

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent, March 20, 2022

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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:

3/19/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Mike Foley (Ruth Schott)
3/24/22 Thurs. 8:30am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & Descendents
3/26/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Bev Forneris)

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

3/19/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
3/26/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: *General Intention:* For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 517.00
Maintenance	\$ 750.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

John O'Donnell, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

Daily Mass-Reminder we are back to having Daily Mass on Thursday at 8:30am here at St. Mary's. Please consider joining me if you are able.

Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday in **South Wilmington**. The Way of the Cross is not only a great testimony to an inner depth and maturity, but it is in fact a school for interiority and consolation. It is also a school for the examination of conscience, for conversation, for inner transformation and compassion – not as sentimentality, as a mere feeling, but as a disturbing experience that knocks on the door of my heart, that obliges me to know myself and to become a better person. (Pope Benedict XVI) The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the Cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. Won't you join us this Wednesday for 45 minutes of your time at 7 PM?

Our sincere **congratulations** to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Wednesday by Bishop Ronald Hicks. Thank you to their teacher Bridget Hoffman and all who helped to prepare these young people. Please keep these newly confirmed in your prayers: Ryan Bean, Cashel Carter, Emery Fritz, Audrey Hoffman, George Kambic, Caden Law, Glen Richie, Grace Richie, Charles Ruder, Kylie Scanlon, Maddie Turner. Thank you to all who helped make this celebration so special.

Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; at the same time, pray for us, too, that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak of the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, that I may make it clear, as I must speak. Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you know how you should respond to each one."—*Colossians 4:2-6*

Monday, March 21 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry coming to South Wilmington. St. Lawrence Church parking lot (snow, rain or shine). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.** Take Action to solve hunger by volunteering to sort and pack boxes, help us distribute food to neighbors in need. If you can volunteer, please arrive by 3pm to help pack boxes. Please pass the word to those in need. Thank you!

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).

Third Sunday of Lent – 20 March 2022 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15. Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12. Luke 13:1-9. **Reflecting on a Tree and a Bush.** In Luke's parable, the gardener wants to give the unproductive fig tree a second chance. Here is an image of God's tending to all of us – always wanting the opportunity for second (and third and fourth and...) chances. In the Exodus account, God, in an unconsumed burning bush, speaks to Moses. Both vineyard and Horeb are holy ground, places for God's saving activity. How will I work the holy ground of my life this week, this Lent? What fruit will my life bear? How will I listen and respond to what God calls out to me?

The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity – Friday, 25 March 2022 Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10. Psalm 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11. Hebrews 10:4-10. Luke 1:26-38. **Reflecting on Speaking Angels.** This angel speaks to Mary, not in a dream, but in person. What a conversation Gabriel and Mary have! And what faith and action results. How am I listening for God and what will I do because of the resulting conversation?

