

**April 11, 2021**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**



**Each year during the Easter season of fifty days we hear of the life of the infant Church from the Acts of the Apostles.** We hear their resurrection faith united them so closely that they shared everything! No one was left in need. This year, each Easter season Sunday we hear the First Letter of St. John.

Today in our Gospel we hear the first appearance of the Risen Lord to the Apostles. They were still in the upper room where they had the Last Supper. They locked the door and closed the window shutters out of fear the Jews would find them and kill them too. Suddenly the body of the Risen Lord passed through the walls. Jesus showed them His Risen body. Thomas who had not been with them refused to believe until next Sunday when the Risen Christ again appeared to them and invited Thomas to touch the place of the wounds. Thomas believed and John tells us these things have been written so you may believe!

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:**  
**Today Sunday, April 11,**

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.

**Congratulations!** On Holy Thursday evening like many Catholics I follow the tradition of visiting the Repository of three other churches. I was surprised to find two of them already closed at 9am! In the third there were 5 people. I returned to St. Helena and found 10 people in prayer!

Over the past months, we have had a maximum of about 230 people at all of the 4 Masses. On Easter we had 450 at the Masses!

**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL –  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF  
HOPE**

During this time each year, parishioners are invited to participate in the Diocese’s Annual Catholic Appeal. Funds from the Appeal help provide pastoral, charitable, and educational programs and services to tens of thousands of people in our 12-county Diocese. As parishioners of St. Helena’s, we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members, it is important that we reach out and serve others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes and with our Diocese. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us the opportunity to work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish Appeal target is \$63,000. Your financial support will assist us in reaching that goal. Once we reach our goal, 50 percent of the money collected above our target will be returned to the parish for our own ministerial needs. Please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can contribute to the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your home, by accessing the Appeal website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal) and clicking “How to Donate” or by completing a pledge card located (identify the location of the pledge forms provided).

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal visit the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal). Consider viewing a brief video highlighting some of the supported ministries at <https://youtu.be/1789oOHmTkg>.

**Parish Council is a group of parishioners** (mostly elected, a few appointed) who advise the pastor on decisions and policies and coordinate the activities of the parish. It meets on the third Tuesday of 9 months. Term of elected members is 3 years.

Next week we will ask for nominations to the Council. The elections will be held on the third weekend of May.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyranski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinso, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy,



**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 10**

5:00pm (SR) John O' Connor, Sr.

**Sunday, April 11**

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Dominic Amoroso

11:00am (SR) Pauline & Walter Pochmara

**Monday, April 12**

9:00am (SR) John Dusik (Anniversary)

**Tuesday, April 13**

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Stanley J Russell, Sr.

**Wednesday, April 14**

9:00am (SR) Rick Armes

**Thursday, April 15**

9:00am (EF) Bart & Natalie Meriggi

7:30pm (SR) George & Artie Blevins

**Friday, April 16**

7:00am (ER) Dominic & Mary Roggero

9:00pm(SR) Nick & Rose Cekine, Sr.

**Saturday, April 17**

9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

5:00pm (SR) Patricia DeCusatis

**Sunday, April 18**

7:00am (EF) George Hilary Seitz, III

9:00am (SR) David Patch

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Spring

**Sunday, April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance & Repair**

**Monday, April 12**

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-Masci and Dougherty Hall

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

**Tuesday, April 13**

7:00pm Finance Council-Zoom

**Wednesday, April 14**

7:00pm Parish Council Exec. Mtg- Zoom

**Sunday, April 18**

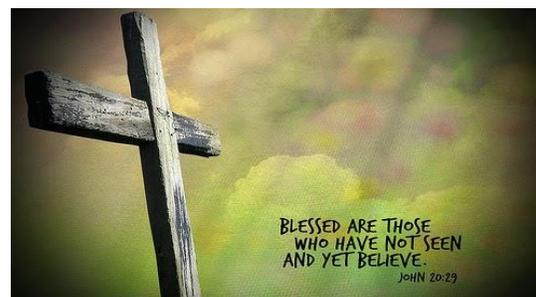
**Annual Catholic Appeal**

12:30pm Baptism-Church

12:15pm 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Child Only Mtg- Masci Hall

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend of 3/21 was \$3,700.00 the on-line collection was \$2,302.00 for a total of \$6,002.00. And for the weekend of 3/28 was \$5,239.00 the on-line collection was \$1,922.00 for a total of 7,161.00. Thank You.

**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.



**CATHOLIC FORUM**  
RADIO PROGRAM/PODCAST  
NEW PROGRAM DEBUTS EVERY SATURDAY AT 1:30 P.M.  
Podcasts Spotify iHeart RADIO relevant 640AM radio

## **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only scared but also social. How we organize our society--in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and capacity of individuals to grow in community.

The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

### **National Human Trafficking Hotline:**

1-888-373-7888 SMS 233733 (Text “HELP” or “INFO”) Hours: 24 hours seven days a week 200 or more languages Website:

[humantrafficking.org](http://humantrafficking.org)

If you have any questions: Please call the Parish Social Ministry office-302-764-7545

### **PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE**

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

### **Coronavirus News Important Update!**

#### **Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell**

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week’s video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

**Reminder!** We’ll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Ed classes resume tomorrow (MONDAY) for FIRST, THIRD, FOURTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH graders. Our last night of classes for this school year is NEXT week, Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

FIRST EUCHARIST children ONLY will be meeting NEXT SUNDAY (April 18) in Masci Hall at 12:15pm for their last preparation class. This is a MANDATORY MEETING for the children as they are learning how to receive the Eucharist. If you have not yet sent in your registration form, please make sure to bring it with you to the meeting.

### **Saint Mark's High School Is Now Accepting Registrations For Spartan Summer**

Summertime will be here before you know it. That means warmer weather, outdoor fun and SPARTAN SUMMER CAMPS! All camps will be conducted on the grounds of Saint Mark's High School and will run the weeks of June 14 through August 2. Boys and girls who have completed Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Both day camps and sports camps will be offered. Spartan Day Camps will provide a variety of fun activities that include swimming, miniature golf, bowling, arts & crafts, games and more! Spartan Sports Camps will offer instruction in a variety of sports including baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, speed sprint & cross country, basketball, lacrosse, field hockey, football, cheerleading, wrestling and strength & conditioning. To register, visit [www.spartancamps.com](http://www.spartancamps.com) or call Matt Smith at 757-8716.

### **Saint Edmond's Academy- 51st Annual Summer Basketball Camp**

**Mask wearing and Covid guidelines will be strictly adhered.**

3 weeks to choose from:

June 28th-July 1st

July 5th-July 8th

July 12th-July 15th

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

To register online, please visit

[stedmondsacademy.org](http://stedmondsacademy.org)

or call Bill D'Amato at 302-475-5370 x229 for more information.

**FUNDRAISING T-SHIRT EVENT FOR BIRTHRIGHT OF DELAWARE!**

Contact Tinisha Brown @ 302-656-7080 or email me with your order and Questions  
Pay when you pick up your Shirts Cash, Check or Cash App ONLY! Order your T-Shirts Today for only \$20 (Any Size Any color- Yellow, Green, Pink or Royal Blue)  
BLM~ Babies Lives Matter  
It's not just a Mission ... It's a Movement!! Let's be our Babies Voice... BLM!

Since 2003, the Diocese of Wilmington and the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala, have been involved in a Global Solidarity Partnership. Each April, the partners hold a Solidarity Week to coincide with the Feast of Saint Mark on April 25. This year, the week will begin with a Solidarity Week Mass on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Wilmington. Father John Hynes, pastor of St. Catherine's Church and Chairman of the Diocese of Wilmington's Global Solidarity Partnership Committee, will be the celebrant. Due to public safety space limitations, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube Channel, [www.YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm](http://www.YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm). More information about the Partnership is available at [cdow.org/solidarity...](http://cdow.org/solidarity...)

**VICTIMS ASSISTANCE**  
**DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON**

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302)656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310



**Divine Mercy Sunday IHM-Adoration hours are extended to Monday 7am To Friday at 8pm beginning Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

If you would like to have a Holy Hour for the times listed or any other time, please contact Kathy Dunworth.

**Adorers are needed for the following Open Hours:**

- Tuesday at 4am
- Tuesday at 5am
- Tuesday at 6am
- Tuesday at 3pm
- Tuesday at 11am, alternate weeks
- Wednesday at 1am
- Wednesday at 5am
- Wednesday at 6am
- Wednesday at 11pm
- Thursday at 4am
- Thursday at 5am
- Thursday at 3pm. wks 2 and 4
- Thursday at 11pm
- Friday at 5am

**Kathy Dunworth, Coordinator**  
302-383-6452, [kdunworth@verizon.net](mailto:kdunworth@verizon.net)

**Support Christopher Council's charitable good works by purchasing homemade soup.**

Soups are frozen and can be delivered or picked up. Because of COVID restrictions, orders must be placed in advance using

<https://2020soup-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com>

Soups are \$8/quart, 2 quarts/\$15. You may pay by credit card when you place your order or by check/cash at pickup/delivery.

Available flavors are listed on ordering web site. There are approximately 20 flavors available.

Thank you for all you do to support Christopher Council fundraising; it helps us help Holy Rosary and our community.

