

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

## 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:

4/20/24 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners and +Leo O'Donnell (Family)  
4/25/24 Thurs. 8:30am +Clifford Steichen (Friends)  
4/27/24 Sat. 5:30pm +Heidi Ehrhardt (Ray Ehrhardt)

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

4/20/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Mary Kay  
4/27/24 Sat. 5:30pm-Lector-Jane



**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:

Sunday Collection \$ 758.00

Thank you. Your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Hank Kovach, 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.

**Our deepest condolences** to the family and friends of Jacqueline "Jacque" Joyce who entered eternal life this week. May Jacque's soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

**Thank you** to the volunteers who helped at the Mobile Food Truck in South Wilmington. We were able to help 100 families. The next Truck is Monday, May 20th sponsored by the Gardner American Legion.

The Parish Office will be closed next week Monday, April 22-Friday, April 26. Someone will be checking phone messages. Fr. Stan will be available.

Pray, hope and don't worry. Anxiety doesn't help at all. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer." — *Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*

**Religious Education News**—We had our last Religious Ed. class this week. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who enjoyed teaching the faith to our children this year through the many lessons, stories and crafts. We know they learned and had a lot of fun too. Thank you to our director Bridget Hoffman for organizing and leading our program. Thank you to the dedicated teachers Jill Rachke, Becky Stipanovich, Brooke Sulzberger, Cheryl O'Brien, Stephanie Flott and Cathy Burke. We hope to have all of you back next year and anyone else that would like to join this wonderful team for the Religious Ed. Program at St. Mary's. First Communion will be next weekend, April 27th during the 5:30pm Mass. Our Second Grade class is well prepared and ready for this wonderful Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your Prayers.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, April 21st 2024**—Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

## 125<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Anniversary Celebration - Mark your calendars!

When: Saturday, July 13, 2024, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Reddick Fire Protection District's Community Hall

The Anniversary Planning Committee for the event is requesting the following donations:

- Canned Regular Pepsi/Coke, Diet Pepsi/Coke, Sprite, Mountain Dew, and Rootbeer
- Raffle baskets or single items. (Business solicitation forms are available. See Cheryl O'Brien)

Please leave donated items in St. Mary's hall.



Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Word of Life**—"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, "Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"

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