

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent



“Up Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children... rejoicing that they are remembered by God.” So the prophet Baruch proclaimed to Israel that the time of their exile in Babylon was coming to an end. God had NOT forgotten His people. He had NOT abandoned them.

In Advent we are reminded we too are in exile. We are on our way “home” to be with the Lord forever in joy. John the Baptist continues to call us to repentance – to prepare the way of the Lord.

YOUNG AT HEART

YAH is having a Christmas luncheon at Bertucci's (on Rt 202) December 7th the first Tuesday of the month at noon. Bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. No other meeting in December. The members of Young at Heart wish everyone happy holidays!

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 11/14 was \$5,467.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,162.00 for a total of \$7,629.00. And for the weekend of 11/21 was \$4,004.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,237.00 for a total of \$6,241.00. Thank You!

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST RETURNS

Next Week!!

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

Have a group of 6 or more? We can reserve a table for you. Just call or text us at (302) 598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com and leave a message with your, time of arrival and number in your party. Please also let us know the number and ages of any children in your party so that we can make sure Santa has everything he needs.



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.



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 5 2nd Sunday of Advent
2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

9:00am/11:00am Children’s Lit/Word – Church
 12:30pm Baptism-Church

Monday, December 6

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes –School
 6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-School

Tuesday, December 7

Young at Heart Luncheon

Wednesday, December 8 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

Masses 7, 9, Noon and 7:30pm

Thursday, December 9

5:30pm-Bingo-Masci Hall

Saturday, December 11

10:00am Memorial Mass-Church

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



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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 4

5:00pm (SR) Deceased Members of the
 Krupa/Quinn Families

Sunday, Dec 5

7:00am (EF) Rosalina Mendes
 9:00am (SR) Sr. Mary Goodbody
 11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, Dec 6

9:00am (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Tuesday, Dec 7

7:00am (EF) Angelo Coppotelli and Liz & Joe
 Bevacqua (All Living)

9:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden

Wednesday, Dec 8

7:00am (EF) Nancy McFadden
 9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins
 12:00pm (SR) Joan Hare

7:30pm (EF) People of the Parish

Thursday, Dec 9

7:00am (EF) Stephan Fullman
 9:00am (SR) Deceased Members of the
 Bader Family

Friday, Dec 10

7:00am (EF) Rosario Gracias
 9:00am (SR) Catherine Kozak (Anniversary)

Saturday, Dec 11

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



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 |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONGRATULATIONS to our children who made their FIRST RECONCILIATION. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey now toward the Sacrament of First Eucharist in the spring.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive. Our families were very appreciative of the food for their Thanksgiving Dinner. Hopefully, you had a blessed, family Holiday.



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

Doing your Christmas shopping on online this year? Don't forget, Amazon. 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! Start your Christmas shopping early. It's easy, simple and great speedy shipping! You can also send Amazon gift cards (via email or text) to those hard to buy for people on your list.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

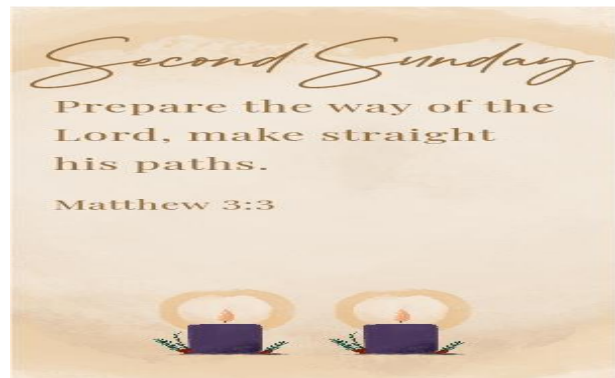
Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> and ALSO Friday **Reflections with Msgr. Russell** is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our YouTube Channel to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. **Reminder!** 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.

Coats for Kids 2021

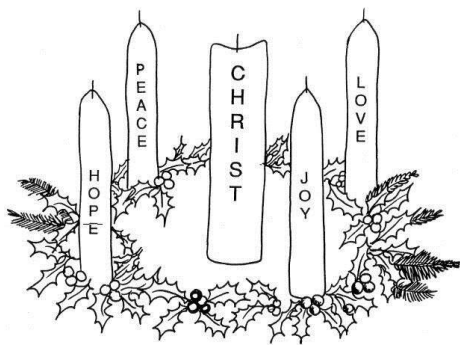
THANK YOU fellow parishioners! With your financial and warm winter coat donations, your Christopher Council Knights were able to distribute over 293 coats to the less fortunate in our community. Coats were given to Holy Rosary's outreach program, Mary Mother of Hope House for homeless men, women, and mothers with children, Bayard House, Bellevue Community Center, Claymont Elementary, and Maple Lane Elementary Schools.



LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM -Next Saturday, December 12th, tune-in for an interview with seminarian, Manuel Vaz Guedes from the Seminary of Saint Peter Wigratzbad in the German Alps, and hear samples of their new Christmas CD, "Sancta Nox: Christmas Matins from Bavaria." *Catholic Forum* airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30pm 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.



BE AWARE! During this time of year a number of people have received emails, texts or phone calls (or have been hacked) saying they need to buy gift cards for them. **DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM!** Do not respond to them. Please see the following Federal Trade Commission's article about identifying, avoiding and reporting email scams (which are called "phishing") because phony emails attempt to fish for information or money): <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>



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.*



VICTIMS ASSISTANCE
DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization, then call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302)656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310

CLAYMONT LIONS CHRISTMAS TREE SALES



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

Mon-Friday 3pm-8pm
Sat-Sun 9am-8pm

Starting November 26th until sold out.
ALL proceeds benefit the community!!!

