



MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. KOENIG, TENTH BISHOP OF WILMINGTON
Very Reverend Joseph W. McQuaide, IV, Rector-Pastor
 Deacon Anthony J. Gallo & Deacon Roberto Ortiz

V Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sexagesima Sunday

February 8, 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

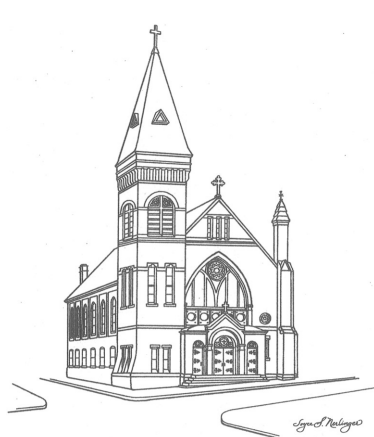
Please contact the Rector-Pastor through the parish offices to arrange for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing, or Marriage.

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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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Feb. 7	Fr. Dillingham	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Richard Griffin †
Feb. 8	Fr. Visitor	8 am	St. Mary	Thomas Gill †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Deceased Members of the Carroll Family †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Debbie Naughton-Swiatek †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Brian Raymond Carr †
	Fr. Dillingham	5 pm	St. Patrick	Agustin Legido †
Feb. 9	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Charles & Elizabeth McKinney †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Andrew & Hannah Gladu
Feb. 10	Fr. Visitor	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Richard Griffith †
Feb. 11	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Collins & Seitz Families †
Feb. 12	Fr. Visitor	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
Feb. 13	Fr. Dillingham	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Tom Tyree †
Feb. 14	Fr. Dillingham	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Fred Furry †
Feb. 15	Fr. Remo	8 am	St. Mary	Joseph Buxton †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Rev. John T. Murphy †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Agustin Legido †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Clara Radick †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Karl Wagner †
	Fr. McQuaide	5 pm	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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



Flowers at the Altars of Our Churches

Given at **Cathedral of St. Peter**

by *Dian O'Leary*

In honor of the *James & Ruth O'Leary*

Sacrificial Giving

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



Cathedral of Saint Peter WEEKLY OFFERTORY

	<i>Received</i>	<i>Budgeted/ Needed</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Jan. 31/Feb. 1	\$758	\$2,608	(\$1,850)
YTD	\$72,788	\$80,835	(\$8,047)

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

	<i>Received</i>	<i>Budgeted/ Needed</i>	<i>Difference</i>
February 1	\$30	\$705	(\$675)
YTD	\$16,625	\$21,840	(\$5,215)

Saint Patrick

	<i>Received</i>	<i>Budgeted/ Needed</i>	<i>Difference</i>
February 1	\$1,073	\$4,735	(\$3,662)
YTD	\$160,708	\$146,792	\$13,916

Wednesday, February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The many miracles which have been performed through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes prompted the Church to institute a special commemorative feast. Four years after the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (1854), the Blessed Virgin appeared a number of times to a very poor and holy girl named Bernadette. The actual spot was in a grotto on the bank of the Gave River near Lourdes.

The Immaculate Conception had a youthful appearance and was clothed in a pure white gown and mantle, with an azure blue girdle. A golden rose adorned each of her bare feet. On her first apparition, February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin bade the girl make the sign of the Cross piously and say the rosary with her. Bernadette saw her take the rosary that was hanging from her arms into her hands. This was repeated in subsequent apparitions.

With childlike simplicity Bernadette once sprinkled holy water on the vision, fearing that it was a deception of the evil spirit; but the Blessed Virgin smiled pleasantly, and her face became even more lovely. The third time Mary appeared she invited the girl to come to the grotto daily for

two weeks. On one occasion she ordered her to tell the ecclesiastical authorities to build a church on the spot and to organize processions. Bernadette also was told to drink and wash at the spring still hidden under the sand. Finally on the feast of the Annunciation, the beautiful Lady announced her name, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The report of cures occurring at the grotto spread quickly and the more it spread, the greater the number of Christians who visited the hallowed place. The publicity given these miraculous events on the one hand and the seeming sincerity and innocence of the girl on the other made it necessary for the bishop of Tarbes to institute a judicial inquiry. Four years later he declared the apparitions to be supernatural and permitted the public veneration of the Immaculate Conception in the grotto. Soon a chapel was erected, and since that time countless pilgrims come every year to Lourdes to fulfill promises or to beg graces.

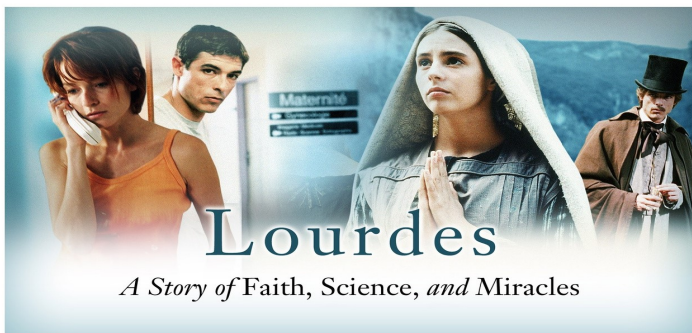
In 1993, Pope John Paul II instituted the "World Day of the Sick," to be celebrated annually on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to help all to see the inherent dignity of every human person.

Pray for the Sick of our Churches

Sabina Abbadessa; Carla Barkley; Helen Callahan; Michael Dineen; Ann Domenic; Joseph Hannas; Paul Lundmark; Jean Manlove; Bill Muzzi; Betty O'Malley; Charlotte & Georgiana Rhein; Erlene Rohles; Elvira Sarnecky; Carol Scofield; Justin Smith; Norma Sudler; Donna Tusi

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Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science,

The film follows a journalist, his ancestor who met Bernadette at Lourdes, and the story of a woman healed by Lourdes' waters, tracing three lives.

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Lectors for Next Weekend

Cathedral, 4 pm	Kathy Blackwelder
St. Mary, 8 am	Susan Naughton
Cathedral, 9 ³⁰ am	Val Dobson
St. Patrick, 9 ³⁰ am	Stephanie Thomas
St. Patrick, 5 pm	Sheila Dunne

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Feb. 14th & Feb. 15th
Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37**



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