

February 23, 2020
7th Sunday or Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Masses will be celebrated at:

7:00am, 9:00am, Noon and 7:30pm

NOTE: Ashes will be distributed after the Gospel and Homily of each Mass

Daily Lenten Schedule

Masses Monday through Friday:

7am, 9am and Noon

Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00am ONLY

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Friday evenings at 7:30pm

Even Moses Commanded: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But Jesus, the new Mediator with our God, goes beyond that command. He calls us to love your enemy! We know there is a natural human instinct to strike back, to "get even." But Jesus on the Cross forgave those who were killing Him. We are called to overcome evil with goodness, forgiveness.

The Offertory Collections For the weekend 2/9 was \$4,629.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,620.00 for a total of \$7,249.00.

Thank you

You did it!
Congratulations

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First Semester 2019-20 Academic Honors at St. Joseph's Prep School

Lenten Guidelines

Prayer: We urge you to make the effort to participate in the daily Masses of Lent.

Penance: We are encouraged to do something difficult to strengthen our will power to resist sin and temptation.

Abstinence: All Catholics **from age 14 on** are expected to **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.**

Fasting: All Catholics from **age 18 to 59** are expected to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** This means **ONE** full meal a day: two other light meals, no snacks between meals. **These are the minimum expectations.** The church as our mother encourages us to do something so we can share the dying of Christ in order to rise with Him at Easter to New Life.

Works of Charity: We are challenged by the Church not only to open our hearts to God but to one another. Reach out to help the needy.

The Rice Bowl: This campaign of the American Catholic Church is an effort to help our hungry brothers and sisters. We are asked to have one simple meatless meal each week and give what we save to help the hungry.

Lent began as a time for the Church to prepare those who wished to join the body of Christ through the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Please pray for people throughout the world preparing to receive these sacraments in the Easter Season.



GET YOUR GREEN ON! The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Fundraiser is March 14 at 6:00 PM at St. Helena's Masci Hall. There will be Irish Music, Irish Dancers, and contemporary dance music from Helixx. Enjoy an Irish themed dinner with beer and wine included. A cash bar for liquor will be available and you can participate in basket raffles and a silent auction. Tickets are \$35 but are discounted to \$30 if purchased by March 9 and credit cards are accepted for tickets and during the event. Please help support Christopher Council and its charitable works by purchasing tickets from Raymond Cobb (302) 547-6931 or raymondcobb3182@gmail.com

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners - Join the Knights of Columbus for Lenten Fish Fry Dinners.

Dinner is served on Fridays in Lent from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Helena's Masci Hall, so there is still time to attend Stations of the Cross in the St. Helena Church at 7:30pm. There are a variety of meatless options available including fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, crab cakes and weekly specials. Take out is available and credit cards are accepted. A special children's meal is also available. In keeping with the spirit of Lent, proceeds benefit Parish food pantry to help those in need. Please support these dinners and the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

YOUNG AT HEART- BAKE/CRAFT SALE

Our fantastic Bake/Craft sale will be held in St. Helena's Church foyer after all Masses on Sat. Feb 29th and Sun. March 1st. YAH members and many parishioners will present their fresh homemade goodies and creative craft items for you pleasure. Parishioners, please bring your items before any Mass. Thank You! See You There!

Our March general meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 16, from 7pm Masci Hall and will feature Father Jasper as our Lenten speaker; 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Convent. **NO Meeting on Ash Wednesday Feb 26.** 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. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes resume tomorrow (MON) at 6:30pm. Fifth and Sixth graders will stay in Masci Hall for their class.

FIRST EUCHARIST - Letters were mailed to all children in the 2nd grade Religious Ed Program with the schedule of Meetings. If you did NOT get that letter, please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org or call the office at 762-4280.

YOUTH GROUP meets tonight (SUNDAY) in the Religious Education Office at 7pm. Any eighth grader thru High School is invited to attend.

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, Fr. Bill Lawler, Mary Tabler

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 18th 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 with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

BINGO IN BAD WEATHER: there are several ways to find out if Bingo is cancelled: Listen to WDEL 1150AM or 101.7FM Check "Next Door Bellefonte" Log onto our website: www.sainthelenas.org and Facebook

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. RSVP encouraged but not required.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 23

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, February 24

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday

Masses: 7am, 9am, Noon and 7:30pm

Thursday, February 27

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, February 28

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

KOC -Fish Fry

Saturday, February 29

Young at Heart -Bake Sale All Masses -Church

Knights of Columbus 17th 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
10th Street near Scott Street, Wilmington, DE
Questions? Contact Felix Spittle at 302-658-
2713 or fspittle@yahoo.com.

Please see church bulletin boards for more
information and signup sheet

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 22

5:00pm (SR) Severina Rodrigues

Sunday, February 23

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Gerald Moyer

11:00am (SR) Veronica J. Hesling

Monday, February 24

9:00pm (SR) Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 25

7:00am (EF) Alice F. Hill & Babe Conway

9:00am (SR)

Wednesday, February 26

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (WK) Joseph Luzzo

12:00pm (SR) Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

7:30pm (SR)

Thursday, February 27

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK)

12:00p, (WK) Paul O. Knight

Friday, February 28

7:00am (CAP) John Deely

9:00am (WK) Helen & Jack Lauer

12:00pm (SR)

Saturday, February 29

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Anne Marie White

Sunday, March 1

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Joanne Reese

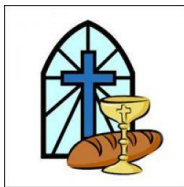
11:00am (SR) James Schiliro



Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOIUNTER – Time Together!! Give yourself and your spouse time away from everyday responsibilities and listen to that special someone who loves you! Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **March 6-8, 2020** in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

“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. Registration encouraged but not required.



SAINT MARK'S WILL ROCK YOU
Saint Mark's will rock you at the spring musical performance of Queen and Ben Elton's "We Will Rock You." Performances will be February 28 & 29, 7:30 p.m. in the Saint Mark's Theater. Tickets are \$10 for students/senior citizens, \$13 for adults, and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets will be available at the door.

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 31st 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 20th 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 7th.

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON CATECHETICAL DAY ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

The Office for Religious Education invites you to attend *Catechetical Day* on March 21, 2020 at St. Thomas More Academy with Bishop W. Francis Malooly.

Catechetical Day allows the opportunity to celebrate those who have been giving effective witness for years and are living the call within their religious education programs, families, and the larger community. Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education and Catechists will be honored for anniversary years of service. These years are: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35+.

This year's Catechetical Theme is **"Stay With Us."** Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information or to register, please call the Diocesan Office for Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or contact your Parish Religious Education Office. **The deadline for registration is March 2, 2020.** For more information please visit www.cdo.org/CatecheticalDay2020.