

**April 7, 2019**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Lenten Penance Celebration**

*Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30pm*  
*Visiting Priests will be available for*  
*Confessions*



**Daily Lenten Schedule**

Masses Monday through Friday:  
7am, 9am and Noon

**Saturday Morning Mass at 9am ONLY**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Every Lenten Friday evening at 7:30pm**

**In our first reading from Isaiah the prophet,** The God who delivered ancient Israel from slavery in Egypt is doing something NEW! He is delivering them from their EXILE in Babylon! St. Paul reminds us our God has done something even more wonderful: His son has died and risen for us! He considers everything else "rubbish"! Nothing else matters but to embrace Jesus Christ in faith and receive His gift of merciful forgiveness. The women (in today's Gospel) had been caught in the very act of adultery. But Jesus did not condemn her to death. He forgave her and did not even want to embarrass those who wanted to punish her by stoning her to death.

**Palm Sunday Concert**  
**Sunday, April 14th, 3-4PM**

Featuring the choirs of Ursuline, Salesianum and St. Helena's with professional orchestra. St. Helena's Church, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington. Free will offering. All are welcome.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
**8:00AM TO 12:45PM**  
**Next Sunday April 14, 2019**  
**\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12**

**2019 Annual Catholic Appeal – "AS I HAVE**  
**DONE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD ALSO DO"**

Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. During this time of Lent we make every effort to distance ourselves from sin and more aggressively live out the Gospel in our daily lives.

As recipients of God's love and compassion, we fervently make our way through life expressing our gratitude for Christ's enduring presence and forgiveness. As Disciples of Christ, we demonstrate our gratitude through acts of love, compassion and kindness to others. One way we do this, is through our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The theme of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is, "*As I have done for you, you should also do.*" Those words recall the act of service Jesus performed for His Disciples on the night before He died. He took the role of the servant and washed their feet, and then asked them to follow His example by doing the same for others. Jesus wanted the Disciples to understand the importance of humble service and that to glorify God means to respond to the needs of others. As believers and followers of Our Lord, let us realize the true meaning of serving the least among us. Please give generously to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. To learn more about the 37 ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal).

**Knights of Columbus annual Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry Dinners continues through April 12.** Dinner is served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in Masci Hall, so there is still time to attend Stations of the Cross following dinner. There are a variety of meatless options including fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, crab cakes and weekly specials. A children's meal is also available. In keeping with the spirit of Lent, proceeds benefit Parish food pantry to help those in need. Please support these dinners and the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The EASTER BUNNY is coming to St. Helena's.....Mark your calendars because the Easter Bunny will be here on **Saturday, April 13, for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Youth Group.** Children ages 1 thru 8 are invited to participate. The HUNT begins promptly at 11 am so don't be late. There is NO RAINDATE for this event.

IF ANY PARISHIONER WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE WRAPPED CANDY, we would be most thankful. Just leave on the Rectory Porch marked Ms Hummy.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

You are invited to join us from 7-9pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, in the convent. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Our members and parishioners create shawls and other lovely items which are blessed and brought to so many in need of comfort and caring. Materials are given freely and items can be made at home. Joining our dedicated ministry will make your life even more meaningful. Call Carmela at 302- 762-9057 for more information.

## YOUNG AT HEART

All members, guest, and parishes are invited Masci Hall on Monday April 8 from 7 to 9pm. Everyone will be entertained by the remarkable and delightful music of Mr. Ed Brugel, a Hand Bell Soloist. His melodies will uplift your spirits and put a spring in your step. Refreshments will be served. Please plan on joining us. Wishing all a Blessed Easter!

### 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

# BINGO

Every Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

### Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Jacqueline Childs, Mary Gabel, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Geri Crockett, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Viola Zappacosta, Patricia Austin, Jane Parsons, Linda Schofield, Judy Pelkey, Bill Hufnell

### **During the month of February, our parish paid 66 bills including:**

\$2,340 for technology services  
\$778 for a repair on the Church boiler  
\$2,161.40 for school border repair  
\$2,767.50 for snow removal and salt  
\$540.05 for County Sewer bill (1<sup>st</sup> quarter)  
\$1,137.50 for contracted services on HVAC  
\$6,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 payments on clergy health insurance and care for retired clergy  
\$4895.00 for dental care for lay employees  
\$407.41 for trash removal  
\$6,807.52 for Delmarva Power  
\$404.82 for Church votive candles

**PLEASE HELP**-A parishioner is in need of a ride to doctor's appointments. Please contact at St. Helena's Parish Outreach 302-764-7545. If you can be of assistance. Thank You!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 6

5:00pm (SR) Paul O. Knight

### Sunday, April 7

7:00am (DV) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Dominick Amoroso

11:00am (SR) Francis Fedena

### Monday, April 8

7:00am (VK)

9:00pm (WK) Thomas M. Nelson (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

12:00pm (SR) Marion & Barbara Fisher (Living)

### Tuesday, April 9

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (SR) Paul O. Knight

### Wednesday, April 10

7:00 am (DV)

9:00am (WK) Mamie Connolly

12:00pm (SR) The Cellini Family (Living)

### Thursday, April 11

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (WK) Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, April 12

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (WK) John Dusik

12:00pm (SR)

### Saturday, April 13

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Battista and Jenny Turcol Sr.

### Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

7:00am (SR) Lutcavage & Blaska Families

9:00am (WK) Gerald Moyer

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

### Parish Social Ministry

Film- NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD: Features the campaign that is committed to securing a just and viable future for Palestinian children living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and envisions a world where all children attain rights in accordance with the UN convention on rights of the child and other international standards. Date: April 9 at 7pm. At Westminster Presbyterian church. For more information please call 302-764-7545.

On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Church of the Holy Child. Delaware Right to Life is sponsoring a screening of "Fatal Flaw" a film about legalization of assisted suicide.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 7, 2019

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

**Food Collection: All Masses**

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

### Monday, April 8

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office

7:00pm YAH Mtg - Masci Hall

7:00pm RCIA- Rectory

### Tuesday, April 9

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

### Wednesday, April 10

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Convent

7:30pm Lenten Prayer Celebration-Church

### Thursday, April 11

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

### Friday, April 12

5:00pm Knight of Columbus Fish Fry-Masci Hall

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

### Saturday, April 13

Parish Easter Egg Hunt-Masci Hall

**The Diocese requires a council as the "coordinating and unifying structure of the Parish community to serve as a means of communication, cooperation and growth of the Parish, advising the Pastor in planning, encouraging, guiding and directing all aspects of parish life."**

If you are a registered member of St. Helena's, at least 18 years old, and willing to serve a three-year term which involves a monthly Tuesday evening meeting from September through June and service on one of the five standing Parish committees (Parish Life, Christian Formation, Liturgy, Parish Social Ministry and Finance), please consider running for one of the four (4) open seats. **Nominations will be solicited this weekend April 6/7 and elections will be held May 17/18.** Do you know anyone who would be a good candidate? Please nominate him/her the first weekend in April. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend 3/24 was \$4,406.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,590.00 for a total of \$5,996.00. Thank You!



**CARNIVAL NEWS**

Monday, April 29 through Saturday, May 4

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

The **BOOK NOOK** needs your gently used books (NO TEXT BOOKS, PLEASE).  
Please mark as "Book Nook" and 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 ARE 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, 4/29 \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY, 5/2 \_\_\_\_\_

TUESDAY, 4/30 \_\_\_\_\_

FRIDAY, 5/3 \_\_\_\_\_

WEDNESDAY, 5/1 \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY, 5/4 \_\_\_\_\_

**WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SET UP:**

SATURDAY, 4/27 \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY, 4/28 \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER CARNIVAL CLEANUP:**

SUNDAY, 5/5 \_\_\_\_\_

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