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

XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time | XVI Sunday after Pentecost *September 13, 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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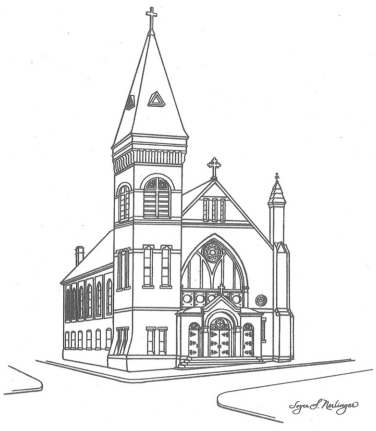

Saint Patrick

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
Sept. 12	Fr. McQuaide	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Betty M. Campanella †
Sept. 13	Fr. Dillingham	8 am	St. Mary	*Pro Populo*
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	William & Anne Giampalmini †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Renate Klein †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Gerald "Jerry" Watson †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Deanna Tusso †
	Fr. Dillingham	5 pm	St. Patrick	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
Sept. 14	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Renate Klein †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Deacon Edward Leszczynski †
Sept. 15	Fr. McQuaide	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Agnes & Joseph Ryan †
Sept. 16	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Intentions of the Benefactors of CDOW
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Dominic & Mildred DiMatteo †
Sept. 17	Fr. McQuaide	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Gerald "Jerry" Watson †
Sept. 18	Fr. Dillingham	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Agnes & Joseph Ryan †
Sept. 19	Fr. Dillingham	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Mike & Annette Davis †
Sept. 20	Fr. Dillingham	8 am	St. Mary	Joseph Buxton †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Parents of Ed & Karen Bockrath †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Joseph John Howard †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Doris Crain †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Gerald & Mildred Blakely †
	Fr. McQuaide	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***
September 5/6	$669	$2,308	($1,639)
YTD	$15,838	$23,077	($7,239)
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
September 6	$271	$577	($306)
YTD	$7,311	$5,769	$1,542
Saint Patrick			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
September 6	$3,055	$5,385	($2,330)
YTD	$54,552	$53,846	$706

Monday, September 14 is the feast of

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was foreshadowed the salvation Jesus won lifted up on the Cross. We sing of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even death on a cross. We make the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God and after prayer to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Look to the cross frequently, and realize that making the Sign of the Cross gives our entire self to God.

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been found at Mount Calvary by Saint Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heralius in 629.

The Emperor carried the Cross back to Jerusalem on his shoulders, clothed with costly garments and with precious stones. But at the entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, a strange incident occurred. Try as hard as he would, he could not go forward. Zacharias, the Bishop of Jerusalem, then said to the astonished monarch: "Consider, O Emperor, that with these triumphal ornaments you are far from resembling Jesus carrying His Cross." The Emperor then put on a penitential garb and continued the journey.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE
Your Journey Through the Bible

Join fellow parishioners for a year-long Adventure through the Bible

The Great Adventure

beginning ***this Wednesday, September 16***
Sept. 16-Dec. 16; Jan. 13-Feb. 3; Feb. 17-21; Apr.7-21

Saint Patrick's Classroom
(2nd floor of the parish offices)

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

$40 per person includes Study Guide and materials

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Authentic Masculinity

Saturday, October 3, 2026

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By Stephanie & Cornelius Thomas

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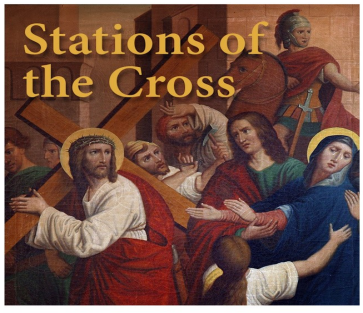

Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

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	Becky Yerak
St. Patrick, 5 pm	Sheila Dunne

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 19th & 20th
Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

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