

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Sunday, March 31, 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:

3/30/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
 4/04/24 Thurs. 8:30am +Emma King (Monica Ruder)
 4/06/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Clarence Moranski (Family)

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

3/30/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Melinda
 4/06/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of April: *General Intention: For the role of women.* We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Weekly Income:

Palm Sunday Collection \$1178.00

Thank you. Your Offering is most appreciated.

Prayers for Sick

Debbie Turner, 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.

Easter Message from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 Jesus is risen and dies no more. He has opened the door to a new life, one that no longer knows illness and death. He has taken mankind up into God himself. Happy Easter! Alleluia! Fr. Stan

Thank you to our parishioners for making donations towards our Easter flowers. Our Church looks beautiful! Happy Easter!

We will resume Daily Mass in Reddick this Thursday, April 4th at 8:30am.

The school of Christ is the school of love. In the last day, when the general examination takes place ... Love will be the whole syllabus."—*St. Robert Bellarmine*

Tonight at the Easter Vigil, Father will bless the Easter Candle and the Holy Water. We will have small bottles for anyone wanting to take some Holy Water home with them after Mass. The water itself is not magic. Its power depends on the prayers, faith and devotion of the person who uses it. In making the Sign of the Cross with holy water, one expresses faith in God as Father, God as Son, and God as Holy Spirit and asks God's blessing in the name of the same three divine persons. This ritual action of blessing oneself also serves as a reminder of ones baptism. Benefits of using Holy Water are reminding us of our Baptismal promises, privileges and obligations. It is enabling us to open our hearts for the presence of God's grace. Use in a reasonable way.

Eucharistic Adoration—Everyone is invited to come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Lawrence every 1st Wednesday of the month. When you participate in Eucharistic Adoration, you pray and worship Jesus in a more intimate, present and real way. Adoration will be Wednesday, **April 3 from 11am – 1pm**. You can come for the entire time or just 10—15 minutes.

Next Sunday-Second Sunday of Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy, or **Divine Mercy Sunday** (April 7, 2024). **What is Divine Mercy Sunday?** Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be an extraordinary day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise of total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to all who would go to Confession and receive Him in Holy Communion on the special Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday, throughout the Catholic Church.

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

Important Dates—Confirmation will be on Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm in South Wilmington for all 3 parishes—St. Lawrence, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. **First Communion** will be on Saturday, April 27 at the 5:30pm Mass in Reddick. Please keep these children in your prayers as they finish preparing for these Sacraments.

Join us next Saturday, April 6th at the American Legion Hall in Gardner for St. Lawrence's 13th Nite at the Races. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Italian beef and hot dogs will be available. The first race will begin at 6:30 pm. Admission tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. Your ticket gets you entered into a drawing for one of three \$50 cash door prizes. In addition you will receive \$10 in "funny money" that can be used for food, race bets, or raffle tickets. There will be a live auction after the last race. A cash bar will be available throughout the night. Everyone 21 and older is welcome to attend. Come dressed for our theme "Gone Country" and receive two extra raffle tickets to use for your chance on the great prize baskets that will be available. Don't miss this night of fun.

