

**February 28, 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**



Abraham and his wife finally had a son, Isaac, after many years of hoping God would keep His promise. But in the ancient world many people thought they had to kill the first born son and offer him as a sacrifice to their god. Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son. But God stopped him and made clear His people, Israel, would not offer such sacrifices to Him.

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us our God "did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all."

Each year on this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel Story of the Transfiguration. The eternal Father testifies that Jesus (with His divinity showing forth thru His humanity) is indeed His Son.

### **Daily Lenten Schedule**

Masses Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:  
7am, and 9am

**Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday Morning  
Mass at 9:00am ONLY**

### **Stations of the Cross**

Lenten Friday evenings at 7:30pm

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the lower Mass attendance because of Coronavirus and the lack of priests available to help with celebration of daily Masses, we will not be able to have daily Noon Mass or 7am Mass on Monday and Wednesday. We have made every attempt to contact those who scheduled a Mass Intention for one of our Noon Masses; however, if we were unable to reach you and you have a Mass scheduled during Lent for 12 Noon, please give the office a call at 302-764-0325 x100 so we may reschedule your Intention. Thank you for your understanding.

### **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.

**Knights of Columbus annual Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry Dinners begin** Friday February 19. Dinners will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in Masci Hall, subject to COVID restrictions, with limited socially distanced seating available for members of the same household. In addition to our usual take out dinners, limited contact curbside service will also be available. Credit card payments are accepted. Telephone orders will be accepted after 4:00 PM for pick up after 5:00 PM. Please call or text (302) 598-8685. Your prior support of these dinners has helped fund some of Christopher Council's charitable activities during the pandemic by helping Christopher Council; you help support the food pantry, the Parish, feeding the homeless and needy, Special Olympics and many other charitable works. Thank you.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE**

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

**Coronavirus News Important Update!**

**Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell**

Friday Reflections 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. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

**Reminder!** We’ll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

**Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners**

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn 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 Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Charles Dillingham, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Susan Watkins, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Francis Salvatore



**PLEASE NOTE**

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 28**

12:15pm First Eucharist Parent/Child Mtg-Masci Hall

**Monday, March 1**

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-Masci and Dougherty hall

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

**Friday, March 2 First Friday**

9:30am Adoration-Church

5:00pm Knights of Columbus-FishFry-Masci Hall

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

**Sunday, March 7**

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

12:15pm Baptism-Church

12:15pm Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Mtg-Masci Hall

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Feb 27**

5:00pm (SR) Sophie Rich

**Sunday, Feb 28**

7:00am (SR) John Deely

9:00am (EF) Ruth Kaderbek (Living)

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

**Monday, March 1**

9:00am (SR) Audrey Gioffre

**Tuesday, March 2**

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

9:00am (SR) George Hilary Seitz, III

**Wednesday, March 3**

9:00am (SR) Rose D’Amato & Carolyn Marchione

**Thursday, March 4**

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Susan Delfino

**Friday, March 5**

7:00am (EF) Bobby Quinn

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

**Saturday, March 6**

9:00am (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

5:00pm (SR) Isabelle Krupa (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Sunday, March 7**

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Rose Marie DeNest

11:00am (SR) Carole & Herbert Wachsman



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Solidarity

We are our sisters' and brothers' keeper, wherever we live.

We are one human family, whatever our national, social, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that "loving our neighbor" has global dimensions in the interdependent world.

— U. S. Catholic Conference of Bishops.

### **National Human Trafficking Hotline:**

1-888-373-7888

SMS 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO")

Hours: 24 hours seven days a week 200 or more languages

Website: [humantrafficking.org](http://humantrafficking.org)

If you have any questions: Please call the Parish Social Ministry office-302-764-7545

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend of 2/7 was \$4,588.00 the on-line collection was \$2,557.00 for a total of \$7,145.00.

For the weekend of 2/14 was \$2,896.00 the on-line collection was \$2,142.00 for a total of \$5,038.00. Thank You.

## **RETRouvaille**



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 April 16-18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Eucharist PARENT and CHILD meeting in Masci Hall at 12:15p. Children PLEASE BRING YOUR WORK BOOKS WITH YOU.

Religious Education classes for FIRST and FIFTH grades meet in Masci Hall tomorrow (MONDAY) from 6:30p - 7:30p. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet in Dougherty Hall (the gym) 6:30p - 7:30p on Monday night too. BRING YOUR BOOKS WITH YOU.

Confirmation Preparation Class for Candidates and Sponsors (and or parent) meets NEXT SUNDAY (March 7) from 12:15p in Masci Hall.

**Join the Employment Support Network and get the help you need.** As an organization committed to supporting individuals and families during unexpected challenges and difficult transitions, Jewish Family Services understands the impact sudden unemployment has on your financial stability and emotional well-being. The Employment Support Network can help you overcome the challenges of job loss due to COVID-19. This free program connects you with reliable, trained volunteers, who provide emotional support and wellness coaching, financial management training, and access to appropriate mental health resources. You don't have to do this on your own!

Visit <https://www.jfsdelaware.org/family-support/employment-support-network/>

**Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat** for the Diocese of Wilmington. We are hosting a retreat May 14-16, 2021. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 or visit [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org).

## Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

By Susan Vogt



**Marriage** God's covenant with Noah was to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage covenant is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

**Parenting Pointers:** Talk with your child (ren) today about what it means to make a promise. Is it ever OK to break a promise?



Need a little help as you journey through Lent? Visit the Diocese of Wilmington's Lent web page at [cdow.org/Lent](http://cdow.org/Lent) for a calendar of Lenten activities, videos, resources, and more.



Pope Francis declared the time between December 8, 2020 and December 8, 2021 as the **Year of Saint Joseph**

## DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON CATECHETICAL DAY ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

This year *Catechetical Day* will be celebrated on March 20, 2021 from 9:00 m-12:30pm (virtually) with Bishop W. Francis Malooly. *Catechetical Day* honors and celebrates Catechists through prayer, recognition of their years of service to the Catechetical Ministry, in addition to spiritual and professional development.

All Clergy, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, and Catechists are warmly invited to attend this annual event hosted by the Office for Religious Education. Please share this invitation widely in your parish with those who serve in the Catechetical Ministry!

**Catechetical Day - March 20, 2021 with Bishop W. Francis Malooly**

- *All who serve in the Catechetical Ministry are welcome to attend!*
- Registration Packet:  
[cdow.org/fresh/wp-cont...](http://cdow.org/fresh/wp-cont...)
- Register Online:  
[cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...](http://cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...)
- Registration deadline is February 26, 2021.
- *Some highlights of the day!*
- D/CREs and Catechists celebrating anniversary years of service will be honored via a live presentation.
- Award recipients are encouraged to upload their pictures for inclusion in the presentation. *Please note: certificates signed by the Bishop will be mailed to each recipient following Catechetical Day.*
- Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker and will lead participants in two spiritual and professional development sessions.
- A Young Adult Panel will share their real experiences of faith and discipleship.
- ***Office for Religious Education Contact Information***

Linda Jackson, Assistant to the Director, at [LJackson@cdow.org](mailto:LJackson@cdow.org) or [302-573-3130](tel:302-573-3130).