

December 23, 2018  
4th Sunday of Advent



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**

Ticket Prices: \$10 per person, \$25 per family

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 12/9 was \$4,938.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,650.00 for a total of \$7,588.



In November we paid 79 bills totaling \$54,285.99. Included was the third and last payment on our annual property and liability insurance bill (\$8,346.29). Also our annual servicing of our heating systems (\$1,137.50), our quarterly sewer bill (\$739.35); our monthly health coverage bill for lay employees (\$4,895).

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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](mailto:ecuthbertson@sainthelenas.org) or phone: 764-0325 Ext. 106. Thank you!

**Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

5pm – Mass (Youth Choir)

7pm – Christmas Prelude Concert

7:30pm – Mass (Choir and Orchestra)

11:30pm – Christmas Prelude Concert

Midnight – Mass

**Christmas– Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

The prophet Micah announces “the one who is to be ruler in Israel “is to come from Bethlehem, the humble little village where David the shepherd king had come from. Our Gospel shows us Mary the humble virgin of Nazareth traveling to visit her aged relative Elizabeth. Mary carries in her womb, Jesus the Messiah, and John in Elizabeth’s womb leaps for joy in the presence of the Savior. Our God comes to the humble.

*Monsignor Russell and the whole staff of our parish extend to all parishioners and visitors best wishes for a joyful, peace-filled celebration of the birth of our Savior. Dec 25<sup>th</sup> is the first of the “12 days of Christmas” extending to the feast of the Epiphany.*

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 22

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

### Monday, December 24-Christmas Eve

9:00am(SR) Albert Minuti, Sr.

5:00pm(SR) People of the Parish

7:30pm(SR) People of the Parish

Midnight(SR)People of the Parish

### Tuesday, December 25-Christmas Day

7:00 am(DV)People of the Parish

9:00 am(WK)People of the Parish

11:00am(SR) People of the Parish

### Wednesday, December 26

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Mamie Connolly

### Thursday, December 27

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Lisa Waterfield

### Friday, December 28

7:00am (Cap) William J. Holoway, MD

9:00am (SR) Doris Russell

### Saturday, December 29

9:00am (SR) Louis Calvarese

5:00pm (SR) Mike Moore

### Sunday, December 30

#### Feast of the Holy Family

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

9:00am (SR) James Kelleher

11:00am (DV) Edward Rich, Sr.

### Monday, December 31-New Year's Eve

#### Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God

9:00am(SR)Dennis R. Harris

5:00pm(SR)People of the Parish

### Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00am (SR) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

11:00am(WK)Dennis Harris



## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### Sunday, December 23

There is one collection today...

11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

3:00pm Annual Christmas Pageant-Church

### Monday, December 24-Christmas Eve

Masses: 5pm, 7:30pm, Midnight

Rectory is closed today

### Tuesday, December 25-Merry Christmas!

Christmas Collection at all Masses

Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

### Wednesday, December 26

Rectory is Closed today

### Thursday, December 27

Rectory re-opens

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall



### 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 Spiden



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES THE NEXT 2 MONDAYS (12/24 & 12/31).** Please enjoy this time off with your families!

Many THANKS for all the mittens/gloves, etc. that decorated our Mitten Tree last Monday night. These wonderful gifts will be given to the needy through our Social Ministry Office. You will all be rewarded for your kindness and generosity! Thanks to Laura Hullinger and The Family, Faith and Fun team for leading our families in caroling!

- M** - For the **MAGIC** we all feel this time of year
- E** - For the **EFFORT** we put into making Christmas special for our families
- R** - For the **RUNNING** around picking up last minute goodies for everyone
- R** - For the **ROMANCE** that seems to come back to life in marriages this time of year
- Y** - For **YAHWEH** who made this all happen and continue through the years
  
- C** - For the **CRIB** where baby Jesus first laid His head
- H** - For the **HUMBLE** beginnings that brought us a Faith that has endured for over 2,000 years
- R** - For **RESPECTING** that Jesus is the Reason for the Season
- I** - For the **INVITATION** we all give with open arms to welcome people back to the Church
- S** - For the **STAR** that brought the Shepherds and Wise Men to Bethlehem
- T** - For the extra **TIME** we have to spend with those we love
- M** - For **MARY** who said YES
- A** - For **ADVENT** that gave us all time to reflect and prepare our hearts for the Christ Child
- S** - For **SALVATION** that was made possible by Jesus' birth, suffering, death and Resurrection

*Merry Christmas to All Religious Education Families and All of St. Helena's Parishioners! May all your Christmas wishes come true!*

*~Ms. Hummy and Sue*

## Phillies Tickets Available



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 send an email to [JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net](mailto:JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net) with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.



## BINGO

Every Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall  
Doors open at 5:30pm  
Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!



## 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*

## Vocation Reflections

In today's first reading, the Lord promises to send One "who will shepherd his flock." God has kept that promise throughout the centuries and continues to call shepherds for His people.

Is He calling you to serve as a shepherd - to minister to His people as a priest? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). And check out our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

**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.



## **OUTREACH**

Are you curious about what happens in the Outreach office?

You are invited to come and sit with us.

This would be any time Monday-Thursday 9am-noon. Please call Dorothy Medeiros at 302-764-7545

## Please Help the Food Closet

The food closet is in need of large jelly, small peanut butter (can be purchased at the dollar store), Ramon noodles, tomato sauce, juice, juice boxes, soap-bar, and toilet paper. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

**The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**  
Through Isaiah's prophecy, God says "How beautiful are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation." In every age God calls men and women to do this work through the prophetic living out of priesthood and religious life. Maybe God is calling you. If you think that might be the case, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). And check out our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

## Need a gift for New Years!

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

