good News is the task of each of us because of Baptism into Christ. So, how do we do it? As faithful, hopeful, loving Christians. What words of faith will I share with others this week? What is part of the great hope I have in believing in Christ? Because God keeps me safe in a protecting embrace, how can I love? Whom will I love – even those who are not “one of us”?

