

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Lent, Sunday, March 3, 2024

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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:

3/02/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Blanche Hamende (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)
3/06/24 Thurs. No Mass
3/09/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners and Donald O'Brien (Norma & Family)

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

3/02/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bill
3/09/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bridget



Holy Father's Intention for the month of March: General Intention: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$1029.00

Thank you. Your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Debbie Turner, Emma "Mickey" King, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

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!

Thank you to all the volunteers at the Mobile Food truck in S. Wilmington on Monday and helping us pack and distribute food to 95 families. The next Mobile Food will be in S. Wilmington on Monday, April 15.

Eucharistic Adoration—If you have been considering coming to Eucharistic Adoration, now is the time. **March 6 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence in South Wilmington.** Even if you only have 10-15 minutes. This is one way to add a little extra time for you with Jesus during the LENT season and don't forget to participate in Stations of the Cross.

St. Mary's March 3rd Maintenance Collection—St. Mary's second collection for the 2023-2024 budget year is scheduled for this weekend. (A envelope is included in your envelope box for this purpose.) **The money from this collection and the earlier fall collection is designated entirely for the care and maintenance of St. Mary's of Reddick.** It is our goal to help offset our utility costs by conducting these two collections. We thank all our parishioners who generously donated during the fall, and our hope is to have another successful collection this spring! Thank you for your support. - St. Mary's Finance Committee

Stations of the Cross is a great devotion to unite us to Christ's suffering and death and allow us the opportunity to accompany Him on his way to calvary. We watch as He suffers under the weight of the cross and realize it was our sins that crucified Him. If you have not been to Stations of the Cross this Lent please try to attend on a Wednesday evening at 5:00pm in Kinsman or 7:00pm in South Wilmington. Also, everyone is invited to come for the presentation of **Shadow Stations** of the Cross by the 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students from St. Lawrence Church on Friday, March 8th at 7:00pm in South Wilmington.

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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Please join St. Lawrence Parishioners on Saturday, April 6th in cheering on the 100 horses running in 10 races at St. Lawrence's 13th Nite at the Races at the American Legion Hall in Gardner. Doors open at 5:00 pm with the first race at 6:30 pm. There will be Italian Beef sandwiches, a cash bar, raffle items and a live auction to finish off the night. Admission tickets cost \$10 each. [Your ticket includes admission and entry into a drawing for a door prize and \\$10 in funny money to use to place your bet on your favorite horses. Use your winning funny money to take a chance on the great raffle items that will be available or to bid during the live auction.](#) The proceeds from this event will be used towards improvements at Fr. Mathew Parish Hall. Everyone 21 years old and older are welcome to attend.

Sacred Heart Church in Campus will be hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 10 from 2pm-5pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 205 Elm Street in Campus. The Dinner includes corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, famous mustard sauce and homemade desserts. Adult \$15 & Children \$10.

St. Patrick's and the Dwight Knights of Columbus **Lenten Fish Fries** at the St Patrick Parish Hall in Dwight. Fridays, (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

