Most Reverend William E. Koenig, *Tenth Bishop of Wilmington*
Very Reverend Joseph W. McQuaide, iv, *Rector–Pastor*
Deacon Anthony J. Gallo Deacon Roberto Ortiz
XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time/XV Sunday after Pentecost *September 6, 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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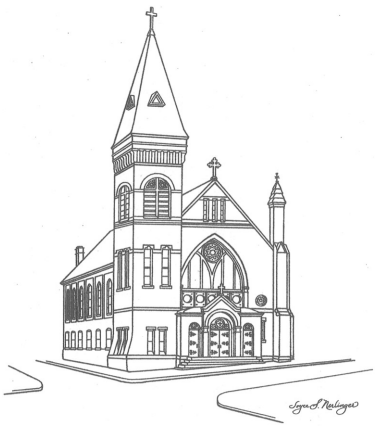

Saint Patrick

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. 5	Fr. Dillingham	4 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	*Pro Populo*
Sept. 6	Fr. Dillingham	8 am	St. Mary	Michael J. Kirlin, Sr. †
	Fr. McQuaide	*8 am	St. Patrick	Rebecca Manion †
	Fr. McQuaide	9:30 am	Cathedral of St. Peter	Ethel & William Shields †
	Fr. Dillingham	9:30 am	St. Patrick	Joseph Marro †
	Fr. McQuaide	*11 am	St. Patrick	Grace R. Rock †
	Fr. McQuaide	5 pm	St. Patrick	Paul & Adrienne Suarez
Sept. 7	Fr. McQuaide	*9:30 am	St. Patrick	Rock Family
Sept. 8	Fr. McQuaide	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Col. (Ret) Harry H. Magazu †
Sept. 9	Fr. McQuaide	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Collins & Seitz Families †
	Fr. McQuaide	*5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Patrick Gallo †
Sept. 10	Fr. Dillingham	5:30 pm	St. Patrick	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
Sept. 11	Fr. Dillingham	12:10 pm	Cathedral of St. Peter	Helen Callahan
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 †

*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***
August 29/30	$5,674	$2,308	$3,366
YTD	$15,169	$20,769	($5,600)
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
August 30	$3,816	$577	$3,239
YTD	$7,040	$5,192	$1,848
Saint Patrick			
	Received	***Budgeted/ Needed***	***Difference***
August 30	$29,146	$5,385	$23,761
YTD	$51,497	$48,462	$3,035

Tuesday, September 8th is the feast of the

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

To her practice of celebrating as birthday a saint's day of death instead of the day of birth, the Church makes only two exceptions, for the Blessed Virgin and for John the Baptist. The latter was freed from original sin before birth, while Mary was immaculate from the first moment of her conception, the most holy of all created beings. The feast of Mary's nativity, observed since the eighth century in the Western Church, is primarily a redemption feast, a preparation for the Messiah. It is a feast close to our heart, for as members of God's great family, we love to celebrate family events, and today is our Mother's birthday.

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head. In Mary all human nature is exalted.

On Our Lady's birthday, the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary.

Since September 8 marks the end of summer and beginning of fall, this day has many thanksgiving celebrations and customs attached to it. In the older form of the Roman Ritual there is a blessing of the summer harvest and fall planting seeds for this day.

The winegrowers in France called this feast "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest." The best grapes are brought to the local church to be blessed and then some bunches are attached to hands of the statue of Mary. And, in the Alps section of Austria this is "Drive-Down Day" during which the cattle and sheep are led from their summer pastures in the slopes and brought to their winter quarters in the valleys. In some parts of Austria, milk from this day and all the leftover food are given to the poor in honor of Our Lady's Nativity.

Due to the federal holiday, parish offices will be closed on ***Monday, September 7th*** *in observance of Labor Day.*

9:30 am Latin Mass at St. Patrick
(no Confessions and no 12:10 or 5:30 pm Masses this day)

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Authentic Masculinity

Saturday, October 3, 2026

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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	RoseMarie Binns-Watson
St. Patrick, 9:30 am	Jacob McNett
St. Patrick, 5 pm	Becky Yerak

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 12th & 13th
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Support the Faith and Charity Appeal

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