

February 10, 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHOIR NEWS
TODAY FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALS



In our Scriptures today we hear the calling of the prophet, Isaiah. He experienced a vision of the all holy God and realized he was a sinful person but an angel came from God to cleanse him and send him as a prophet. In the Gospel we see Jesus worked a miracle, Peter realized he was a sinner in the presence of the Holy one. But Jesus told him not to be afraid; Jesus forgives and uses us to reach out to others.

BE CAREFUL! In a number of parishes some parishioners have received emails, texts or phone calls saying they need to buy gift cards to help their pastor. **DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM!** Do not respond to them but please call the Rectory to let us know how you have received such a message. Also 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>

Items/Food for Donation

Thank you to everyone who generously donates items/food for various Parish groups, events, and outreach. If you leave donated items on the Rectory porch, we ask you to please label the donation with what group they should go to. Your help in keeping our porch organized is greatly appreciated. Also please do not leave food donation in the church.

Thank you.



Are you curious about what happens in the Outreach office?

You are invited to come and sit with us.

This would be any time Monday-Thursday 9am-noon. Please call Dorothy Medeiros at 302-764-7545

The annual Festival of Spirituals will be performed at St. Helena's for its eleventh edition, entitled *Deep River*, today Sunday, February 10, at 3:00. St. Helena's Church Choir will host the Choir School of Delaware, The Delaware Women's Chorus, and Philadelphia Performing Arts, A String Theory Charter School Concert Choir. Each choir will perform a 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 the Delaware Nature Society, whose mission includes the protection of our rivers and streams. Don't miss this event!

BREAKFAST BUFFET TODAY

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except August). 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. Please join us!

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 1/27 was \$4,799.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,430.00 for a total of \$6229.00



YOUNG AT HEART



Our next general meeting will be held in Masci Hall on Monday Feb 18 from 7 to 9pm. Our featured activity will be an easy enjoyable exercise class by Ms. Renee Horsey. Refreshments will follow! Please plan on becoming a member of our hospitable club. We need your creative and fresh ideas, and enthusiasm! Our yearly dues are only \$18, and the friendships are priceless. Call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Carmela at 302-762-9057 for information or inclement weather.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

You are invited to join us from 7-9pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, in the convent. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Our members and parishioners create shawls and other lovely items which are blessed and brought to so many in need of comfort and caring. Materials are given freely and items can be made at home. Joining our dedicated ministry will make your life even more meaningful. Call Carmela at 302-762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

Phillies Tickets Available



St. Helena's has reserved great seats in Section 310 for the game against the New York Mets on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat and it will be the gift that keeps giving because \$10 will be donated to the Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets email to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 9

5:00pm (SR) Mary Lou Ruggerio

Sunday, February 10

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Gerry Moyer

11:00am (SR) Joe Morales

Monday, February 11

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00pm (SR)

Tuesday, February 12

7:00am (DV) Msgr. Patrick Brady

9:00am (SR) Carrie Konitzer

Wednesday, February 13

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) James Flynn Sr.

Thursday, February 14

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Anna Fedena

Friday, February 15

7:00am (Cap)

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

Saturday, February 16

9:00am (SR) Mary & Bernard Fiore

5:00pm (SR) John & Helen Lauer

Sunday, February 17

7:00am (SR) Jimmy Steele & Johnny Beck

9:00am (WK) Gerry Moyer

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish



GET YOUR GREEN ON!

The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Fundraiser is March 16 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 buffet featuring corn beef, ham and cabbage, Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie 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 \$30 and credit cards are accepted. Please help support Christopher Council and its charitable works by purchasing tickets from Raymond Cobb (302) 547-6931 or raymondcobb3182@gmail.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 10, 2019

The 2nd Collection: Black, Indian & Home Missions

8:00am Second Sunday Breakfast-Masci Hall

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

3:00pm Festival of Spirituals-Church

Monday, February 11

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

7:00pm RCIA- Rectory

Tuesday, February 12

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

Wednesday, February 13

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Convent

Thursday, February 14

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

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, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Jacqueline Childs, Mary Gabel, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Geri Crockett, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spiden, Doug Garrett

Do you know our family roots as a Catholic family of faith? It is 150 years since the Catholic people of Delaware and Maryland were established as a Diocese by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1868. A book with the history of Catholics here has been published and is available at the Rectory. Cost: \$35 and \$15 for a comic book format of the history for young people. There is a two page spread on our parish and every church of our Diocese.

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES -

Weather Alert Info!!!! If we have severe weather on a scheduled class night, please check the St. Helena's website to see if classes are cancelled before driving over. We will also leave a message on our machine in the office to advising of any cancellations.

CONFIRMATION Candidates and sponsors and/or parents - I have had to move our scheduled February 17 meeting to Sunday, February 24, at 12:15p in the 8th grade classroom. Please call me if this poses a problem.

YOUTH GROUP meets THIS Sunday, February 10, in the OLD Religious Education Office at 7pm.

Salesianum's Adult Religious Education Day

Sat., February 23, 2019 -8 AM until 3 PM.

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 3 PM

Optional Sunday Mass at 4 PM.

Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31 online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>

Our snow make up day will be Saturday, March 2nd.

Our schedule is as follows:

Sign in located in Lobby / Breakfast and coffee in the Dining Center (Reconciliation Option #1)-

8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

Prayer and Welcome: 9:00 AM - 9:35 AM

Session One: 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Hot Lunch: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Reconciliation Option #2: 11:45 PM - 12:15 PM

Session Two: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM

Exercise Class for Seniors -Tuesdays &

Thursdays 10-11a, 8 week sessions-full time

\$64-part time \$32. First ½ hour -Low Impact

Aerobics, Second ½ hour-Weight lifting, Stretching & balance.

No charge to come try a class to see if you like it. Call 478-6536 for info or just come!

Hillcrest-Bellefonte United Methodist Church -
400 Hillcrest Ave. Parking Lot Entrance.

IHM Lenten Retreat

Date: March 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Place: IHM Church. Mass begins at 9:00

Presenter: Sr. Mary Barrar, SSJ

Theme: A Lenten Journey -- Giving our Hearts to God

Cost: \$10 including continental breakfast

Please respond to Pat Seamon, 302-764-7232,

by March 1 if you plan to attend. You may pay at the door.

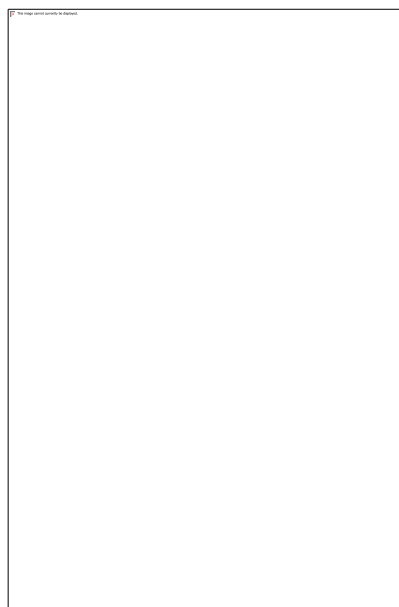
Some parishioners may remember Sister Mary as a teacher at St. Helena's in the 1980's.

Please be aware if you need to contact Monsignor for Sunday morning only please contacts him at 302-764-0325 ext. 100.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!



Victims Assistance of the 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 call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302) 656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310