

December 9, 2018  
2<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



The prophet Baruch was speaking to God's people who had been in exile in Babylon. He spoke to the holy city of Jerusalem to put aside a "robe of mourning and misery" - her children were being brought back from exile. Those words are still appropriate for us. We too are in exile- on our pilgrimage of life and faith to the new and eternal Jerusalem - our heavenly homeland. John the Baptist calls us each Advent to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives.

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS



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

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 11/25 was \$4,907.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,545.00 for a total of \$6,452.00.

*Thank you*

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 our Bazaar or at the Rectory

BULLETIN DEADLINES

12/16 Bulletin is due 12/10

12/23 Bulletin is due 12/13

12/30 Bulletin is due 12/19

1/6 Bulletin is due 12/21

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

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Today Sunday December 9, 2018  
\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund of Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be as generous as you are able!



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 8

5:00pm (SR) John Muldowney and  
Jackie Muldowney

### Sunday, December 9

7:00am (SR) Ester Lutcavage

(11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:00am (WK) Gerald Moyer

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

### Monday, December 10

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Catherine Kozak

### Tuesday, December 11

7:00am (DV) Maryann and Leonard Kelleher

9:00am (SR) Battista Turcol

### Wednesday, December 12

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) William & Audrey Murphy

### Thursday December 13

7:00am (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

9:00am (WK) Anthony Rabutino, Sr.

### Friday, December 14

7:00am (Cap) Edith Sellers

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

### Saturday, December 15

9:00am (SR) William and Eloise Hart

5:00pm (SR) John Anthony Krupa

(15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Sunday, December 16

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

9:00am (SR) Frederick J. Konitzer

11:00am (SR) Carla Recce (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### Sunday, December 9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Religious Retirement**

8:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast-Masci Hall

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

### Monday, December 10

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Class-School

6:30pm Script Study- Rel. Ed. Office

7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

6:45pm Rel. Ed-Advent Prayer Service-Church

### Tuesday, December 11

7:00pm- Finance Council-Rectory

### Wednesday, December 12

7:00pm -P.C. Exec Committee Mtg-Rectory

7:00pm- Prayer Shawl-Convents

### Thursday, December 13

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30 pm Adult Choir-Church

### *Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners*

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Tony Cutrona, 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

**Bingo**  
**Every Thursday Evening**  
**In Masci Hall**  
**Doors open at 5:30pm**  
**Games begin at 7:00pm**  
**Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEXT MONDAY, December 17, we will be having our MITTEN TREE CELEBRATION in Masci Hall at 6:30p for ALL of our families. There are no classes that evening - only a chance to come together and bring MITTENS/GLOVES/HATS/SCARVES to be placed on our tree as decorations. Our THEME this year is a "Baby Shower for Jesus"! Please do NOT drop your child/children off at school but come inside and join the merriment.

I ask (beg) our families to PLEASE bring with them a tray of cookies or dessert to share. Hot chocolate will be provided. CAROLING WILL FOLLOW with our Family, Faith & Fun group! This is a yearly event enjoyed by many.

"The Music Ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will present *A Christmas Concert* on TODAY, Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3pm in the Church at 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, DE 19807. The concert will include the Oratorio de Noel, Opus 12, by Camille Saint-Saens featuring soloists Madeline Ley, Ava Borowski, Andrea Arena, Stephen Ng and Grant Youngblood, with choir, chamber ensemble and organ.

**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.

### **Christmas Gift Delivery-Drivers Needed**

Drivers are needed to deliver Christmas gifts to families who have received gifts from St. Helena's perishers. **Date: 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.

## 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](mailto: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!!!

### **Old-Fashioned Carol Sing**



### ***Joy to the World!***

**Enjoy songs of the season on Sunday, TODAY, December 9 at 3 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia)** with an Old-Fashioned Carol Sing featuring religious and secular music. Audience participation will be encouraged as the music ministers from St. Joseph Parish, Middletown perform a collection of beloved Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Tours of the historic facility, which is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, will be available one hour prior to the concert. There is no charge for the performance and refreshments, however, a free-will offering to the Old Bohemia Historical Society will be collected to help with the upkeep of the property. The shrine is considered the mother church of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington and is located at 1699 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912. For additional information, call Marji at 302.328.4803.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

During Dec. our only meeting will be held Wed., Dec 12, 7-9pm in the convent. 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 BAZAAR THANK YOU'S

Young at Heart would like to thank:  
Pipe Pros for their donation of the Nativity  
Sue Dunn for her donation of a wreath  
Adele Williams for her donation of jewelry.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> until sold out.

ALL proceeds benefit the community!!!



## Parish Social Ministry

St. Helena's Parish Social Ministry received funds from the Diocesan Rice Bowl Collection for a total of \$1,637. This donation was made possible because St. Helena's parishioners were very generous in their contributions to the Lenten Rice Bowl Collection. God's blessings upon everyone!!

By virtue of Our Baptism and Confirmation, we are called by Jesus to reach out with care and compassion to our parishioners and neighbors who have many needs. One way to walk in the footsteps of Jesus is to volunteer in the Parish Outreach. No pledges or certain level of degrees or dues are required. Just a couple hours of your time once or twice a month. You are invited to come and observe this important ministry at any time- by calling Dorothy Medeiros at 302-764-0325

## **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

### Catholic Charities Diaper Bank needs volunteers

Provide a helping hand to families struggling to keep their young children healthy, happy, clean, and dry by becoming a volunteer at Catholic Charities Diaper Bank. Opportunities are available for office assistants, data entry personnel, and distribution assistants. Day, evening, and weekend hours are available. Hours are flexible and can be adjusted to meet your schedule. For more information, contact the Catholic Charities Diaper Bank at 302-654-1184 or by email at [DiaperBank@ccwilm.org](mailto:DiaperBank@ccwilm.org). You can also visit Catholic Charities website, [www.cdow.org/charities](http://www.cdow.org/charities), to learn about other volunteer opportunities as well as express your interest in volunteering.