

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent



“Shout for joy... Sing joyfully...Be glad and exalt with all your heart... you have no further misfortune to fear... Fear not... be not discouraged.” These words of the prophet Zephaniah are addressed to us. Why? “...the Lord is in your midst.” He even says God “will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in his love...” God “will sing joyfully because of you...”

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

The Second Collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes – often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to today’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more (health care services). Please be generous.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve-5pm, 7:30pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day- 7am, 9am & 11am.

Schedule of Masses for New Year’s Day

Friday December 31st at 5:00pm

*Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 9am &
11:00am*

Please note- on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day there will be NO Saturday 5PM Mass.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST RETURNS TODAY!!

December 12th Masci Hall at Saint Helena’s Church 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Along with Mrs. Claus, Santa will join us for Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Santa has to go feed the reindeer at 11:00 a.m.) So, leave the cooking to us and take some time out from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season to join Santa, your Family and Friends for a festive full All You Care to Eat Breakfast Buffet. \$10.00 per Adult and Children 12+

- \$3 Mimosas, Bloody Mary or Poinsettia
- \$4.00 per Child under 12



2021 CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR CONCERT

Mark your calendar the 2021 Christmas Spectacular will be Sunday, December 19th at 3:00pm. You won’t want to miss this amazing event at St. Helena’s Church. Choirs of Ursuline Academy, Padua, and Salesianum join our Choir of St. Helena’s along with a string orchestra to celebrate the coming of Christ. Tickets can be purchased at the doors and online. \$10 per adult and \$5 per student.



The Offertory Collection For the weekend of 11/28 was \$5,907.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,897.00 for a total of \$7,804.00. Thank You!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Susan Denis, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Mary Gabel, 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, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Antoinette Medeiros, Rose Marie Turcol, Charlie Lafferty, Stephanie Bidwell, Helen Rupnicki, William Lytle, Dolly Albanese, Sande Richardson, Morgan Medeiros, Thomas Leo, Wally Schock, Regina Gemignani, Kathleen McDermott

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection: Religious Retirement

8:00am Second Sunday Breakfast-Masci Hall
 9:00am/11:00am Children's Lit/Word - Church
 12:15pm Confirmation Meeting
 Candidate/Sponsor

Monday, December 13

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes -School
 6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-School
 6:45pm Religious Ed Advent Penance Service-Church

Tuesday, December 14

7:00pm Finance Council Mtg-Rectory

Thursday, December 16

5:30pm-Bingo-Masci Hall

Sunday, December 19 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00am/11:00am Children's Lit/Word - Church
 12:30pm Baptism-Church
 3:00pm Christmas Spectacular-Church



Every Thursday Evening
 In Masci Hall

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 11

5:00pm (SR) Battista Turcol, Jr.

Sunday, Dec 12

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Nancy McFadden

11:00am (SR) Jackie Wilson

Monday, Dec 13

9:00am (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

Tuesday, Dec 14

7:00am (EF) Harold Robinson

9:00am (SR) Frederick J. Konitzer

Wednesday, Dec 15

9:00am (SR) William & Eloise Hart

Thursday, Dec 16

7:00am (EF) Dorothy Rich (Living)

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, Dec 17

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden

Saturday, Dec 18

9:00 am (SR) Joseph Bilinski

5:00pm (SR) John A. Krupa

Sunday, Dec 19

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Catherine Deeney

11:00am (SR) Gus Lotsis



Please Note

Due to delivery delays during the holidays the bulletin will be due earlier than expected. Therefore, any information you need to put into the bulletin please see the table below.

For Bulletin	Due to Elena by
Dec 19	Dec 6
Dec 26	Dec 8
Jan 2	Dec 8
Jan 9	Dec 28
Jan 16	Jan 7

The Cathedral of St. Peter, 6th and West Streets in Wilmington, invites you to a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 12 at 3: 00 PM. The concert will feature scriptures, choral music, and congregational hymns performed live and live-streamed at www.YouTube.com/DowntownCatholic. For more information, visit www.CathedralofStPeter.com or call 302-654-5920.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Meeting TODAY Sunday Dec 12th for Candidate and Sponsors in the Church at 12:15pm.

Religious Education Advent Penance Service and Confessions are tomorrow night (MONDAY) for students in 3rd thru 8th grade. First and Second graders will have classes as usual. Third thru Eighth grade students report to Masci Hall promptly at 6:30p and we will go to Church from there. Please make sure the students arrive on time.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

An aide is requested by one of Saint Helena's parishioners: **Schedule:** one hour in the morning at 9:30 a.m. Assist the person with dressing and preparation for the day. One hour in the evening at 6:30 p.m. assist with preparation for bed time. Prefer: A person who lives in the area. If interested, then please call Saint Helena's Parish Outreach at 302-764-7545.

Please let us know

If someone is in the hospital, then we will not know unless you tell us. In the interest of respecting the law of privacy the hospitals no longer inform us of parishioners in their facility.

AMAZON

Make Your Gifts Merry and Bright for All. When you shop on Amazon don't forget, they have their AmazonSmile Foundation, which donates one-half percent (0.5%) of each eligible purchase to the charity of your choice. Instead of going right to Amazon.com, just access your account through their AmazonSmile website <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0064838> and select St. Helena's Catholic Church to get the charitable donation. A great benefit to our parish!



PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> and 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. **Reminder!** We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

The final Dialog edition before Christmas is Friday, Dec. 17th. Deadline for that edition is Monday, Dec. 13th. The first Dialog edition in the New Year will be Jan. 14th.

The Dialog WILL NOT have a print edition on Friday, Dec. 31st. Schools are closed and many parishes are short-staffed. The Dialog does have people working during the holiday season and will continue its news and advertising presence online at thedialog.org. Questions? Please reach out to editor Joe Owens at 302-295-0695 or jowens@thedialog.org or Virginia O'Shea at 302-295-0636 or voshea@thedialog.org.



Claymont Lions Club Annual
Christmas Tree Sale
Claymont Fire Company
Sub Station
Corner of Marsh Rd (Rt 3) and Naamans Rd
(Rt 92.)
Startin November 26 Until Sold Out
Monday-Friday 3 to 8pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am to 8pm
All Proceeds Benefit the Community

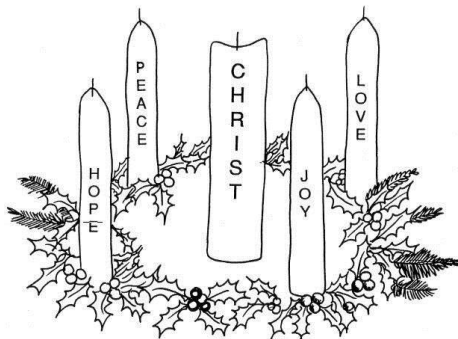


LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, December 18th, tune-in for our annual Christmas program featuring Bishop William Koenig's first Christmas message as Bishop of Wilmington, and greetings from priests and deacons of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Please pray for our nation in this very difficult time. Prayer card is available at church entrances.

*O Blessed Mother, Pray for the USA
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,
Patroness of the United States of America,
please help our country.*

Help us to return to what is decent, right, and proper.

Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, to truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline, and especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings.

Protect us from those who would destroy us from within.

*Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel, Pray for us and help us.
Amen.*



Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers By Susan Vogt

Marriage Moments: While waiting for your spouse to arrive, calmly remember the good person you are awaiting (instead of stewing if he or she is late). Or "wait on" your spouse in the sense of doing a favor for him or her.

Parenting Pointers: Although society may hurry Christmas by celebrating and gift giving before Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), help your children learn the value and self-discipline of delayed gratification.

