Most Reverend William E. Koenig, *Tenth Bishop of Wilmington*
Very Reverend Joseph W. McQuaide, iv, *Rector–Pastor*
Deacon Anthony J. Gallo Deacon Roberto Ortiz
Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church | XXIX in Ordinary Time | XXI after Pentecost *October 18, 2026*

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 the Rector-Pastor through the parish offices to arrange for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing, or Marriage.

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open Mondays to Thursdays, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

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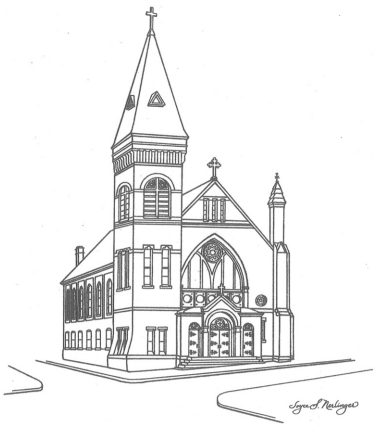

Saint Patrick

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
Oct. 17	Bishop Koenig	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	*Pro Populo*
Oct. 18	Fr. Dillingham	8 am	St. Mary	Kevin Bolinski †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Karen Bockrath
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Mr. & Mrs. Francis A. Marinelli, Sr. †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Kenneth Hoey †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Reverend Leonard Blakely †
	Fr. McQuaide	5 pm	St. Patrick	Kathleen Haberland †
Oct. 19	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Collins & Seitz Families †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Hannah & Andrew Gladu †
Oct. 20	Fr. McQuaide	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
Oct. 21	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Earl Pagliaro †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Anthony Della Camera †
Oct. 22	Fr. Dillingham	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Mike & Rose Kirlin †
Oct. 23	Fr. Dillingham	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Marge Dougherty †
Oct. 24	Fr. McQuaide	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Thomas & Anna Furry †
Oct. 25	Fr. Dillingham	8 am	St. Mary	Karen Jankowski †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Parents of Ed & Karen Bockrath †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Mr. William M. Price †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Domenic & Brianna Rock
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	Fr. Kolodziej	5 pm	St. Patrick	*Pro Populo*

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

Pray for the Sick of our Churches

Sabina Abbadessa; Carla Barkley; Michael McGee-Belk; Katie Buckley; Helen Callahan; Beth Ann Constantinou; Michael Dineen; Ann Domenic; Paul Lundmark; Jean Manlove; Bill Muzzi; Betty O'Malley; Erlene Rohles; Elvira Sarnecky; Norma Sudler; Donna Tusi

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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***
October 10/11	$1,543	$2,308	($765)
YTD	$31,780	$34,615	($2,835)
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
October 11	$200	$577	($377)
YTD	$8,595	$8,654	($59)
Saint Patrick			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
October 11	$1,805	$5,385	($3,580)
YTD	$78,462	$80,769	($2,307)

Sunday, October 18th is the anniversary of the

Dedication of the Cathedral Church

The word cathedral derives from the Greek word *kathedra*, meaning "chair." The chair of the diocesan bishop is the seat from which he guides the life of the Church in a particular geographical region known as a diocese. This chair is a symbol of his authority to teach, sanctify and govern the people of Christ. The church in which this chair is housed is consequently known as a cathedral church—the bishop's own church.

Throughout the latter half of the eighteenth century, the Wilmington area was one of many stations on an itinerant ministry conducted by priests traveling on horseback from Philadelphia and Maryland. By the early nineteenth century, the burgeoning city was ready for its own church. Under the leadership of Father Patrick Kenny, land for the church at the corner of Hanover (Sixth) and West Streets was leased from the estate of Martha Whitelock in 1816. Over the next two years, the church was built, and Father Kenny dedicated it to St. Peter.

In 1868, Pope Pius IX established a new diocese that encompassed all of Delaware and the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland and Virginia. Up until this point, Wilmington was a part of the Philadelphia Diocese. With the diocesan changes in 1868, St. Peter's now stood in the heart of the new diocese's most populated city. Rev. Thomas A. Becker was named the first bishop of the new Wilmington Diocese and arrived at St. Peter's shortly thereafter.

Between 1870 and 1905, St. Peter's went through a period of extensive enlargement and remodeling. The sanctuary and sacristy grew in size, and beautiful frescoes, stained-glass windows, and marble altars were installed. A cathedra and a barrel-domed roof were also added. Fresh off of these improvements, St. Peter's was consecrated as a cathedral in 1905. Church leaders and parishioners spent the next century growing as a congregation and as a community resource for those throughout Wilmington. Further renovations took place in 1981, 1991, and 2007.

The annual observance of the dedication of a church celebrates the mystery of the living Church, that is, the people of God in pilgrimage to the new Jerusalem.

Federal Scholarship Tax Credit

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RSVP

Trunk or Treat in St. Patrick's Rear Parking Lot from 1 to 3 pm on Sunday, October 25th.

Trivia Night in St. Patrick's Hall beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, November 13th.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

Lectors for Next Weekend

Cathedral, 4 pm	Kathy Lawson
St. Mary, 8 am	Mary Jane Lisansky
Cathedral, 9:30 am	Bill Kirk
St. Patrick, 9:30 am	Stephanie Thomas
St. Patrick, 5 pm	Paul Suarez

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 24th & 25th
Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Support the Faith and Charity Appeal

Help our diocese, the *Downtown Catholic* community and beyond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this campaign.