



**MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. KOENIG, TENTH BISHOP OF WILMINGTON**

**Very Reverend Joseph W. McQuaide, IV, J.V., Rector-Pastor**

Reverend Christopher M. Markellos, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacons Anthony J. Gallo & Roberto Ortiz

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 17, 2023*

**SCHEDULED MASSES**

**Saint Patrick**

Sunday: \*8 am, 9:30 am, \*11 am, 5 pm  
 Mondays & Wednesdays: \*5:30 pm  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:30 pm  
 First Fridays: 5 pm Adoration; \*6 pm  
 First Saturdays: \*9 am

**Cathedral of Saint Peter**

Sunday: 9:30 am  
 Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 12:10pm  
 Saturday: 4 pm  
 \* Mass offered in Latin

**Saint Mary**

Sunday: 8 am  
 First Saturdays: 11 am

*Please invite your family and friends to join you at Sunday Mass.*

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Saint Patrick**

Monday-Thursday  
 4:30-5:15 pm

**Cathedral of Saint Peter**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
 11:30 am-12 noon

**OTHER SACRAMENTS**

Please contact one of the priests through the parish offices to arrange for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing, or Marriage.

**DOWNTOWN CATHOLIC OFFICES**

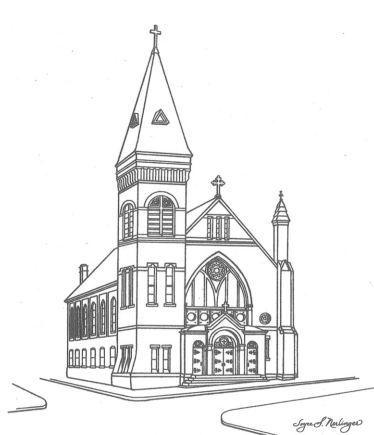
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**Saint Patrick**

*15th and King Streets  
 founded 1880*



**Cathedral of Saint Peter**

*6th and West Streets  
 founded 1816*



**Saint Mary  
 of the Immaculate Conception**

*6th and Pine Streets  
 founded 1858*

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Date	Celebrant	Time	Church	Intention
Dec. 16	Fr. McQuaide	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Fred Fury †
Dec. 17	Fr. Markellos	8 am	St. Mary	Patricia "Patsy" Myers †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Pro Populo
	Fr. Markellos	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Teresa Vincze †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Regina Brainard †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	S. Christopher Szczerban †
	Fr. Markellos	5 pm	St. Patrick	Regina Brainard †
Dec. 18	Fr. Markellos	12:10 pm	Cathedral	Richard Alfred Bargelski †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Hannah & Andrew Gladu
Dec. 19	Fr. McQuaide	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Shirley West †
Dec. 20	Fr. Markellos	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Gerri Hutchinson †
	Fr. Markellos	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Sister Antoinette Keiser †
Dec. 21	Fr. Markellos	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Cindy Amalfitano †
Dec. 22	Fr. Markellos	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Daughters of Charity
Dec. 23	Fr. Markellos	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Fred Furry †
Dec. 24	Fr. McQuaide	8 am	St. Mary	Baker, Gill & Olsen Families
	Fr. Markellos	*8 am	St. Patrick	Paul & Elaine Lyon
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Erica & Paul Toth †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Pro Populo
	Fr. Markellos	*11 am	St. Patrick	Christa Scalise

\*indicates Mass is offered in Latin  
 † indicates a person who is deceased

## Pray for the Sick of our Churches

Michael Dineen, Pat Dougherty, Dorothy Furry, Al Hafner, Kathryn Jones, Jean Manlove, Maggie Menton, Bill & Phyllis Muzzi, Linda Prince, Carol Schofield, Norma Sudler

## Sacrificial Giving

**Online Giving available.** Besides giving your offering at Mass or mailing in or dropping off your offertory envelopes, you can now contribute electronically, simply visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on the church logo "Support Your Parish Through Electronic Giving" and complete the form. Be sure to indicate our parish:

- ST MARY-WILMINGTON (34)
- ST PATRICK (44)
- ST PETERS CATHEDRAL (1)



### Cathedral of Saint Peter WEEKLY OFFERTORY

	Received	Budgeted/ Needed	Difference
Dec. 9/10			
YTD			
<b>Saint Mary of the</b>			
Dec. 9/10			
YTD			
<b>Saint Patrick</b>			
Dec. 9/10			
YTD			

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at time of printing  
due to the  
printing schedule.

Thank you for  
your generous support!

Next weekend, we have **two obligations to attend Mass**—one for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one for Christmas. We must attend two Masses to fulfill these two obligations. The first is fulfilled by attending any Mass on Sunday (at any time) or on Saturday evening; the Christmas obligation is fulfilled by attending any Mass on Christmas Day (at any time) or on Sunday evening.

Of course, we should not see attending Mass as a mere obligation, but as the greatest privilege where we are able to meet our Lord!

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him!*

## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

### **Cathedral of Saint Peter**

Christmas Eve, 4 pm

Christmas Day, 9:30 am

### **Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception**

Christmas Eve, 10 pm

### **Saint Patrick**

Christmas Eve, 4 pm (English)

Midnight Mass (Latin)

Christmas Day, 9:30 am (English), 11 am (Latin)

## *Christmas Giving Tree*



We are assisting families in need, identified by our Saint Vincent de Paul Societies. You will notice a Giving Tree in each church with ornaments identifying specific gifts for each family member. Please be generous, consider taking an ornament (or more!), and purchase the item requested.

All gifts should be wrapped, have the ornament taped on the outside of the gift, and returned under the tree **no later than today!** If you have neglected to return your gifts, please contact the office to coordinate dropping them off. Thank you for your generosity!

## *Decorate the Downtown Catholic Churches*

*Please come & help ready our churches for Christmas:*

### **Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception**

Wednesday, December 20, 9 am

### **Saint Patrick**

Wednesday, December 20, after the 5:30 pm Mass

### **Cathedral of Saint Peter**

Thursday, December 21, 4 pm

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ON DEMAND.



## **Mary of Nazareth**

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and IGNATIUS PRESS

## *Lectors for Next Weekend*

Cathedral, 4 pm	Kathy Lawson
St. Mary, 8 am	Susan Naughton
Cathedral, 9 <sup>30</sup> am	Bill Kirk
St. Patrick, 9 <sup>30</sup> am	Sheila Dunne

**Fourth Sunday of Advent—Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38



Listen to *Catholic Forum* each week. Next Saturday, December 23rd, tune-in to hear the annual Christmas program featuring Bishop Koenig's Christmas message to the people of Delaware and Maryland's

Eastern Shore and some beautiful holiday hymns. *Catholic Forum* airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, @CatholicForum "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [facebook.com/CatholicForum](http://facebook.com/CatholicForum)