

February 17, 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah the prophet and the First Psalm that we sing in response to the first reading both contrast those who trust in human beings and those who trust in the Lord. They both speak of those who trust in human beings like “a barren bush in the desert... in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.” But those who hope in the Lord are described as “a tree planted beside the waters... its leaves stay green... still bearing fruit.” Jesus too in the Gospel contrasts those who are happy “now, rich filled “now” with those who “now” are thought to be “poor, hungry, weeping” now. These last will be truly happy in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul insists: “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all!”

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>

Please Help the Food Closet

The food closet is in need of chili, baked beans, Jell-O, cereal, bars of soap, boxes of crackers, cookies juice and juice boxes **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



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.

**MASS TO CELEBRATE THE
DIOCESAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

On Sunday, March 3rd at 3 PM, our Bishop will celebrate the Closing Mass of our Diocesan Sesquicentennial at St. Elizabeth Church- 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. Each parish will have a delegation to represent us in the Mass. If you can participate in this very special Mass, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. We need to inform the Diocese of the number of our parishioners attending.



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 Offertory Collection for the weekend 2/3 was \$5,857.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,665.00 for a total of \$7,522.00. **THANK YOU!**

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. March 2nd and 3rd. 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!

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 16

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

Monday, February 18

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00pm (SR) Fr. Paul Campbell

Tuesday, February 19

7:00am (DV) Jennie Brake

9:00am (SR) Anna & John Delfino

Wednesday, February 20

No 7:00 am Mass

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

Thursday, February 21

7:00am (SR) Jennie Gallagher

9:00am (WK) Sophie Rich

Friday, February 22

7:00am (Cap) Alice S. Hill & Babe Conway

9:00am (SR) Severina Rodrigues

Saturday, February 23

9:00am (SR) Ann Owsiany

5:00pm (SR) Jean Capodanno

Sunday, February 24

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Joanne Reese

11:00am (SR) William David Mace, Sr.



Catechetical Day ("Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ") with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. The Presenter is Father Christopher Walsh. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The final registration deadline is March 1, 2019. Please go to www.cdown.org/CatecheticalDay2019 to find out more about the day and how to register.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 17, 2019

The 2nd Collection: Social Ministry

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, February 18 President's Day-Rectory Closed

Produce Day- Dougherty Hall

No Religious Ed Class

No Adult Scripture

7:00pm YAH Crafts – Convent

7:00pm RCIA- Rectory

Tuesday, February 19

7:00pm Parish Council-Maci Hall

Thursday, February 14

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 Schauber, 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 Spinden,

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 and Facebook



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO RELIGIOUS ED classes TONIGHT in observance of President's Day. Please enjoy this time with your families.

FIRST EUCHARIST letters will be mailed out since we did not have classes last week because of snow. Our first meeting for PARENT and CHILD will be SUNDAY, MARCH 10, AT 12:15PM upstairs.

YOUTH GROUP meets NEXT Sunday night, February 24, at 7pm ("friendly" game of dodgeball planned).

PARISHIONER HELP NEEDED.....

If you are a past YOUTH GROUP member OR if you know a past member, please email MS HUMMY at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. I am trying to put together a 20 YEAR REUNION this coming May. Many of past members have moved on so I am trying to round up cell phone numbers or email addresses so I do not leave anyone out. Your help will be MOST APPRECIATED! Blessings....Ms Hummy

**ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL SEEKS
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEERS**

St. Francis Hospital, located at 701 North Clayton Street in Wilmington, is looking for Eucharistic minister volunteers to deliver Holy Communion to Catholic patients. Volunteers must have certification as Eucharistic ministers from their parishes and provide documentation of their certification. Volunteers would be needed one or two days a month for one to two hours each time. All volunteers must complete the volunteer screening process, which consists of drug and TB testing at St. Francis Hospital as well as background screenings, and attend a hospital volunteer orientation. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Dana Davis, volunteer services coordinator, by phone, 302-421-4104, email, ddavis2@che-east.org or complete a volunteer application from our website, www.stfrancishealthcare.org.

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.

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!

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School, located at 1715 W. 9th Street Wilm, DE is now accepting registration for students entering Pre-K through 8th grade for 2019-2020 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 detail. Follow us on Facebook at St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Families, Alumni and Friends. Visit our website www.sapgs.org or call 302-421-3743.

**ARCHIVES TO HOLD EXHIBIT IN
CONJUNCTION WITH DIOCESAN 150TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will present a special exhibit in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. The exhibit will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road in Greenville, Delaware. The exhibit will feature dozens of items and documents going back to the 1600s when the first Catholic Europeans arrived in present-day Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.