



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

The Nativity of the Lord

December 24, 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

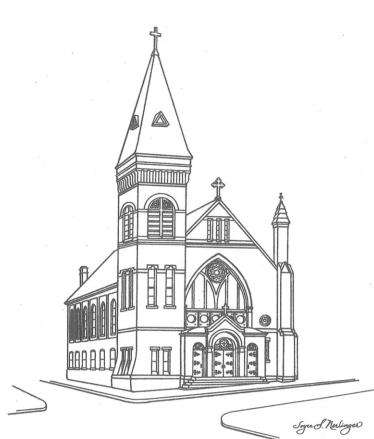
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Saint Patrick

*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. 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	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	Fr. Markellos	*11 am	St. Patrick	Christa Scalise
	Fr. McQuaide	4 pm	Cathedral	Sister Virginia Ann Brookes
	Fr. Markellos	4 pm	St. Patrick	The Shumaker Family †
	Fr. Markellos	10 pm	St. Mary	Robert Lisansky †
Dec. 25	Fr. McQuaide	*12 am	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	Fr. Markellos	9:30 am	Cathedral	Alvin & Kathryn Hall †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Richard & Catherine Sisca
	Fr. McQuaide	*11:00 am	St. Patrick	Anthony & Mary Gallo †
Dec. 26	Fr. McQuaide	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Patricia Wyszynski †
Dec. 27	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Donald C. Dempsey, III
	Fr. Markellos	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Lawrence Taylor †
Dec. 28	Fr. Markellos	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Walter J. Brown †
Dec. 29	Fr. Markellos	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Clergy of the Downtown Catholic Churches
Dec. 30	Fr. McQuaide	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Alice Reilly Scanlon †
Dec. 31	Fr. Markellos	8 am	St. Mary	Charles J. Casey †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Paul & MaryJane Bockrath †
	Fr. Markellos	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Eva Dzioba †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Regina Brainard †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	Fr. Markellos	5 pm	St. Patrick	Magazu Family

*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

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



Cathedral of Saint Peter WEEKLY OFFERTORY

	Received	Budgeted/ Needed	Difference
Dec. 16/17			
YTD			
Saint Mary of the			
Dec. 16/17			
YTD			
Saint Patrick			
Dec. 16/17			
YTD			

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Highlighted in this study are Saints Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri, Charles Borromeo, Teresa of Avila, and Francis de Sales. Join us for this six-week series on Wednesdays beginning January 3rd at 1 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Peter or at 6:30 pm at Saint Patrick.

Downtown Catholic Offices

The office will be closed until January 3rd, if you have an emergency that requires the assistance of a priest, please call our answering service at 302-454-3811.

Cookies and Carols

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with fellow parishioners. Bring your best singing voice and some Christmas cookies for a sing-along and cookie exchange.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas says to us: alone we can't profoundly change the world to remedy it. Alone, we can make the world better or worse, but we can't save it. Christ came therefore, because left to ourselves; we couldn't escape the 'mortal disease' that has enveloped us from the first moment of conception in our mother's womb. This gives us hope, true hope, and true Christian optimism: I can't do it but He is there! This is the mystery of grace synthesized in the human figure of God incarnate.

Christmas Eve and Christmas day are moments of contemplation. We consider, in many dimensions, the mystery of love that was incarnated for us. First of all, we contemplate the light and joy, without forgetting Jesus and Mary's sorrows and sufferings, and the many difficulties that had surrounded them: the cold, the uncomfortable place, the dangers..... It would be good to accompany these thoughts by reciting and meditating slowly on the Holy Rosary, preferably in front of a crib. 'Blessed grotto of Bethlehem that testified to the wonders! Who, in this hour would not turn our hearts? Who would not prefer the opulent palace of the King?'

—Dom Prosper Guéranger



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Lectors for Next Weekend



Cathedral, 4 pm	Kathy Blackwelder
St. Mary, 8 am	Sean Reilly
Cathedral, 9 ³⁰ am	Kathy Lawson
St. Patrick, 9 ³⁰ am	Becky Yerak
St. Patrick, 5 pm	Paul Suarez

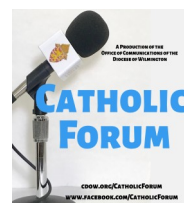
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Dec. 30th & Dec. 31st

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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Merry Christmas! Listen to *Catholic Forum* each week. Next Saturday, December 30th, tune-in for an interview with Mr. Fritz Jones as he looks back at his 40+ years of service at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington. *Catholic Forum* airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, @CatholicForum "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum