

August 15, 2021

The Solemnity of The
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary



We rejoice in the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the glory of heaven. We celebrate this doctrine drawn from the most ancient tradition of the Church that at the end of her life on earth, Mary was taken—body and soul—into the glory of her Risen Son. This is a privilege unique to Mary because she had been preserved from all sin. The Scriptures of our Mass point to Mary—the new Ark of the new Covenant, bearing Christ the Savior; she is the 'first fruits', after her SON, of the harvest of salvation. St. Augustine in the 4th century spoke of Mary as the heavenly choir director leading all the children of God---the saints—in praising the God of our salvation. She even teaches us her song--- the Magnificat! What God has already done for Mary, He will do for all of us if we follow her example.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Our Second Collection this weekend is for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral. Please be as generous as you can. For more info about the Cathedral, please visit the website: www.cathedralofsaintpeter.com.

WARNING!

At times people have received an "E-mail" allegedly from Msgr. Russell asking for money. This is a scam! Pay no attention to it. Many priests and parishes are reporting similar incidents.

CARNIVAL NEWS



For 2 years we have been unable to have our Spring Carnival. (In recent years, we have been able to realize a profit for the parish of \$100,000!) We have accepted the offer of Skelly's Amusement Rides to come Tuesday, Sept 21st thru Saturday, Sept 25th for a Mini Carnival. God willing, we will have the outdoor activities, but not the activities usually held in Masci Hall. We believe many of our young people will want to celebrate and many adults will welcome the opportunity to see friends and fellow parishioners. Mark your calendar!

Obviously we can only do this if we have the help of many parishioners as volunteers. If you can help, then please call Sue or Doug Garrett (302-762-6568) or the Rectory (302-764-0325).

CLEANING HOUSE?

Your 2021 Attic Treasures Team is already hard at work for the November 6th Christmas Bazaar. Many thanks to those who have dropped off donations. However, we have lots of space to fill for our Attic Treasures Market and need items to fill our tables and shelves. Bring us your new or gently used items: Books, Household Goods, Kitchen and Garden items, Holiday Ornaments and Decorations, Decorative items, Small Furniture, Appliances/Electronics*, Accessories, Jewelry and Accent Pieces**.....

Please leave your donations in the closet next to the porch door of the convent. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 17th, but it really helps if you drop them off early. If you have large items or questions, then please contact Nancy Cobb (598-8685) or e-mail us at NatiesMom@me.com.

***Unfortunately**, we cannot accept televisions unless they are flat screens.

**Please no clothing or exercise equipment. Leather goods, handbags, accessories and jewelry are welcome.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE

\$56,566.21 has been received representing 89.79% of our parish's goal of our goal of \$63,000.00. To those who have already contributed to this year's campaign, please accept our sincere appreciation. If you have not yet offered your support, then we ask that you consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution today. For your convenience, Appeal envelopes are available at all the exits of church. If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, then go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> ALSO Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell 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. The next Friday Reflections will be August 27th.

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



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WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, August 15 Solemnity of Assumption of Mary

Masses 7am, 9am, 11am

The 2nd Collection: Cathedral of St. Peter

Wednesday, August 18 Feast of St. Helena

Thursday, August 19

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sr. Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Bridget Robinson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Nicole Miller, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Antoinette Medeiros, Rose Marie Turcol, Marie Luzzo, Charlie Lafferty, Melanie Fischer, Stephanie Bidwell, Dawn Williams, Janice Tigani, Helen Rupnicki

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug 14

5:00pm (WK) Nick Murphy

Sunday, Aug 15

7:00am (EF) Alfred Palmer

9:00am (WK) Theresa Brown

11:00am (EF) People of the Parish

Monday, Aug 16

9:00am (WK) Regina Bilinsik & Dennis Bilinski

Tuesday, Aug 17

7:00am (EF) France & John Danchak

9:00am (WK) James Maloney

Wednesday, Aug 18

9:00am (WK) Alexander Pisciella

Thursday, Aug 19

7:00am (EF) John & Rella Flood

9:00am (WK) Nancy McFadden

Friday, Aug 20

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (WK) Edwin Blevins

Saturday, Aug 21

9:00 am (SR) Nancy McFadden

5:00pm (EF) Barbara Allen

Sunday, Aug 22

7:00am (SR) William Spillan, Sr.

9:00am (EF) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Scott Matthews

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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 can assist in determining if a person is a victim of human trafficking and can help you determine the next steps in providing support to for potential victims. Victims of trafficking are numerous but often inconspicuous.

FOOD CLOSET is open Monday-Friday 9AM-Noon. If you or someone you know need food, then call 302-764-7545.

An opportunity to reach out with care and compassion to individuals and families who have many needs. Please consider volunteering to the Parish Outreach office with flexible schedule. Interviews are being conducted by phone only.

If you are homebound and know of a friend or relative who is homebound then, vaccines (COVID) are available by calling: Delaware State Health at-833-643-1715. Arrangements can be made to have someone come to your home and administer the vaccine.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms have been sent out for the coming school year. If you have not received yours, please email Ms Hummy

Opening Night of Religious Education is Monday, September 13, at 6:30pm. This meeting is for a parent and student. Masks are required.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration At Immaculate Heart Of Mary Church



All are welcome to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at IHM Church, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Hours are daily Sunday through Saturday. For more information contact Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452 and kdunworth@verizon.net

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE



With Bishop William Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

September 25, 2021, 10AM-4PM

We Walk By Faith with Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Blessed Virgin Mary of The Immaculate Conception.

Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage Basilica of The Blessed Virgin Mary of The Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Saturday, September 25, 2021

IHM will have a bus depart at 7am

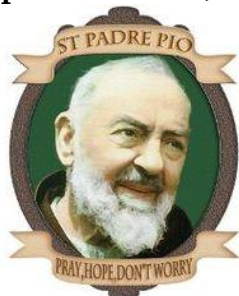
Cost \$35 (payable to IHM).

Reservation by Sept 15th.

For more information, contact

Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452

**Sixth Annual Padre Pio Festival
St. Bede the Venerable Parish
September 18-19, 2021**



AUGUST 18 FEAST OF ST. HELENA



Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Sixth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18th and 19th. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games, and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics.

The Sunday **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato, followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

ST. ANN CHURCH ADORATION CHAPEL will reopen on August 8th daily from 7 am to 7 pm. All are welcome. For further details please visit adorationchapel.org or email adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!



Isn't it amazing to think of St. Helena who lived between the years 250 AD to 330AD? In 312AD, when she was about 60, she came to believe in Jesus. It was a time when it was dangerous to be a Christian. At any moment the Roman Empire might begin another violent persecution, putting Christians to death in horrible ways. Helena had been cast aside by her husband Constantius, because he was ambitious to become the Emperor of Rome. Fortunately her son, Constantine, was faithful to her. Helena must have shared her faith in Jesus and the mystery of His Cross with Constantine.

In the same year Helena became a Christian, Constantine made his move and won the Battle at the Milvian Bridge, defeating his rival and becoming the new Roman Emperor. Before the battle, Constantine claimed to have seen the vision of the Cross and heard: "By this sign you will conquer." Constantine did not become baptized until he was on his deathbed many years later. But the son of St. Helena is considered the first Christian Emperor and ended the persecution of Christians (in 313AD). In 324 when he had defeated his rivals in the eastern part of the Empire, Helena was able to go to the Holy Land to find and honor the holy places where Jesus lived and especially where He died and rose. Tradition says she and her aides were able to find the Holy Cross of Jesus. She died soon thereafter. St. Helena drew the strength of her faith from the same Holy Eucharist you and I have. She found in the celebration of the Mass the love of Jesus that changed her life. She loved the Holy Cross as the way to real life and peace.