



The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of the Cathedral, Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and Saint Patrick,

Today, forty days after the celebration of the Lord's Nativity, the Church marks the traditional end of the Christmas season. We remember—and hear in the Gospel—how the Holy Family observed the law of Moses in the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and presented the child Jesus in the Temple. In the Eastern Church, this feast is known by the name *hypapante* or meeting, referring to the encounter between the people of Israel and their long-awaited Savior. We are privileged to encounter the same Lord every time we come into these beautiful churches.

This weekend is also my first as the rector and pastor of these churches. I am incredibly grateful to God for this new chapter of my priesthood and to Bishop Malooly for this assignment. I have been ordained for eight-and-a-half years and have served at Holy Cross (Dover), Immaculate Conception (Marydel), Our Lady of Fatima (New Castle), Saint Paul (Delaware City), and most recently Saint Mary Magdalen (Wilmington). And for the past five years, I have served in the diocesan Chancery Office. As I take up these new roles as rector and pastor, I will continue to serve as the diocesan Chancellor and finish up studies for a license in canon law. Prior to my ordination, I was in seminary at Seton Hall University (Go Pirates!) and at the Pontifical North American College in Rome where I studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical Athenæum of Saint Anselm.

In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to meeting all of you and together worshipping the Lord, growing in our faith, and sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all in our parishes.

May God bless you all,
Father McQuaide

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Joe Dulin, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, Jane Hurlock, David Kidd, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott and Cheryl Smith.

Daughters of Charity

The Daughters of Charity have served in the Cathedral Parish and School for 190 years. The first Sisters arrived in 1830. This International Community numbering 16,000 Sisters can be found in 94 countries of the World. Wherever there is suffering, the Daughters of Charity can be found to offer comfort, relief and a reflection of God's love. If you would like to learn more about the Daughters, please contact the Sisters in St. Peter's Parish at (302) 658-9715, or Sr. Regina Hlavac, Vocation Director for the East Coast, residing in Baltimore, MD, at (443) 602-2511. You can arrange for visiting the Sisters, participate in "live-ins" with the Community and visit the Sisters both here and elsewhere.

St. Blase Blessing

Monday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will follow the 12:10 PM Mass.

Diocesan Priests Study Days

The priests of the Diocese of Wilmington will be spending these days away together for study and ongoing formation. No daily Masses will be held at the Cathedral from Monday, February 10 to Thursday, February 13. Please keep the priests in prayer.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **February 4:** Evon Minott; **February 5:** Ruth Marshall

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 1	4:00 PM	Elsie V. Brown
Sunday, Feb. 2	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Bernard Barrosse, Jr.
Monday, Feb. 3		(m, Saint Blase, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop)
	12:10 PM	Alice Monagle
Tuesday, Feb. 4		
	12:10 PM	Peter J. Hahn
Wednesday, Feb. 5		(M, Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr)
	12:10 PM	Stanley Dargis
Thursday, Feb. 6		(M, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs)
	12:10 PM	Stephen Chalfant
Friday, Feb. 7		
	12:10 PM	Margaret J. Seitz
Saturday, Feb. 8		
	4:00 PM	Fr. Leonard R. Klein
Sunday, Feb. 9		(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Michael Sarnecky

Reception of Sacraments

Parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation this year are asked to speak with Fr. McQuaide or contact the Cathedral Office.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries. That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Vocation Reflection

The loving environment of a family draws forth an individual's greatest talents and gifts. We have come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people. Contact Fr. Norm Carroll at vocations@cdow.org, (302) 573-3113 or www.vocations@cdow.org

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 680

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #957

Christ Be Our Light #958

Praise the Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him #951

Reminder!



**Cathedral of St. Peter's
Mardi Gras
Fundraiser Celebration
Back by Popular Demand!**

**Great Refreshments
and Lots of Fun!**

**Sunday, February 23
12 Noon to 2 pm**

Join us in the Cathedral Rectory for a
Fundraiser to Benefit our Parish!

No Admission Charge

All Are Welcome!

RSVP 654-5920 or cathedralstp@comcast.net

Word of Life

"When parents say 'yes' to life for their child, they are saying 'yes' to the most loving and healing path for all involved. When God invites us to draw close to him by following his commandments (Jn 14:15), he does so because he wants what is best for us. By saying 'yes' to life for their child, which is morally good and right, parents are placing their trust in God and embracing their child and the life their child has been given for as long as it is given."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"

Cathedral Cemetery

Many parishioners from the Cathedral of St. Peter have been laid to rest at Cathedral Cemetery located at 2400 Lancaster Avenue in Wilmington. With the growing acceptance of cremation, the cemetery has just constructed 320 companion niches for the above ground entombment of cremated bodies. These niches are located in the beautiful climate controlled Queen of Apostles Chapel and are now available at a special introductory price through April 30, 2020. For those choosing traditional burial there are both lots and crypts available as well. For more information contact Deb at Cathedral Cemetery by calling 516-7618. A few minutes planning ahead will save your loved ones from confusion and anxiety in the future. Cathedral Cemetery has been serving the local community for 144 years. We are professionally managed with a full-time on-site staff to serve your needs.