

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 29, 2023

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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:

1/28/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Zephyr Benoit (Janet Blanchette)
2/02/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS
2/04/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

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

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

1/28/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget

2/04/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay



Holy Father's Intention for the month of February: *General Intention:* For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	1/8	\$ 710.00
Sunday Collection	1/15	\$ 580.00
Sunday Collection	1/22	\$ 999.00
Initial Offering		\$ 30.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 45.00
Latin America		\$ 334.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Bill Masching, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Statement of Contributions-If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2022, please call the Parish Office 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

Congratulations to John & Lucia Trofimchuck and Big sister, Renae on the baptism of Levi John Trofimchuck, last weekend at St. Mary's. May God always hold him in the Palm of His Hands.

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$334.00, 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 and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."
—Proverbs 30:5

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 after all Masses next weekend, Feb. 4/5.

Eucharistic Adoration- Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington on **Wednesday, February 1st** from 11am – 1pm. Adoration is a way to be present with the Lord and focus on actively listening to His word through prayer. While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live. It is His body, blood, soul and divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. We adore and receive the Eucharist in communion at Mass, which is the most beautiful act of worship that we have as Catholics. We have Jesus truly present in all of the tabernacles around the world. We can continue to adore Him in the Eucharist after Mass in a quiet time of prayer and contemplation on Who we have just received. Being in the presence of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ gives spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way.

Word of Life-Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

The Presentation of the Lord, Feast – Thurs., Feb. 2, 2023 Malachi 3:1-4. Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10. Hebrews 2:14-8. Luke 2:22-40. **Christ Is Present.** Hebrews announces what we know: Jesus Christ had to become like us in every way (be human) in order to be high priest (like us in all things but sin). We light and bless candles today to remember that Christ our Light illumines everything and everyone. We listen to Simeon and Anna sing his praise. How will I carry the Light who is Christ with me from Mass today? To whom will I let it shine? How will I sing his praise?

