

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), Sunday, April 16, 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.—8:30 am 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:

4/15/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Gina Corbin, Joe & Gianna)  
 AND +Aga Kaminska (Andy & Lucy Klapacz)  
 4/20/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Marion King (+Don & Norma O'Brien)  
 4/22/23 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

4/15/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane  
 4/22/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of April:** *General Intention:* For a culture of peace and non violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Weekly Income:

Easter Collection	\$ 1,756.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 150.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 145.00
Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.	

## Prayers for Sick

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

**Welcome!** We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you would like to register, registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org.

**Daily Mass**-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.

**Easter Basket Recycle Program**—The Knights of Columbus Council #1574 are again collecting unwanted Easter baskets, eggs and grass. There is a container in front of St. Lawrence, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. We are also collecting broken or unwanted religious items for repair and redistribution or proper disposal.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

—St. Rose of Lima

## A Stewardship Prayer for April

### Loving Father,

We know the truth of the Easter proclamation.

Christ is risen and with him all creation!

Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness,  
 life replaces death.

Through the power of your Spirit, there is no failure his love and mercy cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform.

All is embraced by the victory of your son's cross and resurrection.

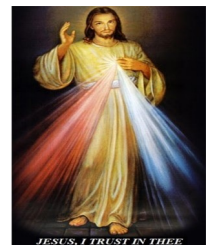
Help us always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for the love of Christ as intensely as he yearns for our love.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears.

**There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy—that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."** - St. John Paul II



## CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary's Church

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Parish Goal: <u>\$ 3,700</u>	Amount Pledged: <u>\$3,375</u>
Amount Paid: <u>\$ 3,195</u>	Remaining Balance: <u>\$ 180</u>

**Monday, April 17 at 4pm is the next Mobile Food Pantry** coming to South Wilmington. If you would like to pack boxes, help us distribute food, please arrive by 3pm. Thank you to those who joined us volunteering to help our neighbors in need!

**Word of Life** If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

**Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) – 16 April 2023** Acts 2:42-47. Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. 1 Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31. **Unrestrained by Locked Doors.** Locked doors are not good enough for keeping the Risen Jesus from us. They are not good enough for preventing Jesus from breathing the Holy Spirit into us. How must we respond? With the devotion noted in the Acts of the Apostles: to the teaching, to Sunday Mass, to attending to those in need. What is Jesus, through Scripture and Tradition, teaching me today? With what does this Sunday Mass, with prayer and fellowship and Communion, fill me? What needs do I notice in others – and what will I do?

