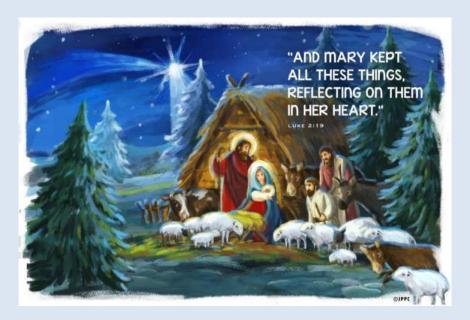
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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God ★ January 1, 2023

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Sunday	8:30 & 10:30am
Saturday	8:30am & 4:30pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>
Tuesday	8:30am
Wednesday	8:30am
Thursday	8:30am
1st Friday	8:30am

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WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to SMM Parish. We encourage new parishioners to register by visiting www.smmchurch.org/welcome and filling out the Parish Registration Form online. We will follow up with you to confirm registration.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9AM - 3PM Thursday 9AM - 3PM **7 Sharpley Road, Wilmington, DE 19803**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Visit www.smmchurch.org/baptism **CONFESSION:** 1st Saturday following 8:30AM daily Mass **MARRIAGE:** Visit www.smmchurch.org/marriage

Additional information on sacraments & other rites can be found on our website and app.

FUNERAL MASSES: Visit www.smmchurch.org/funerals for more info. After death, the first contact is with the Funeral Director of your choice who contacts us.

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Saturday, December 31

8:30 AM The People of St. Mary Magdalen 4:30 PM The People of St. Mary Magdalen

Sunday, January 1

8:30 AM The People of St. Mary Magdalen

10:30 AM Rose Terranova Mattei

Tuesday, January 3

8:30 AM Deceased members of the Riccio &

Deluke Families

Wednesday, January 4

8:30 AM Nancy A. Colver

Thursday, January 5

8:30 AM Joe & Helen Winchester

1st Friday, January 6

8:30 AM Elizabeth Hannagan

1st Saturday, January 7 Confessions after Daily Mass

8:30 AM Mary Pryslak

4:30 PM The People of St. Mary Magdalen

Sunday, January 8 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Albert McCracken 10:30 AM David W. Sydow

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 AM Daria Sheftic

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 AM Chris DeLillo

Thursday, January 12

8:30 AM Francis Houghton Jr.

Friday, January 13 School Mass

10:00 AM Susan Baumler

Saturday, January 14

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Onzik & Shields Family

4:30 PM Dan Martelli

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM Edward J. Henry III

10:30 AM The People of St. Mary Magdalen



The Diocese of Wilmington has discontinued all previous COVID-19 guidance except for the following:

- Distribution of the Precious Blood continues to be prohibited.
- ➤ Hand sanitizer is still available at the entrance, and we support a welcoming environment for those members of your parishes who wish to wear masks.
- ➤ We continue to have sanitization readily available if an individual distributing communion believes they made contact with the person's mouth or saliva.

For those who still prefer socially distanced seating, we have devoted a section of pews at Mass on the right side of church, in front of the piano, that has every other pew roped off.

Readings for this Week - January 1, 2023

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

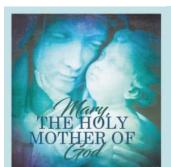
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29–3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42 **Thursday**: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD



It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. This celebration is the octave of Christmas. An octave is an eight-day extension of the feast. In the modern Roman Calendar, only Christmas and Easter have an octave.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please continue to pray for all those who may be hospitalized, sick, or recovering, especially:

Marietta Abello, Karen Batt, Joan Bianco, Alan Brown, Maureen Byrne, Christine Cavaliere, Bob Crowley, Ann Davis, Connor Davis, Jake Delloso, Anne Marie Donovan, Thomasina Finnegan, Linda Finney, Noah Fogg, Helen Hahn, Ed Hunt, Ellie & Levi Jernigan, Mary & Tom Kology, Ed Kusner, Greg Long, Betty Matuszewski, Adelene McDaniel, Peggy McGill, Betty Jo McHenry, Gloria Meyers, Joanne Miller, Flora Monck, Joe Moussalli, James Mulvena, Marie O'Connor, Annemarie Pavco, Rochelle Ransom, Devon Reed, Debbie Rice, Marie Sacchetti, Brandon Shain, Ann Shields, Beau Smith, Vincent Smith, Vivian Spratt, Bill Spratt, , Ruth Van Blerkom, Becky Yu, Dolores Welty & Leighton Wilson.

Contact the parish office if you would like to add a name or would like a name removed.



I would like to thank all of vou that delivered or sent cards, flowers, candy or treats to the church parish office this Christmas. Your gestures were appreciated.

Sincerely, Father Kirk



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The SMM parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, due to the New Year holiday.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR



O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Iesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.

CPT Michael Aleixo (Army), 1LT Helena Aleixo (Army) CPT David Paul Cline Jr. (Army), CPT Matthew Cline (Army), CPT Kevin Coletta (Army), CPT Foster Day (Army), 2LT Patrick Devine & 1LT Sean Devine (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Jason Erickson (US Coast Guard), Corporal Michael Gallo (Marines), CPT Madeline Guerra (Army Reserve), PFC Kyle Isakoff (Marines), Sgt Meghan Miller, Griffin Santana (Army), 1LT Michael Sanzone (Army), 1LT Graham Seuffert (Marines), SGT Elena Shields (National Guard), CPT Matthew Stone (USAF), Corporal Cody Turner (Marines), & Seaman Michael A. Zullo (Navy).

Call the parish office to add an Armed Forces member or update their information.

We are thankful for their courage and dedication to duty in difficult circumstances

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary **Jan. 8** – Parish Capital Projects

Offertory is collected at each weekend Mass and can be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office.



View other ways to give using the "Donation" button on our website or scan our QR code using the camera on your smartphone.





SOLDALITY – JAN. 7TH

The First Saturday Mass will be 7th Jan. followed by the Rosary. All parishioners are invited to join the Sodality in honoring Our Lady as she requested at Fatima in 1917.

The Rosary is prayed daily after the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome to join the group.

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Next weekend, January 8th, is Epiphany Sunday

BLESSING KITS AVAILABLE IN MASS ON EPIPHANY WEEKEND, JANUARY 7 & 8:

- Blessed Hay
- Blessed Chalk
- Home Blessing





TAX DONATION LETTERS

The 2022 tax donation letters will be sent via email on Jan. 13th to those parishioners that have previously requested for

annual statements to be sent each year. If you did not receive one last year and would like a 2022 tax donation letter sent via email, please contact Stephanie.Casey@smmchurch.org or call the parish office to request to have tax donation letters automatically emailed each year.

If you would like us to mail you a tax donation letter, we ask that you make that request after Jan. 13, 2023. This allows us time to ensure all the Christmas donations are keyed into our system, since we were closed for Christmas, and letter includes your total donations.





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OUR OFFERTORY COUNTERS: Thank you to our Volunteers

We would like to give a special thank you to the volunteers who counted our offertory throughout

the past year: Renate Del Vecchio, Cheri Dueber, Cathy Ford, Laury Kusner, Joan Pryzwara, Paul Replenski, Joanne Russo and Mary Tavelli. These volunteers gather on a weekly basis to tally the offertory from all the weekend Masses. They count weekly offertory, 2nd collections both for the parish and diocese, as well as any special collections we may have. We appreciate the job you do! ©

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

DONATIONS: All Christmas flower donations we received by Dec. 18th are on the Christmas Flower flyer & also on our website. Those received after that date will be in the revised list posted mid Jan. 2023.



Special Christmas Outreach: Thank you to those that donated towards gift cards and motel rent that were provided to families in immediate and desperate need this Christmas.



We appreciate your generosity & thank you for blessing others this Christmas!

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This holiday season take a moment to pray for the seminarians within our diocese:

Deacon John Enemuo, James Gebhart, Brooks Jensen, Dennis Stameza, Eric Gianforcaro, James Kimmel, Harrison Frey, Patrick Klous, and Anthony Miranda.

Lord Jesus, I ask your special blessing on these young men preparing for the priesthood for our diocese. I pray that they will grow in faith, hope, and charity. May their hearts overflow with Your compassion, understanding, & generosity, and may their desire to serve you, inspire other to answer your call. Amen



SUBSTITUE TEACHERS WANTED

Calling all teachers or former teachers! We are looking for experienced, capable educators to consider joining our team of substitute teachers. If you are interested in learning more about subbing at SMM, please email Tina Gillen at tgillen@smmschoolde.com to begin our application and clearance process.



SMM'S VESPERS SERVICE: Thank you to all that came to our Vespers service on Dec. 15th. Congratulations for a job well done to our choir, the Mastersingers of Archmere Academy, & orchestra under the direction of Mr. David Ifkovits.

LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE:

Thank you also to those that came to our Longest Night Prayer Service. This was the 2nd year of this event, and it was again very well received.



We keep all those that came to this service in our prayers.



BAMBINELLI BRUNCH

Thank you to all that came to our brunch with Santa. We had over **150** people attend! Participants enjoyed donuts, coffee, juice, hot chocolate bar,

pancakes thanks to the Knights of Columbus, pictures with Santa, and seasonal crafts. Thank you to all those involved for this wonderful event!

<u>**Bambinelli Santa Photos:**</u> Professional Santa photos from our brunch can be viewed online at https://thelittlestdetailp.editorx.io/smm-santa

2023 CALENDARS:

Our calendars have arrived! Please help yourself. They are available at the church entrance and 2 side exits, also in the parish off. We thank our neighbors next door, Chandler Funeral Homes and Crematory, for providing these calendars each year!

A weekend for single women ages 18-35
"Sacredness of Life Retreat Weekend"
with the Little Sisters of the Poor
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Contact: Sister Janet Mary by January 3, 2023 302-368-5886 or

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The Little Sisters of the Poor

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back at the 8:30am Sunday Mass next weekend.

Children will be invited to come down to the church hall for singing, prayer, & hearing God's Word. They will rejoin their families in church before Holy Communion. We will gather again on 1/8, 1/15, and 1/22. Visit our CLW page at https://smmchurch.org/childrens-liturgy to learn more and sign up to help.

2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Mass card intentions can be completed online on our website or by visiting the parish office during our office hours of M & Th from 9am-3pm.



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Normally submissions for the bulletin must be in **10** days prior to the publication date. Email submissions to Stephanie.casey@smmchurch.org



When: Friday, January 13, 2023 Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$15, Students \$10 (age 5 & under \$5) Includes salad, bread, spaghetti, meatball, drink, coffee and dessert and performances by the cast of "Matilda."

Where: Padua Academy, 905 Broom St. Wilmington, DE 19806 (please enter the by the 10th and Broom St. doors).

To reserve ahead of time: Our venmo is @PaduaAcademy and you should put **spaghetti dinner** in the notes section.

Tickets also sold at the door.

All proceeds benefit Padua Academy's Musical Theater Program. For more info contact Lisa Kowalski at lkowalski@paduaacademy.org



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If you have gluten intolerance and would like to receive the low gluten host, go to the gift table as you enter church & follow the procedure listed. For more info visit www.smmchurch.org/low-gluten-hosts

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

(FSGC) CLEARANCE: Anyone volunteering for activities that involve the youth of our parish/school must have a completed FSGC Clearance on file. Visit www.smmchurch.org/fsgc-program for info.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: UPDATE US WITH YOUR NEW INFO. Any changes, such as new phone number or email, please let us know. If moving out of the area or changing parishes kindly notify the office as well, call 302-652-6800 or email receptionists@smmchurch.org.



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