

December 26, 2021
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Schedule of Masses
For New Year's
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Friday December 31st at 5:00pm
Saturday, January 1, 2022 at
9:00am and 11:00am
****No 5pm Mass***

What better way to end a year and begin a new one, than to be with the Lord? Thank the Lord for His blessings in the past and to ask Him to bless you and your loved ones in the New Year!

Each of the Gospels given to us by the church to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family is a gospel story of some crisis in their lives. Last year we heard the story of Joseph having to take Jesus and Mary by night beginning to walk for days to Egypt to escape Herod's soldiers killing the infant boys in Bethlehem. This year we hear Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to be presented in the Temple for He reached the age of 12 but when they set out to return home (men and women walking in separate groups) they realized Jesus was not with them. Every parent who has 'lost' a child even for a few minutes, knows the feeling Mary and Joseph experienced searching for Jesus for three days! Sometimes we think of the Holy Family having an easy time but clearly they experienced serious problems and causes for anxiety.



May God look after our families
throughout 2022 and give them the
peace that only He can bring!



2022 PARISH CALENDARS
are available THIS weekend
at all the exits of church.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 there will be the annual election of Lay Trustees after the 9:00am Mass in the Church. This election is required by the laws of the State of Delaware. All adult members of the parish are eligible to participate.

St. Helena's Parish Expenses

In November, our parish paid 61 bills for a total of \$45,564.91. Included were:

School bldg. elevator inspection \$70.00
Fire Alarm inspection/fire marshal \$286.00
Service on boiler/ heating system \$2,063.78
Dimming system for Chandeliers \$2,325.00
Delmarva Power \$1,986.45
Offertory/Christmas envelopes \$263.19
Altar Flowers \$555.00
Hymn books for the pews \$3,420.16
Suez Water bill \$249.12
Verizon \$443.98
Trash Collection \$635.44
2nd Insurance installment \$5,526.00
Payroll for the month \$25,320.86

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.

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, Pattie Grimes

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family

9:00am/11:00am Children’s Lit/Word - Church

Thursday, December 30

5:30pm-Bingo-Masci Hall

Friday, December 31 New Year’s Eve

Mass Times: 5pm

Holiday-Rectory Closed

Saturday, January 1, 2022 Mary Mother of God

Masses: 9:00am, 11:00am (No 5pm)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of The Lord

2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

9:00am/11:00am Children’s Lit/Word - Church

Election of Trustees

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 25

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish
9:00 am (WK) People of the Parish
11:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec 26

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish
9:00am (EF) Mamie Connolly
11:00am (SR) Jennifer Marie Holmwood

Monday, Dec 27

9:00am (SR) Frank Owsiany

Tuesday, Dec 28

7:00am (EF) Lisa Waterfield
9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Wednesday, Dec 29

9:00am (SR) Mary Kate Geaghan

Thursday, Dec 30

7:00am (EF) Mike Moore
9:00am (SR) Viola & Paul Delfino

Friday, Dec 31

7:00am (EF) Frances & John Danchak
9:00am (SR) Edward Rich, Sr. (Anniversary)
5:00pm (SR) People of the Parish

Saturday, Jan 1

9:00 am (EF) Jim Keegan
11:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, Jan 2

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish
9:00am (SR) John Louden
11:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden



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
Jan 16	Jan 7



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Religious Education Classes on Monday night for students. Enjoy the time off with your families. See you all back again on January 3rd.

No Children's Liturgy on New Year's Day. We return on January 2, 2022!



From Hummy and Sue!

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 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.

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

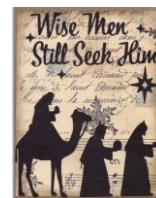
LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Catholic Forum. Catholic Forum returns from the holiday break on January 8th when Mr. Rusty Gilles from St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware will discuss the history of the parish as they begin their 250th anniversary year. 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.



St. Helena's Church seeks a Parish

Secretary/Receptionist who will provide a full range of duties efficiently, professionally, and with the desire to minister to all. The successful candidate will exhibit strong interpersonal skills and attention to detail. Their responsibilities will include maintaining the parishioner database and reconciling parishioner donations. They will work with volunteers and report to the Parish Business Manager. Requires comfort level with computers including experience with Word, Excel, and Outlook. Flexible hours (9 - 2 would be ideal). Learn more about this great opportunity by contacting us at 302-764-0325 x-102 or rrebmam@SaintHelenas.org (Rick).



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.

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers
By Susan Vogt

Marriage Moments: The feast is over but the visiting and company may continue through the Christmas holidays. Although generally a happy time of family togetherness, Christmas can also be a time when stress causes short tempers. Be mindful and merciful with your beloved these days when you might be together in extremely close quarters.

Parenting Pointers: As we mark the end of 2021, ask your family to gather and recall one regret and one happy memory they have of this past year. Try to commit to one positive act during the first month of 2022.



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.*



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**
COUNT YOUR **MANY BLESSINGS**
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

