

**February 2, 2020**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**



According to the Law of Moses, when a first-born son opened the womb, the parents were to bring him to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to God. So on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after His birth, Jesus was presented in the Temple. An aged man, Simeon had been told by God he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Day after day, for many years he had come to the Temple watching thousands of Jewish couples bring their sons to the Temple. As Joseph and Mary brought Jesus into the Temple the Spirit led Simeon to recognize this Child was the long-awaited Messiah. As he held the Child in his arms, Simon prayed his canticle. Every night as priests and religious and lay people pray the last prayers of the day in the Liturgy of the Hours, they pray this Canticle. Each one of us can feel like Simeon, we have held the Lord our Savior and we too can now close our eyes in sleep and someday close them forever in His peace.



*Today after all masses, we celebrate the traditional Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr: and we ask God's healing mercy upon all the sick,*

**The Offertory Collections** For the weekend 1/19 was \$3,969.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,760.00 for a total of \$5,729.00. THANK YOU!

CHOIR NEWS  
FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALS RETURNS



The annual Festival of Spirituals will return to St. Helena's for its twelfth edition, entitled *Bright Mansions Above*, on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3:00. St. Helena's Church Choir will host the Choir School of Delaware, Concord High School Chorale, and Rowan University's Voces XII ensemble. Each choir will perform its own set of spirituals, and then all choirs will join for a mass finale. The church will literally be filled with more than 100 voices. There is no admission, but a free will offering will be taken. Net proceeds will be donated to World Central Kitchen, a non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides emergency food relief when natural disasters strike. This is a can't miss event each year, so please mark your calendars!

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**

**8:00AM TO 12:45PM**

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**

**\$10/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12**

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (except July). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or [Natiesmom@me.com](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com)].

**Please Help the Food Closet**

The food closet is in need of Ricearoni, jelly, large juice, tuna, soap bars, snacks. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION meeting is TODAY (Sunday) in Masci Hall at 12:15pm. This meeting is for all candidates and sponsors. If you have not chosen a sponsor yet, a parent should attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD expands TODAY at the 9 am Mass. After the Opening Prayer, the priest will call up the children (ages 3 and up) where they will receive a blessing and then will go to the back Sacristy with Ms Hummy where the readings will be broken down for them to understand. The children will return to Church right before the collection. Parents, if your child would feel more comfortable with you, please join us!

### 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, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson



## BINGO

Every Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall

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

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 2

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance and Repair**

**St. Blaise Blessing All Masses**

Food Collection All Masses

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

12:15pm Confirmation Meeting- Masci Hall

### Monday, February 3

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office

7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

### Tuesday, February 4

7:00pm CFC-Religious Ed Office

### Thursday, February 6

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

### Friday, February 7 First Friday

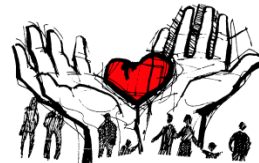
9:30am Adoration-Church

### Parish Social Ministry

**AMERICAN PROMISE:** An opportunity to learn about the passing a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the constitution which would allow us to place reasonable limit on campaign contributions and reserve human liberties for people, not corporations. **Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m. in Masci Hall.** For information, please, call Dorothy Medeiros at 764-0325-104.

### YOUNG AT HEART

Our February general meeting will be held on **Monday evening, February 17th, from 7pm Masci Hall** and will feature an exercise program, as is our custom; members are asked to bring refreshments, which are served to our guests. Please plan on joining us, and bring a friend! In case of inclement weather, contact Carmela on 302-584-7892 to find out if the meeting will be held!



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Convent. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members, friends and parishioners donate home-made items for those in need of prayers and comfort. Material is available at no cost and many members create items conveniently at home. You are invited to join our group. Any interested in learning to knit and crochet can join our program. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 1

5:00pm (SR) Cameron Tolley

### Sunday, February 2

7:00am (EF) Catherine Kozak

9:00am (SR) Connie Romero

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

### Monday, February 3

9:00pm (SR) John Sund

### Tuesday, February 4

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, February 5

9:00pm (SR) Joseph Fedena

### Thursday, February 6

7:00am (SR) Adelaide Russell

9:00am (WK) John Covino

### Friday, February 7

7:00am (CAP) Daniel Smith Gallagher

9:00am (SR) Jim Carelli

### Saturday, February 8

9:00am (SR) Mary & Danny Paiano

5:00pm (SR) Betty R. Quinn (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

### Sunday, February 9

7:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (WK) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Anne Ambagis



## **Knights of Columbus 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Youth Chess Tournament Championship Open to students in grades K-8 who attend Delaware Catholic Elementary Schools or Parish PREP programs.**

Saturday, February 29, 2020

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Cafeteria

10<sup>th</sup> Street near Scott Street, Wilmington, DE

Questions? Contact Felix Spittle at 302-658-2713 or [fspittle@yahoo.com](mailto:fspittle@yahoo.com).

Please see church bulletin boards for more information and signup sheet.

## **ANN JAFFE TO SPEAK AT ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

**February 9, 2020, Ann Jaffe to speak at St. Mary's Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, Delaware 19707 in the St. Mary's Room from 2:00 - 4:00 (Seating is limited)**

The St. Thomas of the Apostle Columbiettes will be hosting Ann Jaffe, first hand witness and Holocaust Survivor. Mrs. Jaffe Chairs the Speaker's Bureau of Delaware's Holocaust Education Committee and has presented her story and the lessons from it, over 400 times. She inspires and influences countless individuals.

Born in 1931 in the small village of Kobylnik, Poland (now Belarus), her family survived by hiding from the Nazis for two years in a nearby forest. As a Holocaust educator, she advocates for tolerance and respect for differences, while encouraging individuals to speak out against injustice. For these reasons, Ann was also honored by the Anti-Defamation League two years ago at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C.

Anyone who would like to come hear Ann Jaffe speak, please rsvp

Jo Ann Van Heest

Secretary, Columbiettes

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302-239-0739

## **Padua Theatre presents: Mamma Mia!**

Place: Padua Academy

Dates and Times: Friday 2/14 -7:30 pm

Saturday 2/15- 7:30 pm

Sunday 2/16- 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$10 may be purchased here:

<https://padua-academy->

[theatre.ticketleap.com/padua-mamma-mia](https://padua-academy-theatre.ticketleap.com/padua-mamma-mia)

Please contact Lisa Kowalski at

[lkowalski@paduaacademy](mailto:lkowalski@paduaacademy) for more information.

## RESERVE TICKETS FOR THE PHILLIES



By popular demand, St. Helena's will be going to a Saturday game in 2020! We've reserved rows 1 through 9 in Section 433 for the game against the Miami Marlins on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat, and \$10 will be donated to our 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.

## **RETRouvaille**



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program in your area is the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Mardi Gras Party

Come experience Mardi Gras right here in Delaware. **Tuesday, February 25, 6-9pm. Holy Angels (in Fremont Hall), 82 Possum Park Road, Newark.** Family friendly. Free admission. Drinks and food available to purchase at the event. 50/50 and Ragin' Cajun Raffle drawings at 8:30pm. Contact the Parish for more information at 302-731-2219 or [Phyllis510@comcast.net](mailto:Phyllis510@comcast.net). RSVP encouraged but not required.

## Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day

**Saturday, February 29, 2020 8am to 3pm.**

Celebrate our Catholic Faith with a day of spiritual renewal. The price includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and all day beverages with over 15 courses in adult religious education.

Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM and Noon Wine and Cheese Social follows at 3:15 PM Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org> Don't miss out on a fun filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent as Salesianum offers SACRED for the 20<sup>th</sup> time. This popular day of spiritual renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality has had over 150 attendees each year.

**Our snow make up day will be Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**"THE MASS"- a 6 week Lenten study Tuesdays starting March 3, 10-11:30am and/or 6-7:30pm, at Holy Angels Church (St. Gabriel Room), 82 Possum Park Road, Newark.** A 25 minute DVD followed by a discussion facilitated by Phyllis Edwards and Father Jim Jackson. Walk through the liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. The study will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. Contact the Parish for more information at 302-731-2219 or [Phyllis510@comcast.net](mailto:Phyllis510@comcast.net). Registration encouraged but not required.

**St. Anthony of Padua Grade School, located at 1715 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Wilmington, DE is now accepting registration for students entering Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for the 2020-2021 school year.** Please make an appointment to tour our school or have your child "shadow" for a day. We now offer special education services. Call or stop by for greater details. Follow us on Facebook at St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Families, Alumni and Friends. For further information, please visit [www.spgs.org](http://www.spgs.org) or call 302-421-3743