

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 26, 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!

HOLY WEEK



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

Mass Intentions:

3/25/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

3/30/23 Thurs. 8:30am NO MASS

4/01/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clifford Steichen (Friends)

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

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

4/01/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



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 \$ 547.00

Maintenance Collection \$ 50.00

Catholic Relief Services \$ 165.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Norma O'Brien, Clarence Moranski,
 Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna
 Masching, and Michael Mullen

Confessions.....Have you been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a long time? Are you worried about coming back because you don't know if the "formula" for confession has changed? Are you embarrassed to tell the priest how long it has been since you have received this sacrament? Rest easy! Things are the same and the priest will welcome you back with open arms!

Lenten 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

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." –St. Maximilian Kolbe

Stations of the Cross –Next Wednesday, March 29th is the last Stations of the Cross this LENT. Won't you join for 45 minutes of your time at 7 PM in South Wilmington.

Easter Altar Flowers– If you would like to donate toward the Easter flowers, please make checks payable to St. Mary Altar & Rosary. Donations can be put in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put into the collection basket or please give to Ruth Schott. Thank you!

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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—"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 26 March 2023 Ezekiel 37:12-14. Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45.

Dying with Christ; Dying to Self. Even when his friends are disappointed with him and his disciples misunderstand him, Jesus is clear and resolute. No one's death is everlasting. We believe that just as Baptism graces us with new life in Christ, physical death transmits us to newer life with God for ever. What "death" is sucking the life out of me? What will I do about it? What will I do, as one loved by Christ beyond all measure, for those in need of mercy works? How will I be a sign of Christ-filled life for the elect preparing for Easter Baptism?

