



First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020

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

Last Saturday is a day I will not forget. Parishioners, family, friends, and colleagues joined together in prayer. It was the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter; how appropriate that we gathered at the Cathedral, dedicated to Saint Peter and home to the bishop's chair, the sign of his teaching and governing authority in his diocese. At this beautiful liturgy, Bishop Malooly formally installed me as your rector and pastor. Let me first thank all those who helped to make the celebration so reverent and joyful, especially staff from the parishes and the Cathedral School, the Cathedral Choir, the Saint Patrick's Children's Choir, and my family.

In his homily the Bishop focused on three points for me as your new parish priest: (1) acknowledging our Lord, (2) pastoring and shepherding, and (3) walking with my people. Let me share with you some of what he said:

Echoing the words of the Gospel where Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God, Bishop Malooly reminded me that the first role of a pastor is to proclaim the faith in its integrity.

Secondly, the bishop spoke about the leadership role of a pastor. All priests are called Father, but pastors are truly the spiritual father of the parish families they serve. Bishop Malooly exhorted me to be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, a wise teacher, and one who leads his people to Christ.

Finally, the bishop recalled his homily from when he was installed as our bishop in 2008 where he promised to walk alongside us as he led us. As a shepherd leads his flock to green pastures, so too must the pastor lead his parishioners to the safe pasture of communion with God in his Church. The bishop, echoing Saint Peter's first Letter, reminded me that this leadership is not done by lording this authority over the flock but by walking alongside them.

At the end of the Mass, I offered some remarks and pledged myself to your service, knowing that I will only be successful with the support of your prayers. So, let me take this opportunity to once again ask that you pray for me and our parishes, that together we might walk in the paths the Lord traces for us.

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.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **March 5:** John Demanczyk, David Kirk; **March 6:** Richard Hess

Thank You!

Many thanks to Margaret Consiglio, Denny and Flossie Skirvin, and the Cathedral Choir for their help in preparing for our Mardi Gras Fundraiser. Thanks also to Val Dobson and Gene Huff for providing the wonderful music. A great time was had by all! The Cathedral netted a total of \$4,500. Thank you all for your continued support.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

Catholics in China. That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 29
4:00 PM Parishioners

Sunday, Mar. 1 (First Sunday of Lent)
8:00 AM Margaret J. Seitz
11:00 AM Timothy Moran

Monday, Mar. 2
12:10 PM Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein

Tuesday, Mar. 3 (m, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin)
12:10 PM Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein

Wednesday, Mar. 4 (m, Saint Casimir)
12:10 PM Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein

Thursday, Mar. 5
12:10 PM Judy Clifton

Friday, Mar. 6
12:10 PM Vy. Rev. Leonard R. Klein

Saturday, Mar. 7
4:00 PM Parishioners

Sunday, Mar. 8 (Second Sunday of Lent)
8:00 AM Charles Shaw
11:00 AM Carl Antle

Catholic Charities to honor Mike Hare at Annual Tribute Dinner

Mike Hare, Executive Vice President for Development at the Buccini Pollin Group will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 1. Mike serves on Bishop Malooly's Pastoral Council and on the Vocations Admissions Board for the Diocese of Wilmington. The Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award recognizes exemplary individuals who have demonstrated a deep commitment to promoting and restoring the well-being of people—the Catholic Charities' mission. The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the award at the dinner to be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. To learn more about the Annual Tribute Dinner and our honoree, or to support the Tribute Dinner through sponsorship or ticket purchases, visit the Catholic Charities webpage for the dinner at www.cdow.org/charities. You may also call Catholic Charities at (302) 655-9624.

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 202

These Forty Days of Lent Days #819

Draw Near O Lord Our God #812

The Glory of These Forty Days #817

Word of Life

“[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* on Relevant Radio 640 AM on Saturday mornings at 11 AM or anytime online at cdow.org/CatholicForum or search *Catholic Forum* on Apple, iHeartRadio and Spotify podcasts. Next Saturday, March 7, tune in to meet Tom Kane, who has worked for Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Wilmington for 50 years.

Attention Gentlemen

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Delmarva will hold their 1st annual conference on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Church of the Holy Cross in Dover from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Featured speakers include Jesse Romero and Father Ed Meeks via live-stream from Baltimore, and Kevin Wells, who will be speaking on-location in Dover. The conference theme is "*The Holy Family/Your Holy Family*." Bring your son. Bring your dad. Bring your buddy. The tickets are \$35.00 per person or \$65.00 for a father and son going together. For more information, and registration information, visit facebook.com/CatholicMensFellowshipofDelmarva.

Attention All Catechists

The Office for Religious Education invites you to attend *Catechetical Day* on March 21 at St. Thomas More Academy with Bishop W. Francis Malooly. *Catechetical Day* allows the opportunity to celebrate those who have been giving effective witness for years and are living the call within their religious education programs, families, and the larger community. Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education and Catechists will be honored for anniversary years of service. These years are: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35+. This year's Catechetical Theme is "Stay With Us." Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information or to register, please call the Diocesan Office for Religious Education at (302) 573-3130 or contact your Parish Religious Education Office. The deadline for registration is March 2, 2020. For more information please visit www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2020.

