

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 19, 2023

## Parish Staff:

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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:

3/18/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Ruth McGinnis)  
3/23/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS  
3/25/23 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

3/18/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda  
3/25/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:** *General Intention:* For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 1130.00  
Maintenance Collection \$ 1100.00  
Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Clarence Moranski, Timm Becker,  
Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

**Our condolences** to Norma O'Brien, and family on the loss of Donald O'Brien who entered Eternal Life. Eternal Rest Grant to him O Lord. May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Stations of the Cross** are held on Wednesdays evenings at 7pm in South Wilmington during LENT. **Friday, March 24th** in South Wilmington, the Confirmation Class from St. Lawrence will perform **Shadow Stations of the Cross** at 6pm. Please join them.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? *In the words of Pope Francis*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

*Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom." –James 3:13*

## Lent Confession Schedule

Tues., March 28th after 6:30pm Mass -St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
(We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)  
Wed., March 29th after 5pm Stations of the Cross-Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
Sat., April 1 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick

## Holy Week Mass Schedule

April 6 Holy Thurs.-6pm-St. Lawrence All Parishes  
April 7-Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord  
3pm-Sacred Heart-Kinsman  
5pm-St. Lawrence-S. Wilmington  
April 8-Holy Saturday  
5:30pm-Vigil Mass-St. Mary-Reddick  
8pm-Vigil Mass-St. Lawrence  
April 9-Easter Sunday-Resurrection of our Lord  
8am-Easter Mass-Sacred Heart-Kinsman  
10am-Easter Mass-St. Lawrence

**Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Reddick Fire Station's Community Center (formerly Reddick Grade School cafeteria) The Volunteer Firefighters Pancake Breakfast will be from 7:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. The annual Community Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Reddick Community Auxiliary (RCA) will be held at 10:00 a.m. Children will be divided into the following age groups: 0-3, 4-7, 8-up. Please park on the EAST side of the buildings, and bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. There is no charge for this event, and it will be held rain or shine.

**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).

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – 19 March 2023** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a. Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41.  
**Seeing Christ.** Even the blind man in today's gospel sees Christ – and does what he is told by him. Listening and then doing – even in the face of opposition – brings sight and insight. How will I look for Christ in every person and in every action this lenten week? What is God asking me to do? How will I do it? How will I be a sign of Christ's light and life for the elect preparing for Easter Baptism?

