

**April 15, 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

**Some people, who are "enemies" of Christ,** have claimed the apostles and other early Christians wanted to believe Jesus was risen and alive. But all the gospels show us they were the opposite: they were very slow to believe. In today's gospel they are described as "startled and terrified," "troubled," "incredulous for joy" and "amazed." Jesus understood why they did not grasp what was happening: "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. "Touch me and see because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." He not only spoke to them and showed His Risen Body to them, He even ate food to show them He was not a ghost! Then He sent them out to tell others the "good news."

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

Since Fr. William has left our area and since it is becoming more difficult to find priests to help our parish and since the number of folks attending 7am daily Mass has declined, we will no longer have 7am Mass celebrated on Monday and Wednesday. Holy Rosary has 7am Mass on these days. IHM has 6:30am daily Mass every day.

This weekend we are inviting you to name some candidates for our Parish Council elections in May. If you are interested, submit your name and ask a few family or friends to submit your name. Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday evening of each month (except Dec and the summer).

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend of 4/1 was \$8,522.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,592.50 for a total of \$10,114.50. Thank you!



St. Luke recalls for us in today's Gospel that it was only when Jesus opened their eyes and minds through his explanation of the scriptures and the breaking of the bread that the two disciples on the road to Emmaus came to recognize Him.

As men and women of faith, we are like these disciples, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus who is always there accompanying us, whether we recognize Him or not.

Our Lord teaches us that at the end of our mortal life, He will call us to be with Him for all eternity. He will do so because of His great love for us and because of our response to do what He has asked: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters not only in our parishes and diocese but throughout the world.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, "Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith" challenges each of us to bear witness to our faith and open our minds and hearts to bring those less fortunate closer to God's table. To know Christ is to know His message of salvation; to love Christ is to imitate His love for all people; and to serve Christ is to manifest His teachings through acts of Christian Stewardship.

This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign.

**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.

We need some folks who will help bring the Eucharist to the sick at home or nursing homes. If you are willing to be prepared for this ministry, please call the Rectory.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 14

9:00 am (SR) Souls in Purgatory

5:00 pm(SR) Michael Dwyer

### Sunday, April 15

7:00 am(SR) The Deceased Members of the  
Lutcavage/Blaska Family

9:00 am(WK) Phyllis Davis

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

### Monday, April 16

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am(SR) Paul D. Knight

### Tuesday, April 17

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(SR) Thomas H. Rogers  
Michele Rogers

### Wednesday, April 18

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am(SR) Special Intention

### Thursday, April 19

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Robert Milton Murphy

### Friday, April 20

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am(SR) Molly McGinty

### Saturday, April 21

9:00 am(SR)

5:00pm(SR) John O'Connor & Patricia Decusatis

### Sunday, April 22

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

9:00 am(SR) Lisa Waterfield

11:00 am(KN) Bonnie Leo Mosser

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Our members meet (until further notice) in the convent, 7pm-9pm, on the second and fourth Wed. of each month.** Meetings begin with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members 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 762-9057 for more info or questions.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Ed Classes end NEXT Monday April 23.** Please remember that Mega Bracelets will be sold during and after class time NEXT Monday night. You get a discount by purchasing your bracelet BEFORE the Carnival. We also need your help desperately at least one night during the Carnival if you are able. You can sign up for that next Monday night too! Please remember that our Religious Education Program is financially carried by the proceeds of the Carnival each year!

**Adult Scripture Series** meets in the "old Religious Education Office" for the next 2 Monday nights from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Thanks to Paul Soper for continuing this needed and enjoyable class.

**Confirmation Class** for Candidates and Sponsors and/or parents meets TODAY (Sunday April 15) at 12:15pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom upstairs. Please bring your available dates to work the Carnival with you. Thank You!

### *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, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych

### Victims Assistance of the 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

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Continuation of the six principles of Catholic Social Teaching:*

**Community and the Common Good.** The mystery of the trinity involves the relationship of complete love among the three divine persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in the one God. As persons made in God's image, we must model God's self-giving love. Hence, the human person is both sacred and fundamentally social. In community, we realize the fulfillment of our dignity and rights in relationship with and to others.

There is an opportunity to reach the parish community and the community at large by volunteering in the Parish Outreach office. For more information, please call Dorothy Medeiros at 764-0325 ext104. Peace with Blessings.

### YOUNG AT HEART

Our next general meeting will be Monday, April 16, 7pm in Masci Hall and will feature Linette Carroll who will talk about "Downsizing!" Please plan on joining us as Spring Cleaning season begins.

In March, Fr. Kevin Nadolski was our inspirational Lenten speaker. Everyone was deeply influenced by his description of the meaning of the holy season before Easter. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Kevin.

Young at Heart members want to wish Kathy Quinn a very happy retirement from being our parish secretary. Enjoy every glorious moment! We have appreciated all you have done for us and the parish.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO

**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: [jlouden@ursuline.org](mailto:jlouden@ursuline.org)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 15

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

### Monday, April 16

Produce Day-Rectory Porch

5:30 pm Youth Choir -Church

6:30 pm Rel Ed classes-School

7:00 pm Young At Heart - Masci Hall

### Tuesday, April 17

7:00pm Parish Council-Masci Hall

### Thursday, April 19

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

### 8:00AM TO 12:45PM

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

Our Next Buffet is SUNDAY, May 13

A Sock-Hop Breakfast Buffet!

**Leave the cooking** to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com)].

*Future 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays are: June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14 and December 9*

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](mailto: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***