Most Reverend William E. Koenig, *Tenth Bishop of Wilmington*
Very Reverend Joseph W. McQuaide, iv, *Rector–Pastor*
Deacon Anthony J. Gallo Deacon Roberto Ortiz

XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time | XIX Sunday after Pentecost *October 4, 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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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. 3	Fr. Dillingham	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Pro Populo
Oct. 4	Fr. Dillingham	8 am	St. Mary	Intentions of Padre Pio
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Brian Lenhard †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Most Reverend William E. Koenig
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Gerald "Jerry" Watson †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Joseph A. Toro †
	Fr. Dillingham	5 pm	St. Patrick	Sister Lourdes Miranda, LSP
Oct. 5	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Eleanor Wykpisz †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Hannah & Andrew Gladu
Oct. 6	Fr. McQuaide	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Oct. 7	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Charles & Elizabeth McKinney †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Maria Del Pilar Vildoso Reategui †
Oct. 8	Fr. Dillingham	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	All Dominicans
Oct. 9	Fr. Dillingham	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Joseph F. Mancini, Jr. †
Oct. 10	Fr. McQuaide	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Dorothy Furry †
Oct. 11	Fr. Dillingham	8 am	St. Mary	*Pro Populo*
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Doris Crain †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Deceased Members of the Tocik & Shields Families †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Karen Jankowski
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	John & Giovanna Earo †
	Fr. Dillingham	5 pm	St. Patrick	Smale Family

*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; Karen Jankowski; 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***
Sept. 26/27	$965	$2,308	($1,343)
YTD	$18,999	$30,000	($11,001)
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
Sept. 27	$185	$577	($392)
YTD	$8,255	$7,500	$755
Saint Patrick			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
Sept. 27	$2,544	$5,385	($2,841)
YTD	$68,491	$70,000	($1,509)

Today, Sunday, October 4th is the feast of

Saint Francis of Assisi

and the 800th anniversary of his *dies natalis*, his birth to eternal life, dying on the night of 3/4 October 1226

Francesco Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. He was the son of a rich merchant, Pietro, received a good education, and in the beginning followed the ways of the world, living a lavish and irresponsible life. As a soldier, he was taken prisoner in the battle between the Assisians and Perugians, and after his release decided to abandon everything for Christ. His father became extremely displeased at his action, and disinherited him. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life.

He wore ragged old clothes, begged for food and preached peace. He began to attract followers, and in 1209 with the papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans), which in ten years numbered five thousand brothers. His followers were called Friars Minor because they were to consider themselves as the least among religious. Out of humility Francis never accepted the priesthood but remained a deacon all his life. Then in 1212 with St. Clare of Assisi he founded the foundation of the Order of "Poor Ladies," now known as the Poor Clares. He also founded the Third Order of Penance which included lay people.

He was the first person to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in 1224. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later. His ardent love of God merited for him the name of the Seraphic Doctor. He is also nicknamed God's Fool and *Il Poverello* (The little poor one).

G.K. Chesterton noted that both Saints Francis and Thomas Aquinas simultaneously saved Western civilization from a "dreadful doom" of pure, detached spirituality. They did this by fiercely anchoring the divine to the physical world—reaffirming the Incarnation by bringing God back to earth. "They were doing the same great work; one in the study, the other in the street… Perhaps it may be misunderstood if I say that Saint Francis, for all his love of animals, saved us from being Buddhists; and that Saint Thomas, for all his love of Greek philosophy, saved us from being Platonists."

Parish Potluck in the Cathedral Courtyard after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, October 17th.

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.

Sign up today at DowntownCatholic.com/RSVP or contact Maria in the office!

Calling all young singers! Come join our *Children's Choir* and share your joyful voices with our parish. No Experience necessary, must be first grade or older. Rehearsals Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm. Sings at Mass every six weeks. For information, contact Dana Brehany at:

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

Lectors for Next Weekend

Cathedral, 4 pm	Kathy Lawson
St. Mary, 8 am	David Poccynek
Cathedral, 9:30 am	Val Dobson
St. Patrick, 9:30 am	Becky Yerak
St. Patrick, 5 pm	Sheila Dunne

28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 10th & 11th
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Support the Faith and Charity Appeal

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