

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday in Lent, Sunday, February 18, 2024

## Parish Staff:

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
Thurs.—No Mass January-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:

2/17/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Tim Richie (Mark & Sue Richie & Family)  
2/22/24 Thurs. No Mass  
2/24/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

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

2/17/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Jane  
2/24/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Melinda



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:** *General Intention:* **For the terminally ill.** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 745.00  
Thank you. Your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Debbie Turner, Emma "Mickey" King, 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** -During the months of February & 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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.

We need input from everyone (**Men and Women**) for ideas on a **celebration of the 125th Anniversary of our Church.** A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us with your ideas and help us plan a great celebration.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Wednesday at 5pm in Kinsman and 7pm in South Wilmington during Lent followed by Benediction. The Way of the Cross is not only a great testimony to an inner depth and maturity, but it is in fact a school for interiority and consolation. It is also a school for the examination of conscience, for conversation, for inner transformation and compassion – not as sentimentality, as a mere feeling, but as a disturbing experience that knocks on the door of my heart, that obliges me to know myself and to become a better person. (Pope Benedict XVI) The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the Cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. Won't you join us on the Wednesdays during Lent for 45 minutes of your time at 7pm?

"Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds, and there is room for more." –*St. Joseph Cafasso*

**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!

**Liturgical Color** -Violet is the liturgical color for the season of Lent, as well as the color of the stole worn by the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the liturgical color of Lent because it symbolizes repentance. It also symbolizes Christ's royalty as King of all kings.

**Suggestions for Lent** – Personal prayers, meditation on the profound mysteries of God, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, devotional confessions, scripture reading, recitation of the Rosary, making the Way of the Cross...all contribute something precious in personal depth and spiritual enrichment, so necessary to a sound and mature life of faith in the Lord.

St. Patrick's and the Dwight Knights of Columbus **Lenten Fish Fries** at the St Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight. Fridays, (February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22) They will be serving from 5 till 7. The Menu Fried Pollock, Baked Cod, Fried Shrimp or a grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or apple sauce. Prices are Adults -\$13.00 Grade schoolers - \$6.00, Pre-schooler - Free

**Word of Life**—"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](https://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

