

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Sunday, December 25, 2022

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**Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday**  
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**Mass Schedule**  
Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
**Thurs.—No Daily Mass December-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!

**Mass Intentions:**  
12/24/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners (Christmas Eve)  
12/29/22 Thurs. 5:30pm NO MASS  
12/31/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Daniel Ryan (Viator Buckley)  
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**  
12/24/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill  
12/31/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:** *General Intention:* For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**Weekly Income:**  
Sunday Collection \$ 985.00  
Immaculate Conception \$ 50.00  
Retired Religious \$ 120.00  
Your Offering is most appreciated!

**Prayers for Sick**  
Bill Masching, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, 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.

Next weekend, Dec. 31st is the last weekend to donate hats, gloves and scarves. Thank you to all those who have already brought in donations.

**Daily Mass** -During the months of December through March, we will not be having Daily Mass on Thursday mornings in Reddick. Please consider joining me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays at 6:30pm or Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. **No Tuesday night Mass in South Wilmington on December 27.**

**2023 Offering envelopes**— just a reminder to please pick up your box of envelopes . If you do not see a box with your name on it, there are some blank boxes available. Please write your name on the envelope. Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
May the celebration of Christmas be for each one of you a time of joy and peace. May Christ's coming to us be for each one of us one more occasion to meditate on the mysteries of our salvation.  
Merry Christmas!  
Fr. Stanley

**CHRISTMAS REMINDERS**-May the Christmas CHEER remind you of Him who said , "Be of good cheer." May the Christmas BELL remind you of the glorious proclamations of His birth. May the Christmas CAROLS remind you of the song the Angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!" May the Christmas SEASON remind you in every way of Jesus Christ, Your King!

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Friday, December 30th. Merry Christmas!

**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

**SAVE THE DATES in 2023!**  
**Celebrate the**  
**National Eucharistic Revival**  
**With these special Diocesan Celebrations**  
**DIOCESAN-WIDE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10 AT THE CATHEDRAL OF**  
**ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET,**  
**AND PRAYER SERVICE with NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER on**  
**MARCH 23, 24, 25 AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE**  
**DIOCESE.** Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

**The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas], Solemnity Saturday, 25 December 2022 Vigil Mass** – Isaiah 62:1-5. Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29. Acts 13:16-17, 22-25. Matthew 1:1-25. **Mass during the Night** – Isaiah 9:1-6. Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13. Titus 2:11-14. Luke 2:1-14. **Mass at Dawn** – Isaiah 62:11-12. Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12. Titus 3:4-7. Luke 2:15-20. **Mass during the Day** – Isaiah 52:7-10. Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Hebrews 1:1-6. John 1:1-18. **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?

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast – Friday, 29 December 2022.** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14. Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Colossians 3:12-21. Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. **Every Family Is Holy.** Pope Francis was not the first to urge us to see and be holy people. Saint Paul, in Colossians 3:12-17, calls us holy and beloved – and lists holy behaviors. It recalls the Old Testament covenants and the very peak of creation told in Genesis – human life. How will I, in phone call or letter, speak words of love to my siblings and parents? How will I be ever more holy this day? How will I help families who grieve or hunger or want?

