

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour! We celebrate that the Eternal Father has raised His crucified Son to a new life and glory. He has given us hope that if we cling to the living Body of Christ through faith and carry His Cross in our lives then we too shall rise to a new life and glory.

Easter Blessings from Monsignor Russell and all the lay staff of our parish. May this 50-day season of Easter Joy be for you and your family a time to be reborn in the life and love of our God. May you experience the joy and peace of the Risen Christ!

Please pray for those preparing to receive the Risen Christ in First Communion and for those preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Our prayers are with you that your minds and hearts may be opened to the Lord.

We congratulate all who observed Lent with such devotion and faithfulness. May the 40 days of Lenten Penance lead all of us to 50 days of the Easter Season of Joy!

Is there someone you know: in your family, a neighbor or friend, whom you can encourage to come home? Someone may be waiting for the invitation to come and find peace. The Lord needs **YOU** to extend the invitation.

STAFF CHANGES

After faithfully serving our parish community as secretary, Kathy Quinn is retiring as of March 29th. We thank Kathy for her service in the Religious Education and School Offices and as Rectory Secretary. We wish her all the best in retirement.

We are pleased to have Elena Cuthbertson step into Kathy's position as Secretary. Information to be included in the bulletin should be directed to Elena.

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
"Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith"

In the Resurrection of Jesus we find hope in the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must accept the Lord's invitation to follow Him by imitating His love and compassion for others.

During the weekend of April 14 & 15, our parish will participate in the 2018 Appeal—a campaign conducted each year. Funds generated through the Appeal help provide critical financial support to nearly forty pastoral, charitable and educational programs and ministries.

As Christian stewards we are called to a lifelong conversion to the ways of Jesus. Each of us is asked to examine the blessings we have received from God and to discern how best to use them for others. We do this cheerfully and sacrificially and with faith in God's love for us, knowing that He will provide for our earthly wants. May God bless you for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, Next Sunday, April 8, the "Chaplet of the Divine Mercy" will be prayed in the church from 10:15am to 10:30am. Join us in celebration and recognition of our Lord's greatest gift... His Mercy.

PLEASE HELP US!

Our Finance Council is very concerned that many parishioners may not realize the serious financial situation of our parish. We are running a deficit of about \$40,000. Last year we appealed for folks to increase their giving in the Offertory Collection. The initial response was encouraging but seems to have dropped off. In order to cut costs we will soon be closing our Convent building.

Please help us in the Easter Collection.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 3/18 was \$4,874.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,692.50 for a total of \$6,566.50. Thank you!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 31-Holy Saturday

7:30pm(SR) Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 1-Easter Sunday

7:00 am(WR) The People of the Parish

9:00 am(SR) The People of the Parish

11:00 am(KN)The People of the Parish

Monday, April 2

7:00am(DV) Mass of Thanksgiving

9:00am(SR) Mel Hartman

Tuesday, April 3

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(SR) Mary Fiorentino

Wednesday, April 4

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(SR)

Thursday, April 5

7:00am (SR) Special Intention

9:00am (WK) Margaret Seitz

Friday, April 6

7:00am (Cap) Daniel and Agnes Alex

9:00am(SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Saturday, April 7

9:00 am(SR) Paul O. Night

5:00pm(SR) The People of the Parish

Sunday, April 8

7:00 am(SR) Maryann and Leonard Kelleher

9:00 am(WK) Dominick Amoroso

11:00 am(SR) Francis Fedena

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our members meet in the Convent. Meetings begin with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members and create shawls and other items which are blessed and brought to many in need of comfort. Materials are given freely and items can be made at home. Joining our dedicated ministry will make your life even more meaningful. Call Carmela on 762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

*Our Lost and Found Box
is located in the Front Vestibule
of Church - near the
Handicapped Restroom*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Happy Easter to all of our Religious Education families (and fellow parishioners). May the Risen Christ bless you and yours; and may your Easter Baskets be filled with lots of chocolate bunnies and marshmallow PEEPS!

NO RELIGIOUS ED classes tomorrow (Monday). Please share some family time together! We will resume classes on Monday, April 9, at 6:30pm.

ADULT SCRIPTURE GROUP: will meet in the "OLD Religious Education Office" downstairs at 6:30pm.

Many THANKS to our Youth Group members for our very successful EASTER EGG HUNT yesterday. The children certainly enjoyed hunting for the eggs and the parents appreciated your thoughtfulness!

YOUTH GROUP: presents our faux DRIVE IN MOVIE: "CARS" on Saturday, April 14, at 6:30pm in Masci Hall. This is for all families to come and enjoy a night together. Cost of admission is \$5 a family. Snacks/water/sodas will be available to purchase from our Drive-In Cantina. All proceeds help the Youth Group with their expenses. If you are interested in coming, email: hpennell@sainthelenas.org

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Debbie Cole, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Michael Dunning, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Levi & Ellie Jernigan, Ella Kirksey, Jack Kramer, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, Cynthia Whisker, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Our Buffet is NEXT SUNDAY, April 8th

A Sock-Hop Breakfast Buffet!

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except August). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

Future 2nd Sundays are: May 13, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14 and December 9.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Reflection During the Easter Season

Henri Nouwen. S.J.



When we form a Christian community, we come together not because of similar experiences, knowledge, problems, color, or sex, but because we have been called together by the same Lord.

Only God enables us to recognize each other as members of the same human family, and only God frees us to pay attention to each other.

This is why those who are gathered together in community are witnesses to the compassionate Lord. By the way they are to carry each other's burdens and share each other's joys, they testify to God's presence in our world. Lord.

Parish Social Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with being a Greeter at Funerals. If you have questions, please call Dorothy, 764-0325 Ext. 104.

THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO BINGO RESUMES ON APRIL 5TH. SEE YOU THEN!!

We need people to serve food, sell Bingo materials and monitor games. Or...try your hand at playing Bingo! Just show up! (18 or older) To volunteer or for more info, call 764-0325. Doors open on at 5:30pm for food.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Are you interested in piano or organ lessons? Our very own music director, Joe Loudon is offering limited slots for future students. Joe may be reached at 888-1743 or by email: jloudon@ursuline.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

2nd Collection: Easter Offering

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, April 2

No Religious Ed Classes

Rectory Closed

Tuesday April 3

7:00 pm Christian Form. Mtg.-Religious Ed

Thursday, April 5

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Friday, April 6-First Friday

9:00am Morning Adoration-Church

TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING!

RESERVE YOUR PHILLIES TICKETS NOW!

St. Helena's has reserved rows 2-6 in Section 308 for the game against the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat, and \$10 will be donated to our Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets, send an email with your name, phone number, email address and the number of tickets you would like: JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net.

NEW THIS YEAR: If you don't want to drive, join our friends from Holy Rosary on their bus trip to the same game! They'll be sitting in Section 208, so just email Jim Clark at the above email address for more information.

CARNIVAL NEWS!

Monday, April 30 through
Saturday, May 5

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED, FAMILY-FRIENDLY CARNIVAL!

The **BOOK NOOK** needs your gently
used books (NO TEXT BOOKS, PLEASE).

Please drop off on the Rectory porch.

CARNIVAL ADMISSIONS:

Ages 12 & under are FREE! (must be
accompanied by an adult)

Ages 60 & over are FREE! MEGA-PASS
holders are FREE!

Nightly admission for ages 13 – 59 is \$5
OR buy a WEEKLY ADMISSION pass for \$10
in advance/\$15 at the gate

**SPREAD THE WORD! SAVE!
SAVE! SAVE!**

**PURCHASE YOUR MEGA-
PASSES AND WEEKLY
ADMISSION PASSES IN
ADVANCE AND SAVE \$5!!!**

Remember, MEGAS are good for unlimited
rides all week AND FREE ADMISSION TO
CARNIVAL!

ADVANCE WEEKLY ADMISSION PASSES, ADVANCE
RIDE TICKETS AND MEGA-PASSES
WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES
AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY

CARNIVAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL SUE OR
DOUG GARRETT, 762-6568

WE NEED YOU!

**YOUR EFFORTS MAKE THE
CARNIVAL A SUCCESS!**
**IT'S FUN! PLEASE SIGN UP
TODAY!**

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I WANT TO WORK AT THE CARNIVAL:

NAME _____

AGE (IF UNDER 20) _____

PHONE# _____

EMAIL _____

AVAILABLE:

MONDAY, 4/30 _____

TUESDAY, 5/1 _____

WEDNESDAY, 5/2 _____

THURSDAY, 5/3 _____

FRIDAY, 5/4 _____

SATURDAY, 5/5 _____

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SET UP:

SATURDAY, 4/28 _____

SUNDAY, 4/29 _____

AFTER CARNIVAL CLEANUP:

SUNDAY, 5/6 _____

***PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY
OR PUT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET***