

December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent



Rejoice "the Church says today. Our God is coming and is near." The prophet Zephaniah says. "The Lord your God is in your midst... he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you..." Our God loves us! He rejoices over us!

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS



Our Parish Advent Celebration is this
Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30pm
Four Priests will be available for Confessions

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 12/2 was \$6,013.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,480.00 for a total of \$7,493.00



What a wonderful gift to give at Christmas!

For \$35 you can buy a beautiful book celebrating the 150 years of Catholics in Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland. Pictures and stories of our parish and each of the churches of our Diocese. A \$15 cartoon style book for young people is also available. These books will be available at the Rectory.

Christmas Gift Delivery-Drivers Needed
Today!

Drivers are needed to deliver Christmas gifts to families who have received gifts from St. Helena's parish. Today, Dec. 16 at 2pm. Please meet in the convent. If you are available and can volunteer, please call and leave your name and number 302-764-7545. Thank you.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

12/23 Bulletin is due 12/13

12/30 Bulletin is due 12/19

1/6 Bulletin is due 12/19

If you have any questions or concerns please email: ecuthbertson@sainthelenas.org or phone: 764-0325 Ext. 106. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters. "Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!"



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 15

5:00pm (SR) John Anthony Krupa
(15th Anniversary)

Sunday, December 16

7:00am (SR) The People of the Parish
9:00am (SR) Frederick J. Konitzer
11:00am (DV Carla Recce (1st Anniversary)

Monday, December 17

No 7:00 am Mass
9:00am (SR) Linda Fedena

Tuesday, December 18

7:00am (DV) Charles Seitz
9:00am (SR) Ruth Fedena

Wednesday, December 19

No 7:00 am Mass
9:00am (SR) Alfred Seitz

Thursday December 20

7:00am (SR) Jane Steele
9:00am (WK) Margaret Seitz

Friday, December 21

7:00am (Cap) Katherine & George Seitz
9:00am (SR) Francis Fedena

Saturday, December 22

9:00am (SR) Catherine Deeney
5:00pm (SR) Frank Owsiany

Sunday, December 23

7:00am (SR) The People of the Parish
9:00am (WK) William & Eloise Hart
11:00am (SR) Louis Calvarese



BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, December 16

2nd Collection: Christmas Flowers
11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church
7:00pm Youth grp-Rel. Ed. Office
Parish Social Ministry – Gifts to family

Monday, December 17

Produce Day- DH
5:30pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30pm Mitten Tree & Caroling-Masci Hall

Wednesday, December 19

7:30pm –Advent Penance Service-Church

Thursday, December 20

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall
7:30 pm Adult Choir-Church

Saturday, December 22

10:00am-Annual Christmas Pageant-Youth
Choir-Dress Rehearsal-Church



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, John Shelton, Geri Crockett, Catalina Weddle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MITTEN TREE- "Baby Shower for Jesus" is tomorrow night at 6:30pm in Masci Hall. All families are asked to attend so PLEASE do NOT just drop off your child. Each child is asked to bring a pair of gloves, mittens, hat or a scarf to decorate our tree. All donations will be made to Mt Pleasant Elementary School's children in need. A plate of cookies or dessert is also asked from each family - hot chocolate will be provided. Caroling follows with the Family, Faith and Fun Group.

Still looking for a 3rd grade Catechist. Lesson plan is provide through the end of the year. Please email Ms. Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org

YOUTH GROUP will be decorating the Rectory Tree tonight (SUNDAY) at 7p. Please come to the Rectory rather than school.

There will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD next Sunday, December 23. Our meeting room will be overrun with Christmas trees, poinsettias, and other decorations that will be used after Mass for decorating the Church. Now we know what Joseph and Mary felt like when they were told there was "No room at the inn"! Be back for business on Sunday, December 30 at the 11 am Liturgy. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 5pm on December 24 is a Mass that usually caters to the children. If you will be coming to that Mass, please feel free to have your children join our entrance procession with the Christ Child. The children remain up in front of the Manager with Ms Hummy and Msgr Russell tailors a homily for them.

Exercise Class for Seniors -Tuesdays & Thursday 10-11am 8 week sessions-full time \$64-part time \$32. First ½ hour -Low Impact Aerobics Second ½ hour-Weight lifting, Stretching & balance.
No charge to come try a class to see if you like it. Call 478-6536 for info or just come!
Hillcrest-Bellefonte United Methodist Church - 400 Hillcrest Ave. Parking lot Entrance.

Phillies Tickets Available



Get the Phanatics in your life a great Christmas Present!

St. Helena's has reserved great seats in Section 310 for the game against the New York Mets on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat and it will be the gift that keeps giving because \$10 will be donated to the Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets an email to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like. If you're giving the tickets as a gift, respond by 12/16/18 to get a certificate to give on Christmas morning!!!



Come enjoy our Christmas Spectacular!

Our Youth Choir will delight you with their annual pageant, joined by an orchestra and full adult choir.

3pm on Sunday, December 23



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings will resume Wed. Jan 9 and Jan 23, 2019. We begin with the Rosary on Chaplet of Mercy. Items can be made at this time or at your home, with materials we will provide at no cost. Many have been comforted by our blessed items. Lessons are given.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
For info. Call Carmela 302-762-9057.

YOUNG AT HEART

Due to the Christmas holidays no general meeting will be held in Dec. Our next general meeting will be Jan 21, 7-9pm in Masci Hall featuring BINGO, followed by refreshments.

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

-From all the members of Young at Heart

CLAYMONT LIONS CHRISTMAS TREE SALES



Claymont Fire Company Sub-Station at Marsh and Naamans Roads.

Weekdays 2 to 8, weekends 9 to 8.

November 23rd until sold out.

ALL proceeds benefit the community!!!



St. Helena's Catholic Church

invites you to celebrate with us!

Wednesday, December 19th

7:30pm – Parish Penance Celebration

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24th

5pm – Mass (Youth Choir)

7pm – Christmas Prelude Concert

7:30pm – Mass (Choir and Orchestra)

11:30pm – Christmas Prelude Concert

Midnight – Mass

Christmas– Tuesday, December 25th

Masses celebrated at 7am, 9am & 11am

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31

5pm – Mass

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1

Masses celebrated at 9am & 11am

Parish Social Ministry

Pray for the Flannery Family whose house was damaged during the earthquake in Alaska.

Dresses for Haiti

Volunteers who are sewing dresses and outfits for Haiti please note that items may be left in the Parish Outreach office before Christmas.

Any questions please call Dorothy at 302-764-0325 ext 104. Thank You!

BIRTHRIGHT BOTTLES FOR BABIES

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of Bottles for Babies in November 2018. St Helena raised \$932.20 so far. We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in, at that point, we will continue to add to your total.

Final amounts will be posted in the Spring Newsletter

Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate EVERY one of you!